

Charges Filed with the Police Board

The following charges have been filed with the Police Board by the Superintendent of Police. The public is reminded that the filing of charges is not evidence of guilt. The accused officer is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair hearing at which the Superintendent has the burden of proving guilt by a preponderance of the evidence.

CHARGES AGAINST POLICE OFFICER MARK JOHNSON

Police Officer Mark Johnson ("Officer Johnson"), Star No. 8781, 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:

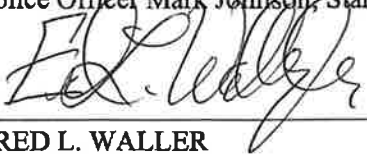
- Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.
- Rule 3: Any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.
- Rule 8: Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.
- Rule 9: Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

SPECIFICATIONS

On or about October 29, 2018, at or around 11:00 a.m., at Arthur Ashe Jr. Elementary School, Police Officer Johnson, while off-duty and working as a security officer for Chicago Public Schools, used profanity toward an eight-year-old student, and/or threatened him with words to the effect of "I will use pressure points to make you shit on yourself," and/or poked him in the chest, and/or pushed him into a seated position, and/or pressed his thumbs against the minor's temples after which the minor grabbed his head and doubled over. Officer Johnson thereby violated:

- a. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,
- b. Rule 3, which prohibits any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals,
- c. Rule 8, which prohibits disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty, and/or
- d. Rule 9, which prohibits engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Mark Johnson, Star No. 8781, receive a 366-day suspension.



FRED L. WALLER
Interim Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM



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