

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 ARMANDO UGARTE

Police Officer Armando Ugarte, Star Number 15050, 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 14: Making a false report, written or oral.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. On or about July 8, 2010, Officer Armando Ugarte falsely reported to Detective Brian Johnson during an interview at Christ Hospital in Chicago that he stopped and watched and/or continued to watch William Hope's vehicle for a short period of time before he decided to approach the vehicle and/or pulled into the Popeye's parking lot, or reported words to that effect. However, on or about October 26, 2021, during his testimony in a civil trial, case number 10 C 5076, in the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Officer Ugarte admitted/testified that he did not stop and/or watch Hope's vehicle prior to pulling into the parking lot, or stated words 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, and/or
 - b. Violating Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.
2. On or about July 8, 2010, Officer Armando Ugarte falsely reported to Detective Brian Johnson during an interview at Christ Hospital in Chicago that he attempted to remove himself from the window of William Hope's vehicle but was stuck in between the frame of the door and the window at the time that he heard gunshots from his right side, or reported words 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, and/or
 - b. Violating Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.
3. On or about July 28, 2010, Officer Armando Ugarte falsely stated in an interview with the Independent Police Review Authority ("IPRA") during IPRA's investigation into the fatal shooting of William Hope, that he was still in the front part of the window of William Hope's vehicle when he heard the gun shots, or reported words 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, and/or

- b. Violating Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.
4. On or about October 26, 2012, in the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, case number 10 C 5076, Officer Ugarte falsely testified that he was headfirst, and/or headlong into William Hope's car, and/or that his upper body was in the car, during the entire time all four shots were being fired, or stated words 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, and/or
 - b. Violating Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.
 5. On or about November 17, 2011, Officer Armando Ugarte falsely testified during his deposition in case number 10 C 5076, that he did not park his police car in front of William Hope's vehicle on July 8, 2010, in order to block Hope in or to prevent Hope from moving, and/or that Hope was free to leave, 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, and/or
 - b. Violating Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.
 6. On or about October 26, 2012, in the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, case number 10 C 5076, Officer Ugarte falsely testified by making one or more statements to the effect that when he parked his police car in front of William Hope's vehicle on July 8, 2010, William Hope was free to leave, 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, and/or
 - b. Violating Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Officer Armando Ugarte, Star Number 15050, be separated from the Chicago Police Department.



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CHARGES AGAINST POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL ST. CLAIR II

Police Officer Michael St. Clair II, Star Number 15527, 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 14: Making a false report, written or oral.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. On or about August 2, 2010, Officer Michael St. Clair falsely stated in an interview with the Independent Police Review Authority ("IPRA") during IPRA's investigation into the fatal shooting of William Hope, that Officer Ugarte's upper body was in William Hope's vehicle when Officer St. Clair fired four shots at Hope, and/or that Officer Ugarte did not get out of Hope's car until after the shots were fired, 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, and/or
 - b. Violating Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.

2. On or about November 18, 2011, Officer St. Clair falsely testified during his deposition in case number 10 C 5076, by making one or more statements to the effect that Officer Ugarte was inside William Hope's vehicle when Officer St. Clair fired his weapon at Hope, and/or that Officer Ugarte was able to remove himself from Hope's vehicle only after Officer St. Clair discharged his weapon, 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, and/or
 - b. Violating Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.

3. On or about October 29, 2012, in the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, case number 10 C 5076, Officer St. Clair falsely testified by making one or more statements to the effect that Officer Ugarte's upper body was inside Hope's vehicle while St. Clair fired four shots at Hope, and/or that Officer Ugarte did not get out of the vehicle until after Officer St. Clair had fired four shots, 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, and/or
 - b. Violating Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Officer Michael St. Clair II, Star Number 15527, be separated from the Chicago Police Department.



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