

CHARGES AGAINST POLICE OFFICER REBECCA THUESTAD

Police Officer Rebecca Thuestad, Star Number 12804, 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 10: Inattention to duty.
- Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. On or about December 8, 2015, Police Officer Thuestad, after having detained and/or arrested Quinton Pipkins, knowingly filled out and/or submitted an Original Case Incident Report (HY529812), containing one or more false statements, including but not limited to, that "while on a traffic stop" Quinton Pipkins told Officer Thuestad and her partner Officer Juan Belmontes that "he observed an unknown male black place" what appeared to Pipkins to be a handgun near the Pink Line tracks, or wrote statements to that effect. Officer Thuestad thereby violated:
 - a. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy or goals or brings discredit upon the Department,
 - b. Rule 3, which prohibits any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals,
 - c. Rule 6, which prohibits disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, to wit: by violating General Order G04-01, General Order G09-01-02, and/or the Field Reporting Manual, and/or
 - d. Rule 14, which prohibits making a false report, written or oral.
2. On or about December 8, 2015, Police Officer Thuestad failed to arrest and/or issue a traffic citation to Quinton Pipkins after observing him driving and/or learning that he had been driving on a suspended Illinois driver's license in the vicinity of 4410 West Cermak Road, Chicago, in violation of the Illinois Vehicle Code. Officer Thuestad thereby violated:
 - a. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy or goals or brings discredit upon the Department,

- b. Rule 3, which prohibits any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals,
 - c. Rule 6, which prohibits disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, to wit: by violating Special Order S04-14-03 and Special Order S04-14-05, and/or
 - d. Rule 10, which prohibits inattention to duty.
3. On or about December 8, 2015, Police Officer Thuestad stated and/or threatened that she would arrest Quinton Pipkins and/or impound his vehicle if he did not provide a handgun she could recover or made statements to that effect. As a result, Quinton Pipkins called Larry Rogers and arranged for him to leave a handgun in the vicinity of the alley at or near 4255 W. Cullerton Street, Chicago, Illinois for Officer Thuestad. Officer Thuestad thereby violated:
- a. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy or goals or brings discredit upon the Department and/or
 - b. Rule 3, which prohibits any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.
4. On or about December 8, 2015, Police Officer Thuestad detained and/or arrested Quinton Pipkins for driving on a suspended Illinois driver's license and transported him to the police station where he was held inside of the Prisoner Processing Area and later released without charging. Officer Thuestad failed to document Quinton Pipkins' detention and/or arrest on any official Chicago Police Department report, and/or failed to notify her supervisor, a superior and/or Watch Commander prior to releasing him without charges. Officer Thuestad thereby violated:
- a. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy or goals or brings discredit upon the Department,
 - b. Rule 3, which prohibits any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals,
 - c. Rule 6, which prohibits disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, to wit: by violating General Order G06-01-01, Special Order S06-01-01, and/or Special Order S04-13-09, and/or
 - d. Rule 10, which prohibits inattention to duty.

5. On or about July 19, 2017, and/or November 28, 2018, Police Officer Thuestad provided a false, and/or misleading statement to the Bureau of Internal Affairs (“BIA”) when she denied being aware that Quinton Pipkins made a telephone call on December 8, 2015, to arrange for a handgun to be left in the alley at or around 4255 W. Cullerton, and/or denied that Pipkins spoke to anyone on the phone about a gun in her presence or made statements to that effect. Officer Thuestad thereby violated:
- a. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy or goals or brings discredit upon the Department,
 - b. Rule 3, which prohibits any failure to promote the Department’s efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals and/or
 - c. Rule 14, which prohibits making a false report, written or oral.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Rebecca Thuestad, Star Number 12804, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.



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Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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