

CHARGES

Police Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr., Star Number 19146, 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 of the alleged violations:

- 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 8: Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty;
- Rule 9: Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty;
- Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. Police Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr., Star Number 19146, 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 one or more of the following instances:

- Count I: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 W. 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr. placed Javan Hill in a chokehold and/or placed a gun against Javan Hill's face, and/or pushed him against a gated window, and/or directed profanity toward him, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.
- Count II: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 W. 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr. threatened to kill Javan Hill, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.
- Count III: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 W. 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr. directed profanities at and/or threatened to arrest Nigel Sherwood, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

2. Police Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr., Star Number 19146, is charged with violating Rule 6, "Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral," in one or more of the following instances:

- Count I: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 W. 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Reynaldo Valdez, detained and/or seized Javan Hill without probable cause in violation of General Order 02-10, Section III-B-1.
- Count II: On or about February 16, 2006, Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr. failed to complete a Contact Information Card relating to his encounter with Javan Hill, in violation of Department Special Order 03-09B, Section IV-A.

3. Police Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr., Star Number 19146, is charged with violating Rule 8, "Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty," in one or more of the following instances:

- Count I: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 W. 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr. placed Javan Hill in a chokehold and/or placed a gun against Javan Hill's face, and/or pushed him against a gated window, and/or directed profanity toward him, thereby disrespecting or maltreating any person, while on or off duty.
- Count II: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 W. 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr. threatened to kill Javan Hill, thereby disrespecting or maltreating any person, while on or off duty.
- Count III: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 W. 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr. directed profanities at and/or threatened to arrest Nigel Sherwood, thereby disrespecting or maltreating any person, while on or off duty.

4. Police Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr., Star Number 19146, is charged with violating Rule 9, "Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty," in one or more of the following instances:

- Count I: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 W. 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr. placed Javan Hill in a chokehold and/or placed a gun against Javan Hill's face, and/or pushed him against a gated window, and/or directed profanity toward him, thereby engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
- Count II: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 W. 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr. threatened to kill Javan Hill, thereby engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any

person, while on or off duty.

Count III: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 W. 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr. directed profanities at and/or threatened to arrest Nigel Sherwood, thereby engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

5. Police Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr., Star Number 19146, is charged with violating Rule 14, "Making a false report, written or oral," in one or more of the following instances:

Count I: On or about September 8, 2006, and/or August 14, 2007, Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr. falsely told Investigators at the Office of Professional Standards (currently known as the Independent Police Review Authority) that on or about February 16, 2006 he did not place Javan Hill in a chokehold and/or place a gun against the right side of Javan Hill's face, and/or push him against a gated window, thereby making a false report, written or oral.

Count II: On or about September 8, 2006, and/or August 14, 2007, Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr. falsely told Investigators at the Office of Professional Standards (currently known as the Independent Police Review Authority) that on or about February 16, 2006 he did not direct profanities at and/or threaten to arrest Nigel Sherwood, thereby making a false report, written or oral.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends Police Officer Reynaldo Valdez, Jr., Star Number 19146, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.



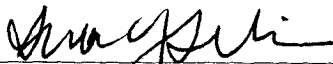
JODY P. WEIS
Superintendent of Police

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

CHICAGO POLICE BOARD



TINA Y. TILKS
Assistant Corporation Counsel
Labor Division

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

**IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)
POLICE OFFICER REYNALDO VALDEZ JR.,)
STAR No. 19146, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)
CITY OF CHICAGO,)**

No. 08 PB 2695

RESPONDENT)

(CR No. 311248)

FINDINGS

On August 21, 2008, the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer Reynaldo Valdez Jr., Star No. 19146 (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent"), recommending that the Respondent be discharged from the Chicago Police Department for violating the following Rules of Conduct:

- 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 8:** Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.
- Rule 9:** Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
- Rule 14:** Making a false report, written or oral.

The Police Board caused a hearing on these charges against Police Officer Reynaldo Valdez Jr. to be had before Thomas E. Johnson, Hearing Officer of the Police Board, on March 4, March 5, April 20, and May 1, 2009.

Following the hearing, the members of the Police Board read and reviewed the record of proceedings and viewed the video-recording of the testimony of the witnesses. Hearing Officer Johnson made an oral report to and conferred with the Police Board before it rendered a decision.

