

## 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 SERGEANT EDWARD LEIGHTON

Sergeant Edward Leighton, Star Number 1049, 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:

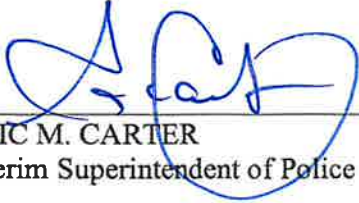
- Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.
- Rule 6: Disobedience of any order or directive, whether written or oral.
- Rule 8: Disrespect or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.

### SPECIFICATIONS

1. On or about August 29, 2019, in the vicinity of Open Outcry Brewing Company, 10934 S. Western, in Chicago, Illinois, Police Sergeant Edward Leighton engaged in unwanted and/or otherwise non-consensual sexual advances toward and/or physical contact with [REDACTED], including after she said "stop" or words to that effect, including, for example: kissing her; grabbing her by her neck; touching her breasts; touching her vagina over her clothes; attempting to unbutton and/or unzip her pants; and/or pulling her bra down. Sergeant Leighton 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 8: Disrespect or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.
2. On or about August 29, 2019, in the vicinity of Open Outcry Brewing Company, 10934 S. Western, in Chicago, Illinois, Police Sergeant Edward Leighton engaged in unwanted sexual advances toward [REDACTED], in that he stated words to the effect of "let me get a little taste of you" and/or "then you get a little taste of me." Sergeant Leighton 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 8: Disrespect or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.
3. On or about August 29, 2019, in the vicinity of Open Outcry Brewing Company, 10934 S. Western, in Chicago, Illinois, Police Sergeant Edward Leighton was in possession of his weapon when there was a likelihood that he would be consuming alcoholic beverages which may impair his physical and/or mental abilities. Sergeant Leighton 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 6: Disobedience of any order or directive, whether written or oral (here, U04-02, "Department Approved Weapons and Ammunition," effective June 2, 2017).

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Sergeant Edward Leighton, Star Number 1049, be separated from the Chicago Police Department.



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Interim Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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