

ABSTRACTS OF SUSTAINED CASES

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Log/C.R. No. 1008648

On 23 August 2007, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (f/k/a The Office of Professional Standards), regarding an incident occurring in the 5th District. It was alleged that an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer engaged in an unjustified physical altercation with a victim, punched the victim on the head, and was inattentive to duty in that he failed to maintain control of his service weapon. Because of corroborating witness statements, IPRA recommended a finding of **"UNFOUNDED"** for the allegation that the accused officer engaged in an unjustified physical altercation with a victim. IPRA recommended a finding of **"EXONERATED"** for the allegation that the accused officer punched the victim on the head based on these same statements. Based on admissions of the accused officer, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that he was inattentive to duty in that he failed to maintain control of his service weapon. Further, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** a subsequent allegation that the accused officer violated a municipal ordinance by engaging in gambling activities. IPRA recommended a **five (5) day suspension for the accused officer.**

Log/C.R. No. 1009632

On 26 September 2007, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority, regarding an incident occurring in the 5th District. It was alleged that an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer engaged in verbal abuse by making threatening remarks. Subsequently, it was also alleged that the accused officer disobeyed a direct order. IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that the accused officer engaged in verbal abuse by making threatening remarks, based on physical evidence and corroborating witness statements. Because the accused officer made contact with the complaining victim after receiving a verified direct order from a Chicago Police Department sergeant prohibiting the accused officer from making any contact with said victim, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that the accused officer disobeyed a direct order. Based on the accused officers actions resulting in his arrest for Simple Assault, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** a subsequent allegation that the accused officer brought discredit/disrepute to the Department. IPRA recommended a **fifteen (15) day suspension for the accused officer.**

Log/C.R. No. 1019563

On 31 August 2008, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority, regarding an incident occurring in the 16th District. It was alleged that an off-duty Chicago Police Department officer engaged in an unjustified verbal altercation by directing profanity at a fellow Department member, engaged in conduct unbecoming a Department member in that he spat at the vehicle of second fellow Department member; verbally abused this second fellow Department member; and on a separate occasion, engaged in an unjustified verbal altercation by making threatening remarks to the first fellow Department member. The accused officer agreed to mediation whereby he accepted IPRA's recommendation to **"SUSTAIN"** all of the allegations made

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against him, a **seven (7) day suspension**, and to waive all administrative rights to contest/appeal the recommendations.

Log/C.R. No. 1018081

On 16 July 2007, a complaint was registered with the Independent Police Review Authority (f/k/a The Office of Professional Standards), regarding an incident occurring in the 6th District. It was alleged that an on-duty Chicago Police Department officer was inattentive to duty in that he accidentally discharged his weapon, striking a victim. IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** the allegation that the accused officer was inattentive to duty in that he accidentally discharged his weapon striking a victim, based on corroborating witness statements and statements made by the accused officer during a preliminary investigation of the shooting. Because the accused officer gave conflicting statements in the preliminary shooting investigation and in separate statements made to IPRA, IPRA recommended to **"SUSTAIN"** a subsequent allegation that he made a false report to IPRA. IPRA recommended a **twenty (20) day suspension for the accused officer**.