BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST )
POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM PRUENTE, ) No. 18 PB 2951
STAR No. 16114, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, ) ) (CR No. 1089056)
CITY OF CHICAGO, ) )
RESPONDENT. ) )

ORDER

On November 7, 2018, the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer William Pruente, Star No. 16114 (hereinafter referred to as “Respondent”), recommending that the Respondent be discharged from the Chicago Police Department for violating several Rules of Conduct (a copy of the charges is attached as Exhibit A).

On September 18, 2018, the Superintendent moved to withdraw the charges against the Respondent without prejudice because the Respondent resigned from 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.

This Order is adopted and entered by a majority of the members of the Police Board: Ghian Foreman, Paula Wolff, Eva-Dina Delgado, Michael Eaddy, Steve Flores, John P. O’Malley Jr., John H. Simpson, Rhoda D. Sweeney, and Andrea L. Zopp.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 20TH DAY OF JUNE, 2019.
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Attested by:

/s/ GHIAN FOREMAN
President

/s/ MAX A. CAPRONI
Executive Director
Exhibit A
Charges

Attached is a copy of 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 hearing on the charges.
CHARGES AGAINST POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM PRUENTE

Police Officer William Pruente, Star Number 16114, 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.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. On or about March 28, 2018, the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board decertified Officer William Pruente’s previous certification and ability to practice as a law enforcement officer in Illinois under 50 ILCS 705/6.1, as a result of a criminal conviction deemed to be a decertification under the Illinois Police Training Act 50 ILCS 705/1, et seq. Officer Pruente 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.

   b. Engaged in any action which fails to promote the Department’s efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals in violation of Rule 3.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer William Pruente, Star Number 16114, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.

EDDIE T. JOHNSON
Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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