CHARGES AGAINST

POLICE OFFICER ROBERT RIALMO

Officer Robert Rialmo, Star No. 15588, 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 an order or directive, whether written or oral

Rule 10: Inattention to duty.

Rule 11: Incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duty.

Rule 38: Unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.

1. On or about December 26, 2015, at approximately 4:25 a.m., at or near 4710 West Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Robert Rialmo, Star No. 15588, without justification, used force likely to cause death or great bodily harm without a reasonable belief that such force was necessary when he fired his weapon one or more times in the direction of Bettie Jones, hitting Ms. Jones and causing her death.

   a. Thereby 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; and/or,

   b. Thereby disobeying General Order 03-02-03, in violation Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral; and/or,

   c. Thereby violating Rule 38, unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.

2. On or about December 26, 2015, at approximately 4:25 a.m., at or near 4710 West Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Robert Rialmo, Star No. 15588, fired his weapon one or more times in the direction of Bettie Jones, hitting Ms. Jones and causing her death.

   a. Thereby 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; and/or,

   b. Thereby violating Rule 10, inattention to duty; and/or,

   c. Thereby violating Rule 11, incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duty; and/or,
d. Thereby violating Rule 38, unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.

3. On or about December 26, 2015, at approximately 4:25 a.m., at or near 4710 West Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Robert Rialmo, Star No. 15588, fired his weapon one or more times into a home occupied by persons who would be at risk of injury or death.
   
   a. Thereby 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; and/or,
   
   b. Thereby violating Rule 10, inattention to duty; and/or,
   
   c. Thereby violating Rule 11, incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duty; and/or,
   
   d. Thereby violating Rule 38, unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.

4. Between approximately February 6, 2014 and March 16, 2017, or for some period of time therein, Officer Robert Rialmo failed to requalify his certification to carry and handle a Taser device.
   
   a. Thereby violating General Order 04-02-02, in violation of Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral; and/or,
   
   b. Thereby violating Rule 10, inattention to duty; and/or,
   
   c. Thereby violating Rule 11, incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duty.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Robert Rialmo, Star Number 15588, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.

EDDIE T. JOHNSON
Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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