

## 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 JAMES HUNT

Police Officer James Hunt, Star No. 11442, 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 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 10: Inattention to duty.
- Rule 11: Incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duty.
- Rule 40: Failure to inventory and process recovered property in conformance with Department orders.

### SPECIFICATIONS

1. On or about May 30, 2020, at approximately 8:00 p.m., at or near 33 West Kinzie Street, during protests in Chicago that followed the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN, Police Officer James Hunt arrested Lakeya Woods without justification and/or probable cause, thereby violating
  - a. 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. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
  - c. Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, General Order 06-01 (*Processing Persons Under Department Control*); and/or
  - d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.

2. On or about May 30, 2020, at approximately 8:00 p.m., at or near 33 West Kinzie Street, during protests in Chicago that followed the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN, Police Officer James Hunt broke Lakeya Woods's rear driver's side window with his baton without justification, thereby violating
  - a. 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. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
  - c. Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, General Order 03-02-01 (*Force Options*) and/or General Order 03-02 (*Use of Force*);
  - d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty; and/or
  - e. Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
  
3. On or about May 30, 2020, at approximately 8:00 p.m., at or near 33 West Kinzie Street, during protests in Chicago that followed the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN, Police Officer James Hunt improperly lifted Lakeya Woods from the ground without justification, using her wrists and/or her hair, thereby violating:
  - a. 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. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
  - c. Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, General Order 03-02 (*Use of Force*);
  - d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty; and/or
  - e. Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
  
4. On or about May 30, 2020, at approximately 8:00 p.m., at or near 33 West Kinzie Street, during protests in Chicago that followed the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN, Police Officer James Hunt pushed Lakeya Woods into the van and/or struck Lakeya Woods with his baton on or about the legs without justification, thereby violating
  - a. 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. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
  - c. Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, General Order 03-02 (*Use of Force*);
  - d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty; and/or
  - e. Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
5. On or about May 30, 2020, at approximately 8:00 p.m., at or near 33 West Kinzie Street, during protests in Chicago that followed the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN, Police Officer James Hunt without justification physically stopped Lakeya Woods from recording with her cellular phone, thereby violating
- a. 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. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
  - c. Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, General Order 03-02 (*Use of Force*);
  - d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty; and/or
  - e. Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.
6. On or about May 30, 2020, at approximately 8:00 p.m., at or near 33 West Kinzie Street, during protests in Chicago that followed the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN, Police Officer James Hunt without justification failed to inventory Lakeya Woods's property, including her wallet and/or phone, thereby violating
- a. 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. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
  - c. Rule 5, failure to perform any duty;
  - d. Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, General Order 07-01 (*Processing Property Under Department Control*);

- e. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty;
  - f. Rule 10, inattention to duty;
  - g. Rule 11, incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duty; and/or
  - h. Rule 40, failure to inventory and process recovered property in conformance with Department orders.
7. On or about May 30, 2020, at approximately 8:00 p.m., at or near 33 West Kinzie Street, during protests in Chicago that followed the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN, Police Officer James Hunt without justification refused and/or failed to request medical attention for Lakeya Woods, thereby violating
- a. 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. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
  - c. Rule 5, failure to perform any duty;
  - d. Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, General Order 03-02 (*Use of Force*) and/or Special Order S04-20 (*Responding to Incidents Involving Persons in Need of Mental Health Treatment*)
  - e. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty; and/or
  - f. Rule 10, inattention to duty.
8. On or about May 30, 2020, after his interaction with Lakeya Woods at or near 33 West Kinzie Street, during protests in Chicago that followed the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN, Police Officer James Hunt failed to complete a Tactical Response Report related to his interactions with her, thereby violating
- a. 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. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
  - c. Rule 5, failure to perform any duty;
  - d. Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, General Order 03-02-02 (*Incidents Requiring the Completion of a Tactical Response Report*) and/or Special Order S06-06 (*Mass Arrest Procedures*)

- e. Rule 10, inattention to duty.
9. On or about May 30, 2020, at approximately 8:00 p.m., at or near 33 West Kinzie Street, during protests in Chicago that followed the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN, Police Officer James Hunt called Lakeya Woods “fat bitch” or said words to that effect, thereby violating
- a. 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. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department’s efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals;
  - c. Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, General Order 02-01 (*Human Rights and Human Resources*);
  - d. Rule 8, disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty; and/or
  - e. Rule 9, engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer James Hunt, Star Number 11442, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.



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APPROVED AS TO FORM

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