

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)
POLICE OFFICER JORGE L. PUMA,) **No. 20 PB 2971**
STAR No. 7822, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)
CITY OF CHICAGO,)
) **(CR No. 1090890)**
)
RESPONDENT.)

ORDER

On May 6, 2020, the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer Jorge L. Puma, Star No. 7822 (hereinafter referred to as “Respondent”), recommending that the Respondent be discharged from the Chicago Police Department for violating several Rules of Conduct.

On July 26, 2021, the Superintendent filed a motion to withdraw the charges against the Respondent without prejudice because the 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.

This Order is adopted and entered by a majority of the members of the Police Board: Ghian Foreman, Paula Wolff, Nanette Doorley, Steve Flores, Jorge Montes, and Andrea L. Zopp.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 19th DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

Attested by:

/s/ GHIAN FOREMAN
President

/s/ MAX A. CAPRONI
Executive Director

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 hearing on the charges.

CHARGES AGAINST POLICE OFFICER JORGE L. PUMA

Police Officer Jorge L. Puma, Star Number 7822, is charged with violating the following rules contained in Article V of the Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department (the "Department"), which were in full force and effect on the date(s) 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.

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.

1. On or about September 1, 2018, between approximately 2:00 p.m. and 3:08 p.m., in the pool at TAO Beach located at or near 3377 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada, Police Officer Jorge L. Puma digitally penetrated and/or touched and/or came into contact with E.D.'s vagina without her consent, thereby
 - a. Engaging in 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. Failing to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals in violation of Rule 3;
 - c. Disrespecting and/or maltreating E.D. in violation of Rule 8; and
 - d. Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person while on or off duty in violation of Rule 9.

2. On or about September 1, 2018, between approximately 2:00 p.m. and 3:08 p.m., in the pool at TAO Beach located at or near 3377 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada, Police Officer Jorge L. Puma stated words to the effect of "Have you ever had a foursome?" to E.D., thereby
 - a. Engaging in 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; and
 - b. Failing to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals in violation of Rule 3.

3. On or about January 14, 2019, at approximately 8:45 a.m., at the offices of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (“COPA”) located at 1615 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, during an interview with COPA investigator(s), Police Officer Jorge L. Puma made false and/or misleading statements that he did not know any other individuals who were in the pool at TAO Beach located at or near 3377 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada, standing near him and E.D. on September 1, 2018, between approximately 2:00 p.m. and 3:08 p.m. when in fact, two other individuals, Graziano Negro and Jamie Delgado, were standing in the pool near Officer Jorge L. Puma and E.D. and were known to Officer Jorge L. Puma, thereby
 - a. Engaging in 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. Failing to promote the Department’s efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals in violation of Rule 3; and
 - c. Making a false report, written or oral, in violation of Rule 14.
4. On or about January 14, 2019, at approximately 8:45 a.m., at the COPA offices located at 1615 West Chicago Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, during an interview with COPA investigator(s), Police Officer Jorge L. Puma made false and/or misleading statements that he did not touch and/or caress and/or rub E.D. in the thigh area while in the pool at TAO Beach located at or near 3377 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada, between approximately 2:00 p.m. and 3:08 p.m., on September 1, 2018, thereby
 - a. Engaging in 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. Failing to promote the Department’s efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals in violation of Rule 3; and
 - c. Making a false report, written or oral, in violation of Rule 14.
5. On or about January 14, 2019, at approximately 8:45 a.m., at the COPA offices located at 1615 West Chicago Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, during an interview with COPA investigator(s), Police Officer Jorge L. Puma made false and/or misleading statements that he did not touch and/or digitally penetrate and/or come into contact with E.D.’s vagina without her consent while in the pool at TAO Beach located at or near 3377 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada, between approximately 2:00 p.m. and 3:08 p.m., on September 1, 2018, thereby
 - a. Engaging in 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. Failing to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals in violation of Rule 3; and
 - c. Making a false report, written or oral, in violation of Rule 14.
6. On or about January 14, 2019, at approximately 8:45 a.m., at the COPA offices located at 1615 West Chicago Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, during an interview with COPA investigator(s), Police Officer Jorge L. Puma made false and/or misleading statements concerning his interaction(s) and/or physical contact with E.D. in the pool at TAO Beach located at or near 3377 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada, on or about September 1, 2018, between approximately 2:00 p.m. and 3:08 p.m., including but not limited to that E.D. grabbed his penis, and/or that he pushed E.D. away from him, and/or that he then immediately left the pool, when in fact, on or around September 1, 2018, Officer Jorge L. Puma admitted to Las Vegas Police Department Officers Joshua Soriano and/or Zachary Piekarski that he was touching E.D., and/or E.D. told him to stop, and/or only then did he leave the pool, thereby
- a. Engaging in 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. Failing to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals in violation of Rule 3; and
 - c. Making a false report, written or oral, in violation of Rule 14.
7. On or about January 14, 2019, at approximately 8:45 a.m., at the COPA offices located at 1615 West Chicago Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, during an interview with COPA investigator(s), Police Officer Jorge L. Puma made false and/or misleading statements concerning what he reported to Las Vegas Police Department Officers Joshua Soriano and/or Zachary Piekarski when he was interviewed by them on or about September 1, 2018, including but not limited to statements that E.D. grabbed his penis, and/or he pushed E.D. away from him, and/or he then immediately left the pool at TAO Beach, when in fact, when interviewed on or about September 1, 2018, Officer Jorge L. Puma admitted to Officers Joshua Soriano and/or Zachary Piekarski that he was touching E.D., and/or E.D. told him to stop, and/or only then did he leave the pool at TAO Beach, or words to that effect, thereby
- a. Engaging 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. Failing to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals in violation of Rule 3; and
 - c. Making a false report, written or oral, in violation of Rule 14.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Jorge L. Puma, Star Number 7822, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.



Charlie Beck
Interim Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM



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