

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 (ASSIGNED AS DETECTIVE) PHILLIP SCHORSCH

Police Officer (Assigned as Detective) ("Detective") Phillip Schorsch, Star Number 20781, 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 office to achieve its policy and goals or 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 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 38: Unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.

SPECIFICATIONS

- I. On or about July 10, 2020, at approximately 7:40 a.m., at or near 745 North Trumbull Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois, Detective (then Police Officer) Schorsch discharged his firearm one or more times at or in the direction of one or more unknown individual(s), and/or discharged his firearm one or more times, without a "clear shot," at or in the direction of perceived muzzle flashes. All or part of Detective Schorsch's use of force was not objectively reasonable and/or necessary based on the totality of the circumstances and/or was not necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm from an imminent threat posed to him or another person and/or the use of deadly force was not necessary to prevent an arrest from being defeated because the one or more unknown individual(s) did not pose an imminent threat of death or great bodily harm to Detective Schorsch or anyone else unless they were arrested without delay. Detective Schorsch 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;

- b. Disobeyed an order or directive, whether written or oral, to wit, General Order 03-02-03 ("Firearms Discharge Incidents Involving Sworn Members"), effective February 29, 2020, in violation of Rule 6;
 - c. Engaged in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty, in violation of Rule 9;
 - d. Engaged in incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duty, in violation of Rule 11; and/or
 - e. Unlawfully or unnecessarily used or displayed a weapon, in violation of Rule 38.
2. On or about July 10, 2020, at approximately 7:40 a.m., at or near 745 North Trumbull Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois, Detective Schorsch failed to activate his body-worn camera ("BWC") in a timely manner. Detective Schorsch 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;
 - b. Failed to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goal, in violation of Rule 3;
 - c. Failed to perform any duty, in violation of Rule 5;
 - d. Disobeyed an order or directive, whether written or oral, to wit, Special Order 03-14 ("Body Worn Cameras"), effective April 30, 2018, in violation of Rule 6;
 - e. Was inattentive to duty, in violation of Rule 10; and/or
 - f. Engaged in incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duty, in violation of Rule 11.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer (Assigned as Detective) Phillip Schorsch, Star Number 20781, be separated from the Chicago Police Department.



Larry B. Snelling
Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Daniel R. Broadwell
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