

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)	
POLICE OFFICER TARTANE HUTCHINSON,)	No. 23 PB 3027
STAR No. 5629, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)	
CITY OF CHICAGO,)	
RESPONDENT.)	(CR No. 1088286)

ORDER

On May 3, 2023, the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer Tartane Hutchinson, Star No. 5629 (“Respondent”), recommending that Respondent be discharged from the Chicago Police Department (“Department” or “CPD”) for violating the Department’s Rules of Conduct. Respondent is charged, *inter alia*, in eleven specifications with violating Rule 1* by violating 720 ILCS 5/12-3.2(a) *Domestic Battery*, in one specification with violating Rule 1 by violating 720 ILCS 5/12-1(a) *Assault*, in one specification with violating Rule 1 by violating 720 ILCS 5/12-5(a)(1) *Reckless Conduct*, and in one specification of verbally assaulting or threatening his girlfriend. (A copy of the charges is attached as Exhibit A.)

On June 3, 2024, the Superintendent filed a Motion to Withdraw Charges against Respondent. This motion states: “Acknowledging the evidentiary difficulties in this case, especially the lack of cooperation and unresponsiveness from the key witness, [name redacted], the parties now wish to avoid the expense, uncertainty, and burden of further litigation, including proceeding to a hearing on the Charges.” The motion further states that the Superintendent and Respondent have reached a settlement agreeing that if the Board grants the motion, the Superintendent will impose and Respondent will accept a suspension of 365 days for violations

* Rule 1 prohibits “Violation of any law or ordinance.”

of Rules 2, 3, 8, and 9 under Specifications 12 and 13, but not for any of the Rule violations charged in Specifications 1-11 and 14-15. The motion includes a factual background, reasons for the settlement agreement, and several exhibits, including the settlement agreement.

On June 20, 2024, the Police Board rejected the proposed settlement and denied the Motion to Withdraw Charges. The Board stated that it was not convinced, on the record currently before the Board, that the proposed settlement is an appropriate resolution to this case or that the interest of justice is served in approving the settlement and granting the Motion to Withdraw Charges.

On October 15, 2024, the Superintendent filed an Unopposed Motion to Remove Matter from the Police Board Docket in which the Superintendent asked the Board to reconsider its position.

The Police Board has reviewed the motion and finds that there are no new facts or arguments that warrant granting the motion at this time. The Board remains unconvinced that the proposed settlement is an appropriate resolution to this case or that the interest of justice is served in approving the settlement and granting the motion.

The Board notes that the settlement agreement entered into by the parties includes the following provision:

If the Superintendent's Motion to Withdraw Charges based on this settlement agreement is not granted by the Board, the Parties agree that FOP [Fraternal Order of Police] can advance Hutchinson's grievance to arbitration for the sole purpose of effectuating this settlement agreement, and the Parties agree that the terms and obligations of the settlement agreement remain binding on all the Parties. (Settlement Agreement, paragraph 12, footnote omitted.)

However, there is no indication that the City of Chicago and the FOP have agreed on and established a process for arbitration proceedings that are open to the public, as required by the order entered in *Chicago John Dineen Lodge #7 [Fraternal Order of Police] v. City of Chicago*,

Cir. Ct. No. 2024 CH 00093. It would be premature to terminate these Police Board proceedings before there is in place an arbitration process that conforms to the well-defined and dominant public policy of accountability and transparency identified in the court order.

POLICE BOARD ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, for the reasons set forth above, the Unopposed Motion to Remove Matter from the Police Board Docket is **entered and continued**. The Police Board will further consider this motion after the Police Board receives documentation showing that the City of Chicago and the FOP have agreed on and established a process for arbitration proceedings that are open to the public.

This Order is entered by a majority of the members of the Police Board: Kyle Cooper, Paula Wolff, Claudia Badillo, Steven Block, Mareil  Cusack, Nanette Doorley, Kathryn Liss, and Justin Terry.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024

Attested by:

/s/ KYLE COOPER
President

/s/ MAX A. CAPRONI
Executive Director

Exhibit A

Charges

CHARGES AGAINST POLICE OFFICER TARTANE HUTCHINSON

Police Officer Tartane Hutchinson, Star No. 5629, 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 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 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

