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 JOSEPH DEROSA

Police Officer Joseph DeRosa, Star Number 13022, 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.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. On or about July 8, 2020, the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board decertified Officer Joseph DeRosa’s previous certification and ability to practice as a law enforcement officer in Illinois under 50 ILCS 705/6.1, after Officer DeRosa was found guilty, on or about November 6, 2018, by the Berrien County Trial Court, of Berrien County Michigan, of resisting and obstructing a police officer (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 750.81d (West 2022)) and/or assault and battery (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 750.81 (West 2022)), conviction(s) deemed to cause decertification under the Illinois Police Training Act 50 ILCS 705/1, et seq. Officer DeRosa thereby:

   a. Engaged in any action or conduct which impedes the Department’s efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department, in violation of Rule 2; and/or

   b. Failed to promote the Department’s efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals, in violation of Rule 3.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Joseph DeRosa, Star Number 13022, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.

DAVID O. BROWN
Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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