CHARGES AGAINST POLICE OFFICER EDWARD J. KROPP III

Police Officer Edward J. Kropp III, Star No. 15874, 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 8: Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.

Rule 9: Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

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

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

SPECIFICATIONS

1. On or about July 9, 2016 at approximately 5:50pm, at or near the 12300 block of South Pulaski Road in Alsip, Illinois, Police Officer Edward J. Kropp III stated words to the effect of: “bitch” to Michelle Wesley; and/or stated words to the effect of: “you are not so fucking tough now are you?” to Arian Smith, thereby:
   
   a. 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.

   b. Violating Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.

   c. Violating Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

2. On or about July 9, 2016 at approximately 5:50pm, at or near the 12300 block of South Pulaski Road in Alsip, Illinois, Police Officer Edward J. Kropp III pointed and/or displayed and/or brandished a firearm at or near Arian Smith and/or Michelle Wesley, thereby:

   a. 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;

   b. Violating Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.
c. Violating Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

d. Violating Rule 38, unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.

3. On or about July 27, 2016 at approximately 11:30am, during a phone conversation with Detective Curtis Raney of the Alsip Police Department, Police Officer Edward J. Kropp III denied that he pointed and/or displayed and/or brandished a firearm at or near Arian Smith and/or Michelle Wesley on or about July 9, 2016 at or near the 12300 block of South Pulaski Road in Alsip, Illinois, thereby:

   a. 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;

   b. Violating Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.

4. On or about May 17, 2017, at approximately 11:00am, at or near 1615 West Chicago Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer Edward J. Kropp III stated to investigator(s) at the Independent Police Review Authority that Arian Smith pointed a firearm at or in the direction of an unknown motorist and/or that Arian Smith pointed a firearm at him (Kropp) and/or in his direction, thereby:

   a. 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;

   b. Violating Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.

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Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Edward J. Kropp III, Star Number 15874, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.

EDDIE JOHNSON
Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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