

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 PATRICK BROWN

Police Officer Patrick Brown, Star Number 14709, 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 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.
- Rule 10: Inattention to duty.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. On or about May 25, 2019, at approximately 9:55 p.m., while driving a Chicago Police Department ("CPD") passenger van from the vicinity of N. Kostner and W. Wabansia to the vicinity of W. Division Street and N. Laramie Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois, Officer Patrick Brown exceeded the maximum speed limit of 30 mph at one or more points on urban streets with pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic; and/or failed to exercise care to avoid endangering life or property; and/or failed to adhere to basic traffic safety practices; and/or failed to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons. At or near the intersection of W. Division and N. Laramie, the CPD van Officer Brown was driving collided with an unmarked CPD Ford Explorer, which rolled over and struck a civilian Nissan Versa, which struck a civilian Honda Civic, which then struck a Jeep Wrangler, resulting in the death of a civilian and injuries to others. Officer Brown thereby violated:
 - a. Rule 1, which prohibits violation of any law or ordinance by violating Section 5/11-601; and/or
 - b. Rule 1, which prohibits violation of any law or ordinance by violating Section 5/11-205; and/or
 - c. 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; and/or

- d. Rule 3, which prohibits any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals; and/or
 - e. Rule 6, which prohibits disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, by violating General Order G03-03, including but not limited to Section III, and/or General Order G03-03-02, including but not limited to Section III; and/or
 - f. Rule 10, which prohibits inattention to duty.
2. On or about May 25, 2019, at approximately 9:55 p.m., while driving a CPD passenger van at or near 1200 N. Laramie Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, Officer Patrick Brown proceeded past a red light signal into the intersection of W. Division Street and N. Laramie Avenue and failed to slow down as was required and necessary for safe operation; and/or failed to first determine that it was reasonable and safe to proceed; and/or failed to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons; and/or failed to adhere to basic traffic-safety practices. At or near the intersection of W. Division and N. Laramie, the CPD van Officer Brown was driving collided with an unmarked CPD Ford Explorer, which rolled over and struck a civilian Nissan Versa, which struck a civilian Honda Civic, which then struck a Jeep Wrangler, resulting in the death of a civilian and injuries to others. Officer Brown thereby violated:
- a. Rule 1, which prohibits violation of any law or ordinance by violating section 5/11-205 of the Illinois Vehicle Code; and/or
 - 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; and/or
 - c. Rule 3, which prohibits any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals; and/or
 - d. Rule 6, which prohibits disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, by violating General Order G03-03, including but not limited to Section III, and/or General Order G03-03-02, including but not limited to Section III; and/or
 - e. Rule 10, which prohibits inattention to duty.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Officer Patrick Brown, Star Number 14709, be separated from the Chicago Police Department.



DAVID O. BROWN
Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM



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