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, as a result of its hearing of the charges, finds and determines that:

1. The Respondent was at all times mentioned herein employed as a police officer by the Department of Police of the City of Chicago.

2. The charges were filed in writing and a Notice, stating the time, date, and place, when and where a hearing of the charges was to be held, together with a copy of the original charges, were served upon the Respondent more than five (5) days prior to the hearing on the charges.

3. The Respondent was represented by legal counsel throughout the hearing. The Respondent appeared throughout the proceedings held on March 4, April 20, and May 1, 2009. The Respondent was excused by his attorney from part of the proceedings held on March 5, 2009.

4. The Respondent, Police Officer Reynaldo Valdez Jr., Star No. 19146, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

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 that:

Count I: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 West 63rd Street, Chicago, he placed Javan Hill in a chokehold and/or placed a gun against Javan Hill's face and/or pushed Javan Hill against a gated window and/or directed profanity toward Javan Hill, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count II: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 West 63rd Street, Chicago, he threatened to kill Javan Hill, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count III: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 West 63rd Street, Chicago, he directed profanities at and/or threatened to arrest Nigel Sherwood, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

5. The Respondent, Police Officer Reynaldo Valdez Jr., Star No. 19146, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

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

in that:

Count I: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 West 63rd Street, Chicago, he detained and/or seized Javan Hill without probable cause, in violation of General Order 02-10, Section III-B-1.

Count II: On or about February 16, 2006, he failed to complete a Contact Information Card relating to his encounter with Javan Hill, in violation of Special Order 03-09B, Section IV-A.

6. The Respondent, Police Officer Reynaldo Valdez Jr., Star No. 19146, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 8: Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty,

in that:

Count I: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 West 63rd Street, Chicago, he placed Javan Hill in a chokehold and/or placed a gun against Javan Hill's face and/or pushed Javan Hill against a gated window and/or directed profanity toward Javan Hill, thereby disrespecting or maltreating any person, while on or off duty.

Count II: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 West 63rd Street, Chicago, he threatened to kill Javan Hill, thereby disrespecting or maltreating any person, while on or off duty.

Count III: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 West 63rd Street, Chicago, he directed profanities at and/or threatened to arrest Nigel Sherwood, thereby disrespecting or maltreating any person, while on or off duty.

7. The Respondent, Police Officer Reynaldo Valdez Jr., Star No. 19146, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 9: Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty,

in that:

Count I: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 West 63rd Street, Chicago, he placed Javan Hill in a chokehold and/or placed a gun against Javan Hill's face and/or pushed Javan Hill against a gated window and/or directed profanity toward Javan Hill, thereby engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

Count II: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 West 63rd Street, Chicago, he threatened to kill Javan Hill, thereby engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

Count III: On or about February 16, 2006, in the vicinity of 2519 West 63rd Street, Chicago, he directed profanities at and/or threatened to arrest Nigel Sherwood, thereby engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

8. The Respondent, Police Officer Reynaldo Valdez Jr., Star No. 19146, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral,

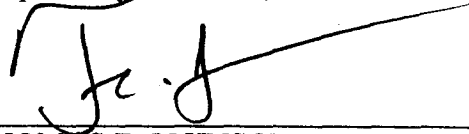
in that:

Count I: On or about September 8, 2006, and/or August 17, 2007, he falsely told investigators at the Office of Professional Standards (now known as the Independent Police Review Authority) that on or about February 16, 2006, he did not place Javan Hill in a chokehold and/or place a gun against the right side of Javan Hill's face and/or push Javan Hill against a gated window, thereby making a false report, written or oral.

Count II: On or about September 8, 2006, and/or August 17, 2007, he falsely told investigators at the Office of Professional Standards (now known as the Independent Police Review Authority) that on or about February 16, 2006, he did not direct profanities at and/or threaten to arrest Nigel Sherwood, thereby making a false report, written or oral.

By reason of the findings of fact and guilt set forth herein, cause exists for the discharge of the Respondent, Police Officer Reynaldo Valdez Jr., Star No. 19146, from his position as a police officer with the Department of Police, and from the services of the City of Chicago.

