

## 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.

*The Superintendent was required by the Municipal Code of Chicago to file the charges against the accused officer. The Superintendent disagreed with the Civilian Office of Police Accountability Chief Administrator's recommendation to discharge the accused officer from the Chicago Police Department. Pursuant to Section 2-78-130(a) of the Municipal Code, the disagreement was referred to one member of the Police Board, who ruled that the Superintendent did not meet the burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's recommendation. Therefore, the Chief Administrator's recommendation "shall be deemed accepted by the Superintendent." (Request for Review No. 23 RR 04.)*

## **CHARGES AGAINST LIEUTENANT MICHAEL D. KEENEY**

Lieutenant Michael D. Keeney, Star No. 437, 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 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 11: Incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duty.
- Rule 38: Unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

1. On or about April 22, 2021, at or near 3730 West Bloomingdale Trail, in Chicago, Illinois. Lieutenant (then Sergeant) Michael D. Keeney discharged his firearm one or more times at or in the direction of Santiago Leon. All or part of Lieutenant Keeney'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 Leon did not pose an imminent threat of death or great bodily harm to Lieutenant Keeney or anyone else unless he was arrested without delay. Lieutenant Keeney 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 ("De-escalation, Response to Resistance, and Use of Force"), effective April 15, 2021, and/or General Order 03-02-01 ("Response to Resistance and Force Options"), effective April 15, 2021, 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; and/or
  - d. Unlawfully or unnecessarily used or displayed a weapon, in violation of Rule 38.

2. On or about April 22, 2021, at or near 3730 West Bloomingdale Trail, in Chicago, Illinois, Lieutenant (then Sergeant) Michael D. Keeney discharged his firearm and failed to immediately and/or timely notify and/or provide all relevant information to the Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC). Lieutenant Keeney thereby:
- a. Engaged in any action 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 goals, in violation of Rule 3;
  - c. Disobeyed an order or directive, whether written or oral, to wit, General Order 03-06 ("Firearm Discharge and Officer-Involved Death Incident Response and Investigation"), effective April 15, 2021, in violation of Rule 6; and/or
  - d. 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 Lieutenant Michael D. Keeney, Star Number 437, be separated from the Chicago Police Department.

In this case, the Municipal Code of Chicago requires that the COPA Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline be adopted over the Superintendent's objections. Therefore, the Superintendent must adopt the Chief Administrator's recommendation that Lieutenant Michael D. Keeney, Star Number 437, be separated from the Chicago Police Department.

  
Larry B. Snelling  
Superintendent of Police

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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