

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 ERNESTO GUZMAN-SANCHEZ

Police Officer Ernesto Guzman-Sanchez, Star No. 13383, 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 1: Violation of any law or ordinance.
- 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.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. In or around September and October 2017, Officer Ernesto Guzman-Sanchez harassed [REDACTED] via phone calls and text messages and/or repeatedly called [REDACTED], 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 one or more dates in February 2017, including, but not limited to, on or around February 6, 13, 16, and/or 18, 2017, Officer Ernesto Guzman-Sanchez threatened to disseminate and/or share and/or publicly display a nude/partially nude photograph of [REDACTED], or made statements 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 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.

3. On or about September 30, 2017, Officer Ernesto Guzman-Sanchez intentionally sent or disseminated a nude/partially nude photograph of [REDACTED], who was at least 18 years of age and was identifiable from the nude/partially nude photograph, via Facebook and/or Facebook Messenger to one or more Facebook and/or Facebook Messenger users (including, but not limited to: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and/or a user named [REDACTED]), without [REDACTED]'s consent, thereby:
 - a. Violating Rule 1, violation of any law or ordinance (to wit: 720 ILCS 5/11-23.5, "Non-Consensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images").
 - b. 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.
 - c. Violating Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.

4. On or about October 16, 2018 and/or on or about July 14, 2020, at the offices of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability ("COPA"), located near 1615 W. Chicago Avenue in Chicago, Police Officer Ernesto Guzman-Sanchez provided false and/or misleading information to COPA, in that he denied: being familiar with the telephone number [REDACTED], and/or knowing the name [REDACTED], and/or ever creating a fake Facebook account, and/or sending [REDACTED] a nude photo of [REDACTED], and/or made statements or denials 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 Ernesto Guzman-Sanchez be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.



DAVID O. BROWN
Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM

/s/ Katherine Robillard
Assistant Corporation Counsel

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