

Charges Filed with the Police Board

The following charges have been 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.

CHARGES AGAINST POLICE OFFICER CHAVEZ A. SILER

Police Officer Chavez A. Siler, Star Number 7068, 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 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 38: Unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. On about March 15, 2017, at approximately 1:56 a.m., while on duty, at a Mini-Mart located at 3759 W. Chicago Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer Chavez A. Siler, while attempting to place Charles Whitehead under arrest, repeatedly struck Charles Whitehead on his face and/or his head with his firearm and/or aimed his firearm directly against Whitehead's head after Whitehead had already been disarmed. Whitehead did not kick, punch, or physically attack Officer Siler or Officer Michael Benamon. Even after Whitehead was on the ground, Officer Siler continued to strike Whitehead on the face and/or head with a firearm, and/or point a firearm against his head, and/or asked assisting officers to tase Whitehead in the face. Officer Siler 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, and/or
 - b. Disobeyed an order or directive, whether written or oral (General Order G-03-02-Use of Force) in violation of Rule 6, and/or
 - c. Engaged in disrespect or maltreatment of any person, while on duty, in violation of Rule 8, and/or
 - d. Engaged in an unjustified verbal or physical altercation with a person while on duty, in violation of Rule 9, and/or
 - e. Unlawfully or unnecessarily used or displayed a weapon, in violation of Rule 38.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Officer Chavez A. Siler, Star Number 7068, be separated from the Chicago Police Department.



DAVID O. BROWN
Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM



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CHARGES AGAINST POLICE OFFICER COREY T. BOONE

Police Officer Corey T. Boone, Star Number 14847, 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 5: Failure to perform any duty.
- 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 false, misleading, and/or inaccurate statements related to an arrest.
- Rule 22: Failing to report to the Department any violation of rules and regulations or any other improper conduct which is contrary to the policy, orders or directives of the Department.
- Rule 38: Unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.

SPECIFICATIONS

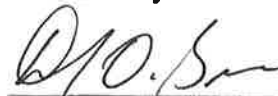
1. On about March 15, 2017, at approximately 1:56 a.m., while on duty, at a Mini-Mart located at 3759 W. Chicago Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, Officer Corey T. Boone, discharged his taser at or in the direction of Charles Whitehead while Whitehead was on the ground, and/or in a prone position, and/or while Officers Michael Benamon and/or Chavez Siler were kneeling and/or applying pressure to Whitehead's back and/or body. Whitehead was not fighting back against the officers. Officer Boone thereby:
 - a. Engaged in an 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/or
 - b. Disobeyed an order or directive, whether written or oral (General Order G-03-02) in violation of Rule 6, and/or
 - c. Engaged in disrespect to or maltreatment of any person while on duty in violation of Rule 8, and/or
 - d. Engaged in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty in violation of Rule 9, and/or
 - e. Unlawfully or unnecessarily used or displayed a weapon, in violation of Rule 38.

2. On about March 15, 2017, or on any subsequent date, Officer Corey T. Boone failed to report Officer Chavez Siler's and or/ Officer Michael Benamon's use of excessive force against Charles Whitehead. Officer Boone knew that Whitehead had already been disarmed at the time that Officer Siler was pistol-whipping Whitehead in the face and/or head and/or aiming his firearm directly against Whitehead's head. Officer Boone thereby:
 - a. Engaged in an 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/or
 - b. Failed to perform any duty in violation of Rule 5.
 - c. Failed to report to the Department any violation of Rules and Regulations or any other improper conduct which is contrary to the policy, orders or directives of the Department in violation of Rule 22.

3. On about March 15, 2017, at approximately 1:56 a.m., while on duty, at a Mini-Mart located at 3759 W. Chicago Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, Officer Corey T. Boone, knowing that Whitehead had already been disarmed, failed to intervene and/or failed to stop Officer Siler who was pistol-whipping Whitehead in the head and/or face and/or was pointing his firearm directly against Whitehead's head. Officer Boone thereby:

- a. Engaged in an 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/or
 - b. Failed to perform any duty in violation of Rule 5.
4. On about October 15, 2018, and/or October 7, 2019, Officer Corey T. Boone made one or more false, misleading, and/or inaccurate statements related to the arrest of Charles Whitehead on or about March 15, 2017, during an interview with the Civilian Office of Police Accountability. Specifically, Officer Boone denied that he witnessed Officer Siler strike Charles Whitehead's face and/or head with a firearm or made statements to that effect. Officer Boone also denied that he witnessed Officer Siler point his firearm directly against Charles Whitehead's head or made statements to that effect. Officer Boone made these statements and/or denials despite being in close proximity to Officer Siler when it happened and/or having a clear visual focus on the struggle between Officer Siler and Whitehead. Officer Boone thereby:
- a. Engaged in an 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/or
 - b. Made a false report, written or oral in violation of Rule 14.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Officer Corey T. Boone, Star Number 14847, be separated from the Chicago Police Department.


DAVID O. BROWN
Superintendent of Police

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CHARGES AGAINST POLICE OFFICER ROBERT J. CLARK

Police Officer Robert J. Clark, Star Number 2795, 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 5:** Failure to perform any duty.
- Rule 14:** Making false, misleading, and/or inaccurate statements related to an arrest.
- Rule 22:** Failing to report to the Department any violation of rules and regulations or any other improper conduct which is contrary to the policy, orders or directives of the Department.

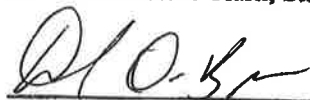
SPECIFICATIONS

1. On about March 15, 2017, or on any subsequent date, Officer Robert J. Clark, failed to report Officer Siler's and or/ Officer Benamon's use of excessive force against Charles Whitehead. Officer Clark knew that Whitehead had already been disarmed at the time that Officer Siler was pistol-whipping Whitehead in the face and/or head and/or aiming his firearm directly against Whitehead's head. Officer Clark thereby:
 - a. Engaged in an 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/or
 - b. Failed to perform any duty in violation of Rule 5.
 - c. Failed to report to the Department any violation of Rules and Regulations or any other improper conduct which is contrary to the policy, orders or directives of the Department in violation of Rule 22.
2. On about March 15, 2017, at approximately 1:56 a.m., while on duty, at a Mini-Mart located at 3759 W. Chicago Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, Officer Robert J. Clark, knowing that Charles Whitehead had already been disarmed, failed to intervene and/or failed to stop Officer Siler who was pistol-whipping Whitehead in the head and/or face and/or was pointing his firearm directly against Whitehead's head. Officer Clark thereby:
 - a. Engaged in an 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/or
 - b. Failed to perform any duty in violation of Rule 5.
3. On about July 2, 2019, and/or January 5, 2021, Officer Clark made one or more false, misleading, and/or inaccurate statements related to the arrest of Charles Whitehead on about March 15, 2017, during an interview with the Civilian Office of Police Accountability. Specifically, Officer Clark denied that he witnessed Officer Siler strike

Charles Whitehead's face and/or head with a firearm or made statements to that effect. Officer Clark also denied that he witnessed Officer Siler use excessive force against Whitehead or stated words to that effect. Officer Boone made these statements and/or denials despite being in close proximity to Officer Siler when it happened and having a clear visual focus of the struggle between Officer Siler and Whitehead. Officer Clark thereby:

- a. Engaged in an 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/or
- b. Made a false report, written or oral in violation of Rule 14.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Officer Robert J. Clark, Star Number 2795, be separated from the Chicago Police Department.



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