1. On or about December 5, 2014, at or near 1700 Nations Dr, Gurnee, IL 60031, Officer Hutchinson verbally assaulted and/or threatened [REDACTED] who was his girlfriend at the time, when he told her, "you're a whore, you're a slut, you are fucking the pastor," "I should fuck you up," and "I should throw this mother-fucking chair at you, you stupid bitch," or stated words to that effect. Officer Hutchinson thereby violated:
 - a. Rule 2, 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, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
 - c. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty;
 - d. Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
2. On or about December 5, 2014, at or near 1700 Nations Dr, Gurnee, IL 60031, Officer Hutchinson knowingly and without legal justification caused bodily harm to [REDACTED], who was his girlfriend at the time, and/or made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with her in that he grabbed her upon her body and tossed her around the hotel room. Officer Hutchinson thereby violated:

- a. Rule 1, violation of any law or ordinance, 720 ILCS 5/12-3.2(a) *Domestic Battery* and/or 720 ILCS 5/12-3(a) *Battery*;
 - b. Rule 2, any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
 - c. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
 - d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty;
 - e. Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
3. On or about December 5, 2014, at or near 1700 Nations Dr, Gurnee, IL 60031, Officer Hutchinson knowingly and without legal justification caused bodily harm to [REDACTED] who was his girlfriend at the time, and/or made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with her in that in the hotel hallway he slammed her down and dragged her while telling her "I am going to fuck you up, You're a fucking whore. I can't stand you," or stated words to that effect. Officer Hutchinson thereby violated:
- a. Rule 1, violation of any law or ordinance, 720 ILCS 5/12-3.2(a) *Domestic Battery* and/or 720 ILCS 5/12-3(a) *Battery*;
 - b. Rule 2, any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
 - c. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
 - d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty;
 - e. Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
4. On or about December 5, 2014, at or near 1700 Nations Dr, Gurnee, IL 60031, Officer Hutchinson knowingly and without legal justification caused bodily harm to [REDACTED] who was his girlfriend at the time, and/or made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with her in that he locked her in the room, took her to the bathroom, pushed her on the sink, and proceeded knock her over her head with closed fists , as she begged him to stop, resulting in bruises. Officer Hutchinson thereby violated:
- a. Rule 1, violation of any law or ordinance, 720 ILCS 5/12-3.2(a) *Domestic Battery* and/or 720 ILCS 5/12-3(a) *Battery*;

- b. Rule 2, any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
 - c. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
 - d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty;
 - e. Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
5. On or about December 5, 2014, at or near 1700 Nations Dr, Gurnee, IL 60031, Officer Hutchinson knowingly and without legal justification caused bodily harm to [REDACTED] who was his girlfriend at the time, and/or made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with her in that he put a pillow over her face and told her "I could kill you and no one would know," or stated words to that effect. Officer Hutchinson thereby violated:
- a. Rule 1, violation of any law or ordinance, 720 ILCS 5/12-3.2(a) *Domestic Battery* and/or 720 ILCS 5/12-3(a) *Battery*;
 - b. Rule 2, any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
 - c. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
 - d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty;
 - e. Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
6. On or about May 8, 2015, at or near [REDACTED], Chicago, IL 60652, Officer Hutchinson knowingly and without legal justification caused bodily harm to [REDACTED] who was his girlfriend at the time, and/or made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with her in that he pushed her onto the couch. Officer Hutchinson thereby violated:
- a. Rule 1, violation of any law or ordinance, 720 ILCS 5/12-3.2(a) *Domestic Battery* and/or 720 ILCS 5/12-3(a) *Battery*;
 - b. Rule 2, any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;

- c. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
 - d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty;
 - e. Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
7. On or about May 8, 2015, at or near [REDACTED], Chicago, IL 60652, Officer Hutchinson knowingly and without legal justification caused bodily harm to [REDACTED], who was his girlfriend at the time, and/or made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with her in that he grabbed her left thumb and bent it completely back resulting in the swelling and bruising of her left hand. Officer Hutchinson thereby violated:
- a. Rule 1, violation of any law or ordinance, 720 ILCS 5/12-3.2(a) *Domestic Battery* and/or 720 ILCS 5/12-3(a) *Battery*;
 - b. Rule 2, any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
 - c. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
 - d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty;
 - e. Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
8. On or about June 29, 2016, at or near [REDACTED], Chicago, IL 60652, Officer Hutchinson knowingly and without legal justification caused bodily harm to [REDACTED], who was his wife at the time, and/or made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with her in that he grabbed her upon her body and tried to slam her down, even after she screamed for help. Officer Hutchinson thereby violated:
- a. Rule 1, violation of any law or ordinance, 720 ILCS 5/12-3.2(a) *Domestic Battery* and/or 720 ILCS 5/12-3(a) *Battery*;
 - b. Rule 2, any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
 - c. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
 - d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty;