Respectfully submitted,



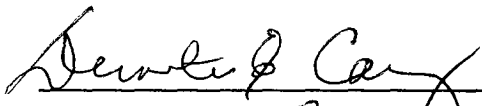
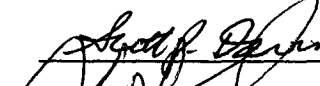
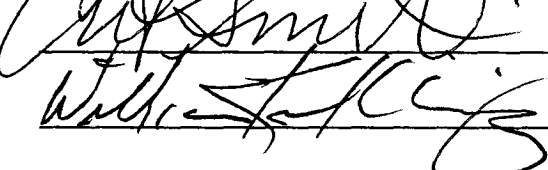
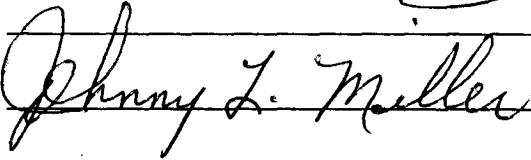
THOMAS E. JOHNSON
Hearing Officer

DECISION

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, having read and reviewed the record of proceedings in this case, having viewed the video-recording of the testimony of the witnesses, having received the oral report of the Hearing Officer, Thomas E. Johnson, and having conferred with the Hearing Officer on the credibility of the witnesses and the evidence, hereby adopts all findings herein; and, in reaching its decision as to the penalty imposed, the Board has taken into account not only the facts of this case but also the Respondent's complimentary and disciplinary histories, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit 1; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent, Police Officer Reynaldo Valdez Jr., Star No. 19146, as a result of having been found **guilty** of charges in Police Board Case No. 08 PB 2695, be and hereby is **discharged** from his position as a police officer with the Department of Police, and from the services of the City of Chicago.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY, 2009.

Attested by:

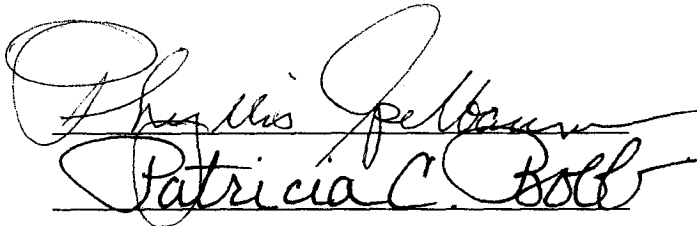


Executive Director
Police Board

DISSENT

The following members of the Police Board hereby dissent from the decision of the majority of the Board.

The undersigned voted to find the Respondent not guilty of all charges.



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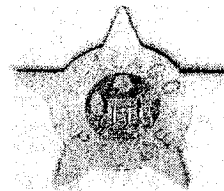
THE FOREGOING COMMUNICATION

THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2009.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

Chicago Police Department

Personnel Division



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Complimentary History

Name	Title	Star	Unit	Detail Unit	Emp Number
VALDEZ JR, REYNALDO	9161	19146	189	188	36919

Achievements

Total No.

PROBLEM SOLVING AWARD
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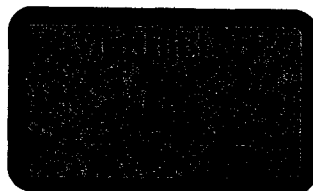
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INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
RECORDS SECTION

17-APR-2007

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER UNIT 113

FROM: RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

SUBJECT: PREVIOUS SUSTAINED DISCIPLINARY HISTORY OF:

NAME VALDEZ, REYNALDO

STAR 19146 UNIT 189 EMP 36919

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REFERENCE: COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER 311248

THE PREVIOUS SUSTAINED DISCIPLINARY HISTORY OF THE
ACCUSED HAS BEEN REQUESTED IN YOUR NAME BY:

RANK	NAME	STAR	UNIT
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RELATIVE TO A SUSTAINED FINDING IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE
ABOVE REFERENCED COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER.

THE RECORDS SECTION, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, DISCLOSES THE
FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY ACTION ADMINISTERED TO THE SUBJECT
ACCUSED FOR THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS.

VERIFIED/PREPARED BY:

BERNETTE KELLY

NONE ☒
SEE ATTACHED ☐
SPAR ☐
CR ☐

FOR: COMMANDING OFFICER
RECORDS SECTION