

**BEFORE A MEMBER OF THE POLICE BOARD  
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE</b>	)	
<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCIPLINE OF</b>	)	
<b>SERGEANT WILLIAM SPYKER,</b>	)	<b>No. 21 RR 14</b>
<b>STAR No. 1930, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,</b>	)	
<b>CITY OF CHICAGO.</b>	)	<b>(CR No. 2020-0630)</b>

**REQUEST FOR REVIEW**

On September 17, 2021, the Office of the Police Board of the City of Chicago received from the Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (“COPA”) a request for review of the Chief Administrator’s recommendation for discipline of Sergeant William Spyker, Star No. 1930, arising out of the investigation of Complaint Register No. 2020-0630 (“Request for Review”).

The investigation stems from an incident on February 4, 2020, at the Jackson Red Line station. Martesa Lee, a Chicago Transit Authority employee who responded to a stabbing, alleged that a Chicago police officer maltreated her; Ms. Lee also alleged that when she reported the alleged misconduct to Sergeant Spyker, he had the officer handcuff and detain her for obstruction. Following the conclusion of the investigation, the Chief Administrator issued a recommendation for discipline of Sergeant Spyker. The Superintendent of Police proposed less severe discipline than that recommended by the Chief Administrator.

The Chief Administrator recommended that the following allegations against Sergeant Spyker be *Sustained*:

On February 4, 2020, at approximately 1:50 p.m., at the Jackson Red Line station, located at or near 230 South State Street, Sergeant William Spyker:

1. failed to report Martesa Lee’s complaint of misconduct against a Chicago police officer;
2. Threatened to arrest Martesa Lee for making a complaint of misconduct;

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3. Ordered the officer to handcuff Martesa Lee without justification;
4. Detained Martesa Lee without justification;
5. Engaged in an unnecessary verbal altercation with Martesa Lee;
6. Approved one or more false, misleading, inaccurate and/or incomplete statements in the preparation of a CPD Original Case Incident Report (RD #JD139781) regarding the actions of Martesa Lee; and
7. Approved one or more false, misleading, inaccurate and/or incomplete statements in the preparation of a CPD Investigatory Stop Report (ISR005159104) completed in connection with the detention of Martesa Lee.

The Chief Administrator recommended that Sergeant Spyker be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.

The Superintendent objected to the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline. The Superintendent did not concur with the sustained findings for Allegation Nos. 3 and 4, and recommended that Sergeant Spyker be suspended for one-hundred-eighty (180) days.

According to the Certificate submitted by the Chief Administrator: (1) the Chief Administrator issued the recommendation for discipline on May 24, 2021; (2) the Chief Administrator received the Superintendent's written response on August 20, 2021; (3) the Chief Administrator's designees met with the Superintendent's designees and concluded their discussion of this matter on September 1, 2021; and (4) the Request for Review was sent via email to the Executive Director of the Police Board on September 17, 2021.

The Executive Director of the Police Board prepared and forwarded the Request for Review file to Steve Flores, the member of the Police Board who was selected on a random basis, pursuant to Article VI of the Police Board's Rules of Procedure ("Reviewing Member"). On October 1, 2021, the Reviewing Member reviewed the Request for Review pursuant to

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Section 2-78-130(a)(iii) of the Municipal Code of Chicago and Article VI of the Police Board's Rules of Procedure. The Reviewing Member then requested the video recording of Sergeant Spyker's body-worn camera, which the Reviewing Member received and viewed.

**OPINION**

It is my opinion that, based on a thorough review of the Request for Review material, the Superintendent did not meet his burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline. Based on the facts and circumstances of this matter, an evidentiary hearing before the Police Board is necessary to determine whether Sergeant Spyker violated any of the Police Department's Rules of Conduct and, if so, the appropriate disciplinary action.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 2-78-130(a)(iii) of the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline shall be deemed accepted by the Superintendent.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 07<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

/s/ STEVE FLORES  
Member  
Police Board

Attested by:

/s/ MAX A. CAPRONI  
Executive Director  
Police Board