- e. Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
9. On or about June 29, 2016, at or near [REDACTED] Chicago, IL 60652, Officer Hutchinson knowingly and without legal justification caused bodily harm to [REDACTED], who was his wife at the time, and/or made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with her in that he lifted her off her feet and slammed her on the bed resulting in a non-disclosed fracture and visible swelling on her right ankle. Officer Hutchinson thereby violated:
- a. Rule 1, violation of any law or ordinance, 720 ILCS 5/12-3.2(a) *Domestic Battery* and/or 720 ILCS 5/12-3(a) *Battery*;
 - b. Rule 2, any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
 - c. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
 - d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty;
 - e. Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
10. On or about December 31, 2016, at or near [REDACTED] Chicago, IL 60652, Officer Hutchinson knowingly and without legal justification caused bodily harm to [REDACTED], who was his wife at the time, and/or made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with her in that he grabbed her upon her body, slammed her against the wall and proceeded to strangle her, resulting in bruising upon her neck. Officer Hutchinson thereby violated:
- a. Rule 1, violation of any law or ordinance, 720 ILCS 5/12-3.2(a) *Domestic Battery* and/or 720 ILCS 5/12-3(a) *Battery*;
 - b. Rule 2, any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
 - c. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
 - d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty;
 - e. Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

11. On or about December 31, 2016, at or near [REDACTED], Chicago, IL 60652, Officer Hutchinson knowingly and without legal justification caused bodily harm to [REDACTED], who was his wife at the time, and/or made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with her in that he pushed and/or shoved her resulting in her flying three feet away face first into a game table and busting her lip open leaving bruising and scratches upon her face. Officer Hutchinson thereby violated:
- a. Rule 1, violation of any law or ordinance, 720 ILCS 5/12-3.2(a) *Domestic Battery* and/or 720 ILCS 5/12-3(a) *Battery*;
 - b. Rule 2, any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
 - c. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
 - d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty;
 - e. Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
12. On or about December 2016, at or near [REDACTED], Chicago, IL 60652, Officer Hutchinson took [REDACTED]'s, car keys and refused to return them even after she asked him continuously to give them back and said, "he has my keys, he has me locked in this house, and there's no way I can leave the house and lock the door," or stated words to that effect. Officer Hutchinson thereby violated:
- a. Rule 2, 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, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
 - c. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty;
13. On or about December 2016, at or near [REDACTED], Chicago, IL 60652, Officer Hutchinson acted recklessly when he operated his motor vehicle while [REDACTED], who was his wife at the time, was holding the passenger door and he proceeded to drive off with her hanging on from the outside of the vehicle endangering her safety. Officer Hutchinson thereby violated:
- a. Rule 1, violation of any law or ordinance, 720 ILCS 5/12-5(a)(1) *Reckless Conduct* and/or 625 ILCS 5/11-503 *Reckless Driving*;

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

14. On or about December 11, 2017, at or near [REDACTED], Chicago, IL 60652, Officer Hutchinson without lawful authority, knowingly engaged in conduct which placed [REDACTED], who was his wife at the time, in reasonable apprehension of receiving a battery, in that he said words to the effect of he was going to "fuck [her] up" and "drag [her] ass" Officer Hutchinson thereby violated:

- a. Rule 1, violation of any law or ordinance, 720 ILCS 5/12-1(a) *Assault*;
- b. Rule 2, any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
- c. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
- d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty;
- e. Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

15. On or about December 12, 2017, at or near [REDACTED], Chicago, IL 60652, Officer Hutchinson knowingly and without legal justification caused bodily harm to [REDACTED], who was his wife at the time, and/or made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with her in that he pushed and/or shoved her resulting her stumbling backwards and hitting the wall. Officer Hutchinson thereby violated:

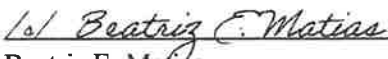
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- b. Rule 2, any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
- c. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;

- d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty;
- e. Rule 9, 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 Tartane Hutchinson, Star Number 5629, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.


Eric M. Carter
Interim Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM


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