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### **CHARGES**

Police Officer Christopher Berlanga, Star Number 15315, is charged with violating the following rules contained in Article V of the Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department, which were in full force and effect on the dates of the alleged violations.

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.

Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.

Rule 15: Intoxication on or off duty.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Rule 1: Police Officer Christopher Berlanga, Star Number 15315, is charged with violating Rule 1, "Violation of any law or ordinance," in one or more of the following instances:

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Count II: On or about January 16, 2006, in the vicinity of Indianapolis Boulevard and Martha Street, Highland, Indiana, Officer Berlanga caused the death of a person, William Alvarez, while operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, in violation of Indiana Code 9-30-5-5 (a) (3).

Count III: On or about January 16, 2006, in the vicinity of Indianapolis Boulevard and Martha Street, Highland, Indiana, Officer Berlanga caused serious bodily injury to a person, Thomas A. Miller, while operating a motor vehicle with an alcohol concentration equivalent to at least 0.08 grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of his blood, in violation of Indiana Code 9-30-5-4 (a) (1) (A).

Count IV: On or about January 16, 2006, in the vicinity of Indianapolis Boulevard and Martha Street, Highland, Indiana, Officer Berlanga caused serious bodily injury to a person, Thomas A. Miller, while operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, in violation of Indiana Code 9-30-5-4 (a) (3).

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Rule 15: Police Officer James Berlanga, Star Number 15315, is charged with violating Rule 15, "Intoxication on or off duty," in the following instance:

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# of alcohol per 100 milliliters of his blood.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Christopher Berlanga, Star Number 15315, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.

PHILIP J. OLINE

Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Anna L. D'Ascenzo

**Assistant Corporation Counsel** 

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CHICAGO POLICE BOARD

#### BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST	)	
POLICE OFFICER CHRISTOPHER BERLANGA,	)	No. 07 PB 2639
STAR No. 15315, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,	)	
CITY OF CHICAGO,	)	
	)	(CR No. 310675)
RESPONDENT.	)	

### **ORDER**

On May 29, 2007, the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer Christopher Berlanga, Star No. 15315, recommending that the Respondent be discharged from the Chicago Police Department for violating several Rules of Conduct (a copy of the charges and specifications is attached hereto as Exhibit A).

On November 17, 2009, the Superintendent moved to withdraw the charges against the Respondent, with leave to reinstate, because the Respondent resigned his position with the Department of Police of the City of Chicago.

The Police Board of the City of Chicago has considered the Superintendent's motion to withdraw the charges against the Respondent, with leave to reinstate, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Superintendent's motion is granted.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2009.

Attested by:

Police Board

**Executive Director** Police Board

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