

CHARGES AGAINST POLICE OFFICER CLAUZELL GAUSE

Police Officer Clauzell Gause, Star No. 14001, 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.
- Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.
- 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.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. On or about June 3, 2014, at approximately 11:16pm, at the location of 7531 S. Stony Island Avenue in Chicago (Jackson Park Hospital), Police Officer Clauzell Gause shoved Rayshon Gartley ("Gartley") into a wall while he (Gartley) was handcuffed behind his back and/or punched and/or struck Gartley about the face and/or body while he (Gartley) was handcuffed behind his back, without justification, 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 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, to wit: General Order G03-02 (effective date: October 1, 2002), Section III(B) and/or Section III(C) and/or Section III(E).
 - c. Violating Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.
 - d. Violating Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
2. Between approximately June 3, 2014 and June 4, 2014, Officer Clauzell Gause failed to truthfully and accurately document the physical action between himself and Rayshon Gartley (as described in Specification 1, above) and/or he provided a misleading account

of the physical action between himself and Rayshon Gartley in Chicago Police Department reports and/or in verbal report(s) to his supervisor (Sergeant Kenneth Mescall), including (but not limited to): completing a Tactical Response Report (“TRR”) and checking the “imminent threat of battery” and “attack without weapon” boxes; and/or by listing his response as “closed hand strike/punch;” and/or by referencing, in an Officer Battery Report, that Rayshon Gartley attacked him by “[strike]/blunt force (including actual attempt)” with “hands/fists;” and/or by omitting the fact that Gartley was handcuffed at the time he struck him, or words and/or omissions to that effect, 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 3, any failure to promote the Department’s efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.

3. On or about July 6, 2018, at approximately 8:35am, at 1615 W. Chicago Avenue in Chicago, at the offices of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (“COPA”), Police Officer Clauzell Gause, during an audio-recorded interview, provided false information to COPA, in that he stated that he did not make contact with Rayshon Gartley’s face or head when he performed a closed-hand strike, or words to that effect, 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 Clauzell Gause be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.



DAVID BROWN
Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM



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