

CHARGES

Police Officer James P. Petruzzi, Star Number 8143, 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 date(s) 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 14: Making a false report, written or oral.
 - Rule 21: Failure to report promptly to the Department any information concerning any crime or other unlawful action.
 - Rule 22: Failure to report to the Department any violation of Rules and Regulations or any other improper conduct which is contrary to the policy, orders or directives of the Department.
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SPECIFICATIONS

Police Officer James P. Petruzzi, Star Number 8143, is charged with violating Rule 1, "Violation of any law or ordinance," in one or more of the following instances:

- Count I: On or about February 5, 2000, Police Officer Petruzzi, acting in concert with Police Officer Michael Simpson, committed the offense of Official Misconduct in that they, public employees, acting in their official capacity as Chicago Police Officers, knowingly performed an act which they knew they were forbidden by law to perform, to wit: Police Officers Petruzzi and Simpson committed the offense of Disorderly Conduct in that, while on duty Officer Petruzzi and Officer Simpson were involved in an automobile accident with Chicago Police Department patrol vehicle unit 8172 at or near 3008 North New Castle Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and then knowingly transmitted or caused to be

transmitted to Chicago Police Department Sergeant Silvia Lopez, a false report indicating that an offense had been committed, to wit: that Chicago Police Department patrol vehicle unit 8172 was struck and damaged by an unknown vehicle at approximately 6:30 a.m. at or near the location of 5949 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois, knowing at the time the report was transmitted that there was no reasonable ground for believing that such offense had committed in violation of 720 ILCS 5/26-1(A)(4), in violation of 720 ILCS 5/33-3(b)

Count II: On or about February 5, 2000, Police Officer Petruzzi, acting in concert with Police Officer Michael Simpson, committed the offense of Official Misconduct, in that they, public employees, acting in their official capacity as Chicago Police Officers, with intent to obtain a personal advantage for themselves or others, performed an act in excess of their lawful authority, to wit: Police Officers Simpson and Petruzzi committed the offense of Disorderly Conduct, in that while on duty, Officer Simpson and Officer Petruzzi were involved in an automobile accident with Chicago Police Department patrol vehicle unit 8172 at or near 3008 North new Castle Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and then knowingly transmitted or caused to be transmitted to Chicago Police Department Sergeant Silvia Lopez, a false report indicating that an offense had been committed, to wit: that Chicago Police Department patrol vehicle unit 8172 was struck and damaged by an unknown vehicle at approximately 6:30 a.m. at or near the location of 5949 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois, knowing at the time the report was transmitted that there was no reasonable ground for believing that such offense had been committed, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/26-1(A)(4), in violation of 720 ILSCS 5/33-3(c)

Count III: On or about February 5, 2000, Police Officer Petruzzi, acting in concert with Officer Michael Simpson, committed the offense of Disorderly Conduct, in that while on duty Officer Simpson and Officer Petruzzi were involved in an automobile accident with Chicago Police Department patrol vehicle unit 8172 at or near 3008 North New Castle Avenue and then knowingly transmitted or caused to be transmitted to Chicago Police Department Sergeant Silvia Lopez, a false report indicating that an offense had been committed, to wit: that Chicago Police Department patrol vehicle unit 8172 was struck and damaged by an unknown vehicle at approximately 6:30 a.m. at or near the location of 5949 West Irving Park Road, knowing at the time the report was transmitted, that there was no reasonable ground for believing that such offense had been committed, in violation of Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 26-1(A)(4)

Police Officer James P. Petruzzi, Star Number 8143, is charged with violating Rule 2, "Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department," in the following instance:

On or about February 5, 2000, Police Officer Petruzzi, acting in concert with Police Officer Michael Simpson, was involved in an automobile accident with Chicago Police Department patrol vehicle unit 8172 at or near 3008 North New Castle Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and then knowingly transmitted or caused to be transmitted to Chicago Police Department Sergeant Silvia Lopez, a false report indicating that an offense had been committed, to wit: that Chicago Police Department patrol vehicle unit 8172 was struck and damaged by an unknown vehicle at approximately 6:30 a.m. at or near the location of 5949 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois.

Police Officer James P. Petruzzi, Star Number 8143, is charged with violating Rule 14, "Making a false report, written or oral," in the following instance:

Police Officer Petruzzi, acting in concert with Police Officer Michael Simpson, knowingly transmitted or caused to be transmitted, a false report indicating that Chicago Police Department patrol vehicle unit 8172, assigned to Officers Simpson and Petruzzi, was struck and damaged by an unknown vehicle at approximately 6:30 a.m. at or near the location of 5949 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois.


Police Officer James P. Petruzzi, Star Number 8143, is charged with violating Rule 21, "Failure to report promptly to the Department any information concerning any crime or other unlawful action," in the following instance:

Police Officer Petruzzi failed to report that he and Officer Michael Simpson were involved in a traffic accident on February 5, 2000 at 3008 N. New Castle Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and/or failed to report that Officer Simpson made a false report regarding the circumstances and/or location of the accident.


Police Officer James P. Petruzzi, Star Number 8143, is charged with violating Rule 22, "Failure to report promptly to the Department any violation of the Rules and Regulations or any other improper conduct which is contrary to the policy, orders or directives of the Department," in the following instance:

Police Officer Petruzzi failed to report that he and Officer Michael Simpson were involved in a traffic accident on February 5, 2000 at 3008 N. New Castle Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and/or failed to report that Officer Simpson made a false report regarding the circumstances and/or location of the accident.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent of Police recommends that Police Officer James P. Petruzzi, Star Number 8143, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.


TERRY G. HILLARD
Superintendent of Police

Approved As To Form:


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