

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

**IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST** )  
**POLICE OFFICER RHEA M. ROBINSON,** ) **No. 14 PB 2878**  
**STAR No. 7358, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,** )  
**CITY OF CHICAGO,** )  
 ) **(CR No. 1063648)**  
**RESPONDENT.** )

**FINDINGS AND DECISION**

On October 30, 2014, the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358 (hereinafter sometimes referred to as “Respondent”), recommending that the Respondent be discharged from the Chicago Police Department for violating the following Rules of Conduct:

- 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 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.
- Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral.

The Police Board caused a hearing on these charges against the Respondent to be had before Fredrick H. Bates, Hearing Officer of the Police Board, on March 20 and March 23, 2015.

Following the hearing, the members of the Police Board read and reviewed the record of the proceedings and viewed the video-recording of the testimony of the witnesses. Hearing Officer Bates made an oral report to and conferred with the Police Board before it rendered its findings and decision.

## POLICE BOARD FINDINGS

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, as a result of its hearing on the charges, finds and determines that:

1. The Respondent was at all times mentioned herein employed as a police officer by the Department of Police of the City of Chicago.

2. The written charges, and a Notice stating when and where a hearing on the charges was to be held, were personally served upon the Respondent more than five (5) days prior to the hearing on the charges.

3. Throughout the hearing on the charges the Respondent appeared in person and was represented by legal counsel.

4. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count I: On or about June 19, 2013, and/or June 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve one or more of the following Violation Notices: 0063273060, 0063273061, 0063273062, 0063273063, 0063273064, and/or 0063273065, on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, in violation of Municipal Code of Chicago Section 9-100-030(b).

Based on the totality of the evidence presented in this case—the credible testimony of the vehicle owners and/or operators, the GPS records, and the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS) records—the Board finds the Respondent guilty not only of failing to properly serve the above Violation Notices, but also of intentionally falsifying them.

The credible evidence in this case, much of which was stipulated to by the Respondent, established that on June 19 and 20, 2013, Officer Robinson was assigned to Beat 411R in the 4<sup>th</sup>

District. She was assigned to work from 9:00 p.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup> to 6:00 a.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> with Officer Dionne Riley.

The above-referenced tickets issued by Officer Robinson were discovered during a search of her locker as a part of the investigation in this case, and therefore were neither served upon the operators of the ticketed vehicles, nor affixed to said vehicles. In fact, with regard to ticket numbers 0063273060 (Patricia Ross's 2002 Chrysler), 0063273061 (2007 Pontiac co-owned by Katrina Crosby), 0063273062 (2008 Mazda co-owned by Kimberly Chorpeza and her husband Robert), and 0063273063 (2009 Honda owned by Juan Rivera, and driven by his 16-year-old daughter during the daytime only), one or more of the vehicle owners and/or operators testified credibly that these cars were not present at 8950 South Stony Island Avenue on June 19, 2013, as indicated on said tickets. They all further testified that they had never even been to 8950 South Stony Island, or either of the night clubs located near there; in addition, Ross, Crosby, and Chorpeza all testified credibly that they do not live in Chicago and are not familiar with the area of 8950 South Stony Island.

Moreover, at the time the six tickets at issue were written, between 10:23 p.m. and 10:43 p.m., the GPS records for the vehicle assigned to Officer Robinson showed that she was not present at the 8950 South Stony Island location. Rather, the GPS records show that Officer Robinson did not go south of 83<sup>rd</sup> Street at any time between 10:00 p.m. and midnight on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and show that she did not stop at 8950 South Stony Island, where the six tickets above were purportedly issued.<sup>1</sup> At the times when all of these plates were queried by the Respondent using LEADS—between 3:29 a.m. and 4:55 a.m. on June 20, 2013—the GPS records for the vehicle

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<sup>1</sup> The tickets were all written for allegedly parking in a bus stop in violation of Chicago Municipal Code Section 9-64-140(b), which prohibits said conduct. The only businesses open on that side of Stony Island at that time of night are two bars/lounges.

assigned to Officer Robinson showed that she was parked at 104<sup>th</sup> Street and Luella Avenue, the location of the 4<sup>th</sup> District.

