

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 DAVID LASKUS

Police Officer David Laskus, Star Number 7458, 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 3: Any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.
- 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 a false report, written or oral.
- Rule 38: Unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. On or about May 31, 2020, at approximately 3:00 p.m., at or near the Brickyard Mall located at 2600 N. Narragansett Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Laskus knowingly detained Mia Wright without legal authority and/or arrested Mia Wright without probable cause. Officer Laskus thereby violated:
 - a. Rule 1, which prohibits a violation of any law or ordinance, by violating the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and/or 720 ILCS 5/10-3 (unlawful restraint);
 - b. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
 - d. Rule 6, which prohibits disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, by disobeying S04-13-09, Section II; and/or
 - e. Rule 8, which prohibits the disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.

2. On or about May 31, 2020, at approximately 3:00 p.m., at or near the Brickyard Mall located at 2600 N. Narragansett Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Laskus used objectively unreasonable force by grabbing Mia Wright by her hair and/or pulling Mia Wright to the ground by her hair and/or kneeling on Mia Wright's neck and/or shoulder area while she was lying prone on the ground. Officer Laskus thereby violated:
 - a. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
 - b. Rule 6, which prohibits disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, by disobeying G03-02, Section III and G03-02-01, Section II and IV;
 - c. Rule 8, which prohibits the disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty; and/or
 - d. Rule 9, which prohibits engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

3. On or about May 31, 2020, at approximately 3:00 p.m., at or near the Brickyard Mall located at 2600 N. Narragansett Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Laskus, without legal justification, damaged Tnika Tate's vehicle, which was occupied by Tnika Tate, Mia Wright, Kim Woods, Ebony Wilbourn, and/or Javon Hill, by striking and/or breaking the vehicle window(s) with his baton one or more times. Officer Laskus thereby violated:
 - a. Rule 1, which prohibits a violation of any law or ordinance, by violating 720 ILCS 5/21-1(criminal damage to property);
 - b. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
 - c. Rule 6, which prohibits disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, by disobeying G03-02-07, Section II and III(A);
 - d. Rule 8, which prohibits the disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty; and/or
 - e. Rule 38, which prohibits any unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.

4. On or about May 31, 2020, at approximately 3:00 p.m., at or near the Brickyard Mall located at 2600 N. Narragansett Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Laskus, without legal

justification, searched and/or seized Tnika Tate's vehicle. Officer Laskus thereby violated:

- a. Rule 1, which prohibits a violation of any law or ordinance, by violating the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution;
 - b. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
 - c. Rule 6, which prohibits disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, by disobeying G07-03, Section IV; and/or
 - d. Rule 8, which prohibits the disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.
5. On or about May 31, 2020, Officer Laskus, failed to complete a Tactical Response Report as to the use of force on, and the injuries sustained by, Mia Wright. Officer Laskus thereby violated:
- a. Rule 3, which prohibits any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
 - b. Rule 5, which prohibits failure to perform any duty; and/or
 - c. Rule 6, which prohibits disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, by disobeying G03-02-02, Section III.
6. On or about May 31, 2020, Officer Laskus, failed to complete Investigatory Stop Reports as to the detention of Tnika Tate, Kim Woods, Ebony Wilbourn, and/or Javon Hill. Officer Laskus thereby violated:
- a. Rule 3, which prohibits any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
 - b. Rule 5, which prohibits failure to perform any duty; and/or
 - c. Rule 6, which prohibits disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, by disobeying S04-13-09, Section VIII.
7. On or about August 25, 2020, and/or July 15, 2021, and/or September 13, 2021, Officer Laskus willfully provided a false and/or misleading statement to the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, by stating that he observed Javon Hill armed with a hammer, or words to that effect. Officer Laskus thereby violated:

- a. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and 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.
8. On or about August 25, 2020, and/or July 15, 2021, and/or September 13, 2021, Officer Laskus willfully provided a false and/or misleading statement to the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, by stating that he did not pull Mia Wright by her hair, or words to that effect. Officer Laskus thereby violated:
- a. Rule 2, which prohibits any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and 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
 - d. Rule 14, which prohibits making a false report, written or oral.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Officer David Laskus, Star Number 7458, be separated from the Chicago Police Department.



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APPROVED AS TO FORM



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