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CHARGES

Sergeant Jesse Terrazas, Star Number 1539, is charged with violating the following rules contained in Article V of the Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department ("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 11: Incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duty.
- Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral.

SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. Sergeant Jesse Terrazas, Star Number 1539, is charged with 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," in one or more of the following instances:

Count I: On or about August 20, 2010, in the vicinity of the 2nd District station and/or 4615 South Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, during a narcotics investigation, Sergeant Terrazas failed to provide guidance, direction and/or information to one or more of his subordinates; and/or failed to communicate clearly with his subordinate(s); and/or failed to disclose where and/or how and/or by whom one or more of the cannabis was found; and/or failed to provide sufficient information to enable his subordinate(s) to make an arrest(s); and/or failed to provide sufficient information to enable his subordinate(s) to fill out forms; and/or directed a subordinate who had no knowledge of the narcotics investigation to fill out a case report without explaining why; and/or released a car to a detainee after telling his subordinate(s) that cannabis was found in the car; and/or failed to explain or sufficiently explain why the car was stopped and/or taken to the station and/or released; and/or told his subordinate(s) to arrest three individuals for possession of one "blunt" he alleged was found in a car, or stated words to that effect, without providing an explanation; and/or told his subordinate(s) that he(they) would be issued/subjected to a SPAR (Summary Punishment Action Request) when he(they) expressed a concern/inquired about probable cause and/or the release of the car; and/or failed to properly supervise the subordinate member(s) of his tactical team; and/or otherwise failed to follow proper procedures.

Count II: On or about August 20, 2010, Sergeant Terrazas provided information for, and/or approved, contact cards for Marcus Spencer and/or Melvin Dowdell which 1) stated that "Traffic Related" contact(s) was (were) made at 4615 South Prairie Avenue in Chicago, or words to that effect and/or 2) which included information on vehicle details. However, on or about March 22, 2011, during an interview with the Internal Affairs Division ("IAD"), Sergeant Terrazas stated that on August 20, 2010, in the vicinity of 4615 South Prairie, "there was no traffic stop. It was a street stop. And the gentlemen involved were outside the vehicle at the time. The vehicle was parked at that location," or stated words to that effect. The information in the contact card(s) and the statement Sergeant Terrazas gave to IAD are inconsistent. Thus, Sergeant Terrazas provided a false statement or report in the form of the contact card(s), or, in the alternative, provided a false statement(s) to IAD.

Count III: On or about August 20, 2010, Sergeant Terrazas provided information to and/or directed Officer Kelly McBride to write an Original Case Incident Report and/or later approved such incident report which stated that 1) there was a traffic stop at 4615 South Prairie Avenue in Chicago and that contact cards were generated on suspects Marcus Spencer and/or Melvin Dowdell and/or 2) that four small zip lock baggies and one brown rolled "blunt" containing a green plant-like substance suspect cannabis was (were) found in plain view inside a vehicle, or which stated words to that effect. However, on or about March 22, 2011, during an interview with the Internal Affairs Division, Sergeant Terrazas stated that on August 20, 2010, in the vicinity of 4615 South Prairie, 1) "there was no traffic stop. It was a street stop. And the gentlemen involved were outside the vehicle at the time. The vehicle was parked at that location," and/or 2) the suspect cannabis was "in the possession of two of the individuals" and/or 3) the suspect cannabis was found "on the two individuals' persons; they handed it to me," or stated words to that effect. The statement Sergeant Terrazas gave to IAD is inconsistent with the information Sergeant Terrazas gave to Officer McBride and/or the information he approved in the Original Case Report. Thus, Sergeant Terrazas directed Officer McBride to write a false report, or, in the alternative, provided a false statement(s) to IAD.

2. Sergeant Jesse Terrazas, Star Number 1539, is charged with violating Rule 11, "Incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duty," in one or more of the following instances:

Count I: On or about August 20, 2010, in the vicinity of the 2nd District station and/or 4615 South Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, during a narcotics investigation, Sergeant Terrazas failed to provide guidance, direction and/or information to one or more of his subordinates; and/or failed to communicate clearly with his subordinate(s); and/or failed to disclose

where and/or how and/or by whom one or more of the cannabis was found; and/or failed to provide sufficient information to enable his subordinate(s) to make an arrest(s); and/or failed to provide sufficient information to enable his subordinate(s) to fill out forms; and/or directed a subordinate who had no knowledge of the narcotics investigation to fill out a case report without explaining why; and/or released a car to a detainee after telling his subordinate(s) that cannabis was found in the car; and/or failed to explain or sufficiently explain why the car was stopped and/or taken to the station and/or released; and/or told his subordinate(s) to arrest three individuals for possession of one "blunt" he alleged was found in a car, or stated words to that effect, without providing an explanation; and/or told his subordinate(s) that he(they) would be issued/subjected to a SPAR (Summary Punishment Action Request) when he(they) expressed a concern/inquired about probable cause and/or the release of the car; and/or failed to properly supervise the subordinate member(s) of his tactical team; and/or otherwise failed to follow proper procedures.

3. Sergeant Jesse Terrazas, Star Number 1539, is charged with violating Rule 14, "Making a false report, written or oral," in one or more of the following instances:

Count I: On or about August 20, 2010, Sergeant Terrazas provided information for, and/or approved, contact cards for Marcus Spencer and/or Melvin Dowdell which 1) stated that "Traffic Related" contact(s) was (were) made at 4615 South Prairie Avenue in Chicago, or words to that effect and/or 2) which included information on vehicle details. However, on or about March 22, 2011, during an interview with the Internal Affairs Division ("IAD"), Sergeant Terrazas stated that on August 20, 2010, in the vicinity of 4615 South Prairie, "there was no traffic stop. It was a street stop. And the gentlemen involved were outside the vehicle at the time. The vehicle was parked at that location," or stated words to that effect. The information in the contact card(s) and the statement Sergeant Terrazas gave to IAD are inconsistent. Thus, Sergeant Terrazas provided a false statement or report in the form of the contact card(s), or, in the alternative, provided a false statement(s) to IAD.


Count II: On or about August 20, 2010, Sergeant Terrazas provided information to and/or directed Officer Kelly McBride to write an Original Case Incident Report and/or later approved such incident report which stated that 1) there was a traffic stop at 4615 South Prairie Avenue in Chicago and that contact cards were generated on suspects Marcus Spencer and/or Melvin Dowdell and/or 2) that four small zip lock baggies and one brown rolled "blunt" containing a green plant-like substance suspect cannabis was (were) found in plain view inside a vehicle, or which stated words to that effect. However, on or about March 22, 2011, during an interview with the

Internal Affairs Division, Sergeant Terrazas stated that on August 20, 2010, in the vicinity of 4615 South Prairie, 1) "there was no traffic stop. It was a street stop. And the gentlemen involved were outside the vehicle at the time. The vehicle was parked at that location," and/or 2) the suspect cannabis was "in the possession of two of the individuals" and/or 3) the suspect cannabis was found "on the two individuals' persons; they handed it to me," or stated words to that effect. The statement Sergeant Terrazas gave to IAD is inconsistent with the information Sergeant Terrazas gave to Officer McBride and/or the information he approved in the Original Case Report. Thus, Sergeant Terrazas directed Officer McBride to write a false report, or, in the alternative, provided a false statement(s) to IAD.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Sergeant Jesse Terrazas, Star Number 1539, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.


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