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CHARGES

Officer Jose Velez, Star Number 19367, 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 1: Violation of any law or ordinance
- 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 14: Making a false report, written or oral.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. Officer Jose Velez, Star Number 19367, is charged with violating Rule 1, "Violation of any law or ordinance," in one or more of the following instances:

Count I: On or about July 22, 2010, at the Circuit Court of Cook County, Criminal Division, First Municipal District, before the Honorable Judge Anthony John Calabrese, Officer Velez violated 720 ILCS 5/32-2 (Perjury), in that he, under oath or affirmation, in a proceeding or in any other matter where by law the oath or affirmation was required, made a false statement material to the issue or point in question, knowing the statement was false, to wit: he falsely testified under oath that he observed Lance Conley stuffing an item into the base of a stop sign, and/or he observed a plastic baggie in Lance Conley's hand, and/or he observed Lance Conley look in his direction and start to walk away quickly, and/or he was 30 to 35 feet from Lance Conley when he made these observations, or used words to that effect, thereby violating any law or ordinance.

Count II: On or about March 24, 2011, at the Circuit Court of Cook County, Criminal Division, before the Honorable Judge Rickey Jones, Officer Velez violated 720 ILCS 5/32-2 (Perjury), in that he, under oath or affirmation, in a proceeding or in any other matter where by law the oath or affirmation was required, made a false statement material to the issue or point in question, knowing the statement was false, to wit: he falsely testified under oath that he observed Lance Conley stuffing an item into the base of a stop sign, and/or he had a clear view of Lance Conley placing the item at the stop sign, and/or there was nothing obstructing his view, and/or he observed that Lance Conley was the only individual standing by the stop sign, and/or he reviewed video surveillance footage of the incident and saw Lance Conley bend down and place an item into the grass between the stop sign and the grass, and/or he observed Lance Conley at the stop sign for 30 or 40 seconds, and/or he was 30 or 45 feet away from Lance Conley when he made his observations, and/or the item he observed in Lance Conley's hand looked like a plastic baggie, and/or he switched who was placed in the squadrol because he had observed Lance Conley soliciting drug sales, and/or he observed Lance Conley's hand clinched holding something that he believed to be a plastic bag, and/or he observed where Lance Conley placed the bag in between the stop sign and the grass, or used words to that effect, thereby violating any law or ordinance.

2. Officer Jose