

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST</b>	)	
<b>POLICE OFFICER TERRANCE FINLEY,</b>	)	<b>No. 23 PB 3036</b>
<b>STAR No. 6352, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,</b>	)	
<b>CITY OF CHICAGO,</b>	)	
	)	<b>(CR No. 2019-2064)</b>
<b>RESPONDENT.</b>	)	

**ORDER**

On September 22, 2023, the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer Terrance Finley, Star No. 6352 (“Respondent”), recommending that Respondent be discharged from the Chicago Police Department for violating the Department’s Rules of Conduct. (a copy of the charges is attached as Exhibit A).

On February 28, 2024, the Superintendent moved to withdraw the charges against Respondent without prejudice because Respondent resigned his position with the Chicago Police Department. The Police Board has considered the Superintendent’s motion.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Superintendent’s motion is **granted**, and the proceedings before the Police Board are terminated.<sup>1</sup>

This Order is adopted and entered by a majority of the members of the Police Board: Kyle Cooper, Paula Wolff, Steven Block, Mareilé Cusack, and Nanette Doorley.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2024.

Attested by:

/s/ KYLE COOPER  
President

/s/ MAX A. CAPRONI  
Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup> When an officer resigns from the Chicago Police Department, the Police Board no longer has jurisdiction to hear the disciplinary case. The Board’s power is limited to hearing cases “involving *officers and employees* of the Department of Police in the classified civil service of the City.” Section 2-84-030 of the Municipal Code of Chicago (emphasis added).

# Exhibit A

## Charges

Attached are the charges 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. In this case, the accused officer resigned from the Chicago Police Department prior to a full hearing on the charges.

## CHARGES AGAINST POLICE OFFICER TERRANCE FINLEY

Police Officer Terrance Finley ("Officer Finley"), Star Number 6352, is charged with violating the following rules contained in Article V of the Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department ("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 15: Intoxication on or off duty.

### SPECIFICATIONS

Count I: On or about June 9, 2019, at approximately 2:42 a.m., while off duty, Officer Finley drove his personal vehicle, a 2018 Toyota Corolla, while the alcohol concentration in his blood or breath was 0.08 or more and/or while under the influence of alcohol. Police Officer Finley then collided/drove into a restaurant located at about 1757 W. 87<sup>th</sup> Street causing the death of Marquita Reed and injuries to Natasha Smith. Officer Finley thereby violated:

- a. Rule 1, violation of any law or ordinance, to wit: 625 ILCS 5/11-501(a) (1) and/or 5/11(a) (2) (*Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol*) and/or 625 ILCS 5/11-501(d)(1)(F) (*Aggravated Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol*);
- b. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department; and/or
- c. Rule 3, which prohibits any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.

Count II: On or about June 9, 2019, at approximately 2:42 a.m., while off duty and driving his personal vehicle, a 2018 Toyota Corolla, Officer Finley collided/drove into a restaurant located at about 1757 W. 87<sup>th</sup> Street causing the death of Marquita Reed and injuries to Natasha Smith. One or more of Officer Finley's actions (including, but not limited to, drinking alcoholic beverages and/or his driving) were likely to cause death or great bodily harm and he performed them recklessly, and/or Officer Finley drove his vehicle with a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons. Officer Finley thereby violated:

- a. Rule 1, violation of any law or ordinance, to wit: 720 ILCS 5/9-3(a) (*Involuntary Manslaughter and/or Reckless Homicide*) and/or 625 ILCS 5/11-503(a) (1) and/or 503(c)(*Reckless Driving and/or Aggravated Reckless Driving*);
- b. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department; and/or
- c. Rule 3, which prohibits any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.

Count III: On or about June 9, 2019, before or after about 2:42 a.m. or at some point in time, Police Officer Finley was intoxicated while off duty. Officer Finley thereby violated:

- a. Rule 15, which prohibits intoxication on or off duty.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Terrance Finley, Star Number 6352, 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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