

## 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 TIMOTHY CONLAN

Sergeant Timothy Conlan, Star No. 890, 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:

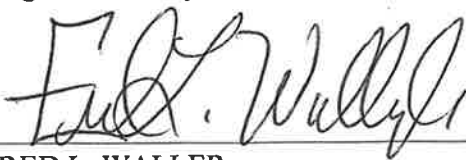
- Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.
- Rule 3: Any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.
- Rule 5: Failure to perform any duty.
- Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.
- Rule 10: Inattention to duty.
- Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral.
- Rule 21: Failure to report promptly to the Department any information concerning any crime or other unlawful action.
- Rule 22: Failure to report to the Department any violation of Rules and Regulations or any other improper conduct which is contrary to the policy, orders, or directives of the Department.

## SPECIFICATIONS

1. On or about November 28, 2017, at approximately 3:00 p.m., near 11155 S. Vincennes Ave., Sgt. Timothy Conlan saw Police Officer Edward Shaffer punch a teenage arrestee about the head and failed to promptly report Officer Shaffer's conduct to the Department, thereby:
  - a. Violating 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. Violating Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
  - c. Violating Rule 5, failure to perform any duty;

- d. Violating Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, to wit: G08-01-02 Specific Responsibilities Regarding Allegations of Misconduct (effective March 17, 2013 - May 3, 2018);
  - e. Violating Rule 10, inattention to duty;
  - f. Violating Rule 21, failure to report promptly to the Department any information concerning any crime or other unlawful action; and/or
  - g. Violating Rule 22, failure to report to the Department any violation of Rules and Regulations or any other improper conduct which is contrary to the policy, orders, or directives of the Department.
2. On or about April 17, 2018, and/or November 14, 2018, during an audio recorded interview by the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (“COPA”), Sergeant Timothy Conlan provided a false or misleading oral report to COPA investigators in that he denied that on November 28, 2017, he saw or noticed Police Officer Edward Shaffer punch or swing at a teenage arrestee, or stated words to that effect, thereby:
- a. Violating 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. Violating Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department’s efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals; and/or
  - c. Violating Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Sergeant Timothy Conlan be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.



FRED L. WALLER  
Interim Superintendent of Police

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

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