Finally, it is noteworthy that with respect to ticket number 0063273063 issued to the vehicle owned by Juan Rivera, the Chicago Police Department's Chief of the Bureau of Internal Affairs, that car was, according to his credible testimony, driven exclusively by his then 16-year-old daughter Tiffany, and she was strictly forbidden from driving it at night. Chief Rivera testified that upon receiving notice of the alleged violation in the mail, he checked his home video surveillance system to determine whether his daughter's car moved from their home on the night of June 19, 2013. After reviewing the video surveillance recording he verified that his daughter's car did not leave his home on the night of June 19, 2013. Tiffany Rivera also testified credibly that she did not leave home that night.

Although Officer Robinson and her partner could not explain with any particularities or specifics why the tickets at issue show dates, times, and locations that do not comport with the times that Officer Robinson performed the LEADS inquiries, nor could they provide any evidence that the vehicle GPS information was inaccurate, they did testify to a practice of not immediately writing parking tickets and affixing them to the vehicles. Their practice was to write down all the plates and then drive around while the LEADS inquiries were performed, returning to the vehicles to affix the tickets shortly thereafter. Even accepting their testimony regarding their practice generally, there was no credible evidence to rebut the totality of the evidence—particularly the testimony of the vehicle owners and operators, regarding the specific tickets in this case.

Moreover, the confluence of circumstances required to believe that Officer Robinson properly issued these and other tickets, but did not have the opportunity to affix them to the vehicles, would belie reality. The GPS data would have to be wrong, and all of the witnesses lying.

The Board does not believe that to be the case here. Additionally, as set forth more fully below, no To-From-Subject Report describing the circumstances as to why the tickets were not handed to the vehicle operators or affixed to said vehicles was completed by Officer Robinson regarding these six tickets, as required by the Chicago Police Department Special Order S04-14-04. Taken together, this evinces intentional wrongdoing by Officer Robinson, not a misunderstanding of proper procedures as implied by Officer Robinson, who the Board found not to be credible in her testimony at the hearing.

Section 9-100-030(b) of the Chicago Municipal Code requires that police officers who issue Parking Violation Notices (tickets including those written for violations of Section 9-64-140(b)) “serve the notice on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if he is present, or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place.” In this case, the evidence presented, including all of the testimony taken as a whole and the stipulations agreed to by the parties, overwhelmingly established, not only by a preponderance of the evidence—but even under a clear and convincing standard—that Officer Robinson “failed to properly serve one or more of the following Violation Notices: 0063273060, 0063273061, 0063273062, 0063273063, 0063273064, and/or 0063273065, on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, in violation of Municipal Code of Chicago Section 9-100-030(b),” as alleged in the charges.

5. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance,  
in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count II: On or about April 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve Violation Notice 0063015132 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, in violation of Municipal Code of Chicago Section 9-100-030(b).

Officer Robinson ostensibly issued ticket number 0063015132 at 11:30 p.m., on April 20, 2013, at 8950 South Stony Island Avenue. The violator's copy was still in the ticket book discovered in Officer Robinson's locker during the investigation in this case. Officer Robinson admitted that she never served the notice on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, or by affixing it to the vehicle. The unit query for Officer Robinson's assigned unit that day shows that at the time of the alleged violations, Officer Robinson and her partner were getting gas. It also shows that she did not query that license plate until 2:37 a.m. on April 21, 2013, even though the violation time was three hours earlier at 11:30 p.m.<sup>2</sup> These facts are remarkably similar in nature to those surrounding the six tickets addressed above. See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 4 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

Accordingly, the evidence presented, including all of the testimony taken as a whole, specifically Officer Robinson's testimony, and the stipulations agreed to by the parties, overwhelmingly establishes that Officer Robinson "failed to properly serve Violation Notice 0063015132 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present,

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<sup>2</sup>In this regard, Officer Robinson admitted several key essential aspects of the charges:

Q. Okay. So you did not affix this citation to the vehicle you were ticketing?

A. Correct.

Q. And you did not mail this ticket to the individual who was registered to that car?

A. Correct. ...

Q. Okay. Now, Officer, according to the unit query for your unit that night, you were out of service getting gas at 103rd and Doty from 11:25 p.m. 11:37 p.m. So you could not have issued a citation at 8950 South Stony Island when you were getting gas at 103rd and Doty; correct?

A. Correct.

Q. And, also, according to your unit query, you queried the license plate for this ticket on April 21, 2013, at approximately 2:37 a.m. So that was two hours after the alleged violation took place; correct?

A. Correct.

(Tr. 40-43.)

and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, in violation of Municipal Code of Chicago Section 9-100-030(b),” as alleged in the charges.

6. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count III: On or about January 9, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve Violation Notice 0061495705 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, in violation of Municipal Code of Chicago Section 9-100-030(b).

With regard to the January 9<sup>th</sup> ticket, number 0061495705, the violator’s copy of this ticket was also in the ticket book, and Officer Robinson in her testimony admitted that it was never served upon the operator of the vehicle, or affixed to the vehicle. See the findings set forth in paragraphs nos. 4 and 5 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

Accordingly, the evidence presented, including all of the testimony taken as a whole, specifically Officer Robinson’s testimony referenced above, establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that Officer Robinson “failed to properly serve Violation Notice 0061495705 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, in violation of Municipal Code of Chicago Section 9-100-030(b),” as alleged in the charges.

7. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count IV: On or about January 8, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve Violation Notice(s) 0061495706 and/or 0061495707 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, in violation of Municipal Code of Chicago Section 9-100-030(b).

Based upon the stipulations and Officer Robinson's testimony itself, it is undisputed that Officer Robinson wrote two tickets (numbers 0061495706 and 0061495707) on January 8, 2013, with a violation time of 9:40 p.m., again at 8950 South Stony Island Avenue, for parking in a bus lane. The violator's copies of these tickets were found in the ticket book, and Officer Robinson in her testimony admitted that they were never served upon the operators of the vehicles, or affixed to the vehicles. The unit query for Officer Robinson's unit that day shows that both of the license plates associated with the January 8<sup>th</sup> tickets were queried at 1:32 a.m. and 1:34 a.m., almost four hours after the alleged violation time. These facts are again remarkably similar to those set forth in Counts I and II above. See the findings set forth in paragraphs nos. 4 and 5 above, which are incorporated herein by this reference.

Accordingly, the evidence presented, including all of the testimony taken as a whole, specifically Officer Robinson's testimony referenced above, establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that Officer Robinson "failed to properly serve Violation Notices 0061495706 and 0061495707 on the owners of the vehicles by handing it to the operators of the vehicles, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicles in a conspicuous place, in violation of Municipal Code of Chicago Section 9-100-030(b)," as alleged in the charges.

8. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is

**guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count V: On or about December 27, 2012, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve Violation Notice 0061495696 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, in violation of Municipal Code of Chicago Section 9-100-030(b).

The December 27<sup>th</sup> ticket, number 0061495696, was also found in the ticket book taken from Officer Robinson's locker as a part of the investigation in this matter, and like the other tickets at issue, she admitted facts that clearly establish that this ticket was not affixed to the vehicle nor handed to the operator of said vehicle. Given the totality of the evidence, the Board, without having been given any reasonable explanation by Officer Robinson to the contrary and given her admission stated herein, finds that the Superintendent established that it is more likely than not that Officer Robinson "failed to properly serve Violation Notice 0061495696 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, in violation of Municipal Code of Chicago Section 9-100-030(b)," as alleged in the charges.

9. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is

**guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count VI: On or about December 19, 2012, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve Violation Notice(s) 0061495691 and/or 0061495692 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, in violation of Municipal Code of Chicago Section 9-100-030(b).

The December 19<sup>th</sup> tickets, numbers 0061495691 and 92, were similarly found in the ticket book taken from Officer Robinson's locker as a part of the investigation in this matter, and like the other tickets at issue, she admitted that those tickets were not served upon the operators of the vehicles, or affixed to the vehicles. Given the totality of the evidence, the Board, without having been given any reasonable explanation by Officer Robinson to the contrary and given her admission stated herein, finds that the Superintendent established that it is more likely than not that Officer Robinson "failed to properly serve Violation Notices 0061495691 and/or 0061495692 on the owner of the vehicles by handing it to the operator of the vehicles, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicles in a conspicuous place, in violation of Municipal Code of Chicago Section 9-100-030(b)," as alleged in the charges.

10. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count VII: On or about June 19, 2013, and/or June 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson falsified one or more of the following Violation Notices: 0063273060, 0063273061, 0063273062, 0063273063, 0063273064, and/or 0063273065, in violation of Municipal Code of Chicago Section 1-21-010.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 4 above, which are incorporated here by reference. The Board, based upon the totality of the evidence presented in this case, finds that Officer Robinson intentionally falsified the June 19-20, 2013, tickets referenced above, and specifically finds that Officer Robinson's vague and generalized denials of any wrong-doing lack credibility in their entirety. The Board also rejects Officer Robinson's claim that she was never

told she could not write down the ticket information, and issue the tickets at a later date. That practice is not authorized under Section 9-100-030(b) of the Municipal Code of Chicago, and Officer Robinson did not comply with the Department procedures for the rare circumstances in which an officer cannot hand a ticket to the operator of the vehicle or affix it to the vehicle. See Chicago Police Department Special Order S04-14-04, Section III.C.1.b. (Supt. Ex. No. 5). Officer Robinson's efforts to explain away her conduct by asserting her ignorance that it violated the law and Department policy was disingenuous at best, and evinced intentional wrong doing in this case.

Accordingly, the Superintendent established by a preponderance of the evidence that on or about June 19, 2013, and/or June 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson "falsified one or more of the following Violation Notices: 0063273060, 0063273061, 0063273062, 0063273063, 0063273064, and/or 0063273065, in violation of Municipal Code of Chicago Section 1-21-010," as alleged in the charges.<sup>3</sup>

11. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count VIII: On or about April 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson falsified Violation Notice 0063015132, in violation of Municipal Code of Chicago Section 1-21-010.

See the findings set forth in paragraph nos. 5 and 10 above, which are incorporated here by

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<sup>3</sup>Section 1-21-010 of the Municipal Code of Chicago prohibits knowingly making a false statement of material fact to the City. Any person who falsely signs, certifies, attests, submits or otherwise provides assurances to the city, that a statement of material fact made in connection with any report, affidavit, oath, attestation or other document submitted to the city is accurate, true or complete, is liable to the city for a civil penalty of not less than \$500.00 and not more than \$1,000.00, plus up to three times the amount of damages which the city sustains because of the person's violation, attorney's fees, costs of litigation, and costs of collection. (See Supt. Ex. No. 8.)

reference.

12. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count IX: On or about January 8, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson falsified Violation Notice(s) 0061495706 and/or 0061495707, in violation of Municipal Code of Chicago Section 1-21-010.

See the findings set forth in paragraph nos. 7 and 10 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

13. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count I: On or about June 19, 2013, and/or June 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve one or more of the following Violation Notices: 0063273060, 0063273061, 0063273062, 0063273063, 0063273064, and/or 0063273065, on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 4 above, which are incorporated here by reference. The testimony of multiple vehicle owners that they were not at 8950 South Stony Island Avenue when these tickets were purportedly written, and Officer Robinson's conduct in writing these tickets—what in common vernacular or popular parlance would accurately be described as

“bogus tickets,”—unquestionably brought discredit upon the Department. Moreover, it is axiomatic that this conduct, which not only violated the Chicago Municipal Code but also Department policy as set forth elsewhere herein, clearly impeded the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals. Accordingly, the Superintendent established by a preponderance of the evidence that Officer Robinson impeded the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals, and brought discredit upon the Department, as alleged in the charges.

14. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count II: On or about June 19, 2013, and/or June 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson falsified one or more of the following Violation Notices: 0063273060, 0063273061, 0063273062, 0063273063, 0063273064, and/or 0063273065, thereby impeding the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph nos. 4, 10, and 13 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

15. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count III: On or about June 19, 2013, and/or June 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson conducted one or more Law Enforcement Agencies Data System queries of Illinois license plate numbers

without having a legitimate police purpose, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph nos. 4, 10, and 13 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

16. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count IV: On or about April 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve Violation Notice 0063015132 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph nos. 5 and 10 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

17. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count V: On or about April 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson falsified Violation Notice 0063015132, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph nos. 5 and 10 above, which are incorporated here by

reference.

18. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count VI: On or about April 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson conducted one or more Law Enforcement Agencies Data System queries of Illinois license plate numbers without having a legitimate police purpose, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph nos. 5 and 10 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

19. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count VII: On or about January 9, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve Violation Notice 0061495705 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 6 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

20. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count VIII: On or about January 8, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve Violation Notice(s) 0061495706 and/or 0061495707 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 7 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

21. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count IX: On or about January 8, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson falsified Violation Notice(s) 0061495706 and/or 0061495707, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph nos. 7 and 10 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

22. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy

and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count X: On or about January 8, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson conducted one or more Law Enforcement Agencies Data System queries of Illinois license plate numbers without having a legitimate police purpose, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 7 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

23. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count XI: On or about December 27, 2012, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve Violation Notice 0061495696 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 8 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

24. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count XII: On or about December 19, 2012, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve Violation Notice(s) 0061495691 and/or 0061495692 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 9 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

25. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count XIII: On or about June 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson created Contact Information Card ACC001048614 which falsely indicated that she and her partner, Officer Dionne Riley, had contact with Johnny Marble (now known as Jonathan D. Marble), thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

In addition to the falsification and discrepancies associated with Officer Robinson's ticket writing, she is also charged with falsifying a contact card. Officer Robinson admittedly created a contact card for an individual named Johnny Marble although neither she nor her partner ever had contact with Mr. Marble. Officer Robinson and her partner both testified that Mr. Marble was a suspect in a domestic violence incident that took place on June 19, 2013, and that he fled the scene before they arrived. By using information that she received from the victim of that domestic violence incident, Officer Robinson created a contact card for Johnny Marble on or about June 20, 2013, indicating that she had contact with him, when in fact she did not. This conduct contravened the Department's policy regarding contact cards (Special Order S04-13-09—Supt. Ex. No. 6).

Accordingly, the Superintendent established by a preponderance of the evidence that Officer Robinson impeded the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals as alleged in the charges.

26. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count I: On or about June 19, 2013, and/or June 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve one or more of the following Violation Notices: 0063273060, 0063273061, 0063273062, 0063273063, 0063273064, and/or 0063273065, on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, and/or did not prepare a To-From-Subject report describing the circumstances of the incident and the actions taken if she was unable to serve or affix the Violation Notices, in violation of Chicago Police Department Special Order S04-14-04, Items III.B and C.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 4 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

27. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count II: On or about April 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve Violation Notice 0063015132 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, and/or did not prepare a To-From-Subject report describing the circumstances of the incident and the actions taken if she was unable to serve or affix the Violation Notices, in violation of Chicago Police Department Special Order S04-14-04, Items III.B and C.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 5 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

28. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count III: On or about January 9, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve Violation Notice 0061495705 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, and/or did not prepare a To-From-Subject report describing the circumstances of the incident and the actions taken if she was unable to serve or affix the Violation Notices, in violation of Chicago Police Department Special Order S04-14-04, Items III.B and C.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 6 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

29. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count IV: On or about January 8, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve Violation Notice(s) 0061495706 and/or 0061495707 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, and/or did not prepare a To-From-Subject report describing the circumstances of the incident and the actions taken if she was unable to serve or affix the Violation Notices, in violation of Chicago Police Department Special Order S04-14-04, Items III.B and C.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 7 above, which are incorporated here by

reference.

30. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count V: On or about December 27, 2012, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve Violation Notice 0061495696 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, and/or did not prepare a To-From-Subject report describing the circumstances of the incident and the actions taken if she was unable to serve or affix the Violation Notices, in violation of Chicago Police Department Special Order S04-14-04, Items III.B and C.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 8 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

31. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count VI: On or about December 19, 2012, Officer Rhea Robinson failed to properly serve Violation Notice(s) 0061495691 and/or 0061495692 on the owner of the vehicle by handing it to the operator of the vehicle, if present, and/or by affixing it to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, and/or did not prepare a To-From-Subject report describing the circumstances of the incident and the actions taken if she was unable to serve or affix the Violation Notices, in violation of Chicago Police Department Special Order S04-14-04, Items III.B and C.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 9 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

32. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count VII: On or about June 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson created Contact Information Card ACC001048614 which falsely indicated that she and her partner, Officer Dionne Riley, had contact with Johnny Marble (now known as Jonathan D. Marble), in violation of Chicago Police Department Special Order S04-13-09, Item II.B.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 25 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

33. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count I: On or about June 19, 2013, and/or June 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson falsified one or more of the following Violation Notices: 0063273060, 0063273061, 0063273062, 0063273063, 0063273064, and/or 0063273065, thereby making a false report, written or oral.

See the findings set forth in paragraph nos. 4 and 10 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

34. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count II: On or about April 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson falsified Violation Notice 0063015132, thereby making a false report, written or oral.

See the findings set forth in paragraph nos. 5 and 10 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

35. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count III: On or about January 8, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson falsified Violation Notice(s) 0061495706 and/or 0061495707, thereby making a false report, written or oral.

See the findings set forth in paragraph nos. 7 and 10 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

36. The Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral,

in that the Superintendent proved by a preponderance of the evidence the following charge:

Count IV: On or about June 20, 2013, Officer Rhea Robinson created Contact Information Card ACC001048614 which falsely indicated that she and her partner, Officer Dionne Riley, had contact with Johnny Marble (now known as Jonathan D. Marble), thereby making a false report, written or oral.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 25 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

37. The Police Board has considered the facts and circumstances of the Respondent's conduct, and the evidence presented in defense and mitigation.

The Board finds that the Respondent's intentional falsification of multiple parking tickets and a contact card warrants her discharge from the Chicago Police Department. A police officer's single violation of a rule of conduct has long been held to be a sufficient basis for termination. *Siwek v. Police Board of the City of Chicago*, 872 N.E.2d 87 (2007), citing *Kinter v. Board of Police and Fire Commissioners*, 194 Ill. App. 3d 126 (1990), *King v. City of Chicago*, 60 Ill. App. 3d 504 (1978), and *Moriarty v. Police Board of the City of Chicago*, 7 Ill. App. 3d 978 (1972). The Board finds that the Respondent's falsification of multiple parking tickets and a contact card was intentional, and is incompatible with continued service as a police officer. The Respondent's dishonesty relates directly to her public duties as a police officer, and renders her unfit to hold that office. Trustworthiness, reliability, good judgment, and integrity are all material qualifications for any job, particularly one as a police officer. The duties of a police officer include making arrests and testifying in court, and a police officer's credibility is at issue in both the prosecution of crimes and in the Police Department's defense of civil lawsuits. A public finding that an officer has intentionally falsified parking tickets and a contact card is detrimental to the officer's credibility as a witness and, as such, is a serious liability to the Department. See *Rodriguez v. Weis*, 408 Ill.App.3d 663, 671, 946 N.E.2d 501, 507 (1st Dist. 2011).

A sergeant who supervised Officer Robinson testified that she was an excellent worker with excellent character. Another former CPD supervisor testified that Officer Robinson did very good work. A pastor who stated he is familiar with her work as a school security officer testified that she was a mentor to students. However, Officer Robinson's accomplishments as a police officer and these positive evaluations of her do not mitigate the seriousness of her misconduct.

The Board finds that the Respondent's conduct is sufficiently serious to constitute a substantial shortcoming that renders her continuance in her office detrimental to the discipline and efficiency of the service of the Chicago Police Department, and is something that the law recognizes as good cause for her to no longer occupy her office.

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**POLICE BOARD DECISION**

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, having read and reviewed the record of proceedings in this case, having viewed the video-recording of the testimony of the witnesses, having received the oral report of the Hearing Officer, and having conferred with the Hearing Officer on the credibility of the witnesses and the evidence, hereby adopts the findings set forth herein by the following votes:

By votes of 6 in favor (Demetrius E. Carney, Ghian Foreman, Melissa M. Ballate, William F. Conlon, Elisa Rodriguez, and Rhoda D. Sweeney) to 0 opposed, the Board finds the Respondent **guilty** of violating Rule 1, Rule 2, Rule 6, and Rule 14.

As a result of the foregoing, the Board, by a vote of 6 in favor (Carney, Foreman, Ballate, Conlon, Rodriguez, and Sweeney) to 0 opposed, hereby determines that cause exists for discharging the Respondent from her position as a police officer with the Department of Police, and from the services of the City of Chicago.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Respondent, Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson, Star No. 7358, as a result of having been found **guilty** of all charges in Police Board Case No. 14 PB 2878, be and hereby is **discharged** from her position as a police officer with the Department of Police, and from the services of the City of Chicago.

This disciplinary action is adopted and entered by a majority of the members of the Police Board: Demetrius E. Carney, Ghian Foreman, Melissa M. Ballate, William F. Conlon, Elisa Rodriguez, and Rhoda D. Sweeney.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2015.

Police Board Case No. 14 PB 2878  
Police Officer Rhea M. Robinson

Attested by:

/s/ DEMETRIUS E. CARNEY  
President

/s/ MAX A. CAPRONI  
Executive Director

**DISSENT**

The following members of the Police Board hereby dissent from the Findings and Decision of the majority of the Board.

[None]

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THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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GARRY F. McCARTHY  
Superintendent of Police