

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 PATRICK BUNYON

Police Officer Patrick Bunyon, Star Number 16768, 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 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.
- Rule 9: Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
- Rule 38: Unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. On or about July 4, 2018, in the vicinity of the 900 block of North Massasoit Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer Patrick Bunyon discharged his firearm at or in the direction of one or more running and/or fleeing individuals. Officer Bunyon's use of force was not necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm from an imminent threat posed to him or another person. Nor was the use of deadly force necessary to prevent an arrest from being defeated because the individual(s) did not pose an imminent threat of death or great bodily harm to Officer Bunyon or anyone else unless they were arrested without delay. Officer Bunyon thereby
 - a. Engaged in any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department, in violation of Rule 2, and/or
 - b. Failed to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals, in violation of Rule 3, and/or
 - c. Disobeyed an order or directive, whether written or oral (General Order 03-02 - Use of Force; and/or General Order 03-02-03 - Firearms Discharge Incidents Involving Sworn Members; and/or General Order 03-02-01 - Force Options) in violation of Rule 6, and/or

- d. Engaged in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty, in violation of Rule 9, and/or
- e. Unlawfully or unnecessarily used or displayed a weapon, in violation of Rule 38.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Officer Patrick Bunyon, Star Number 16768, be separated from the Chicago Police Department.



Fred L. Waller
Interim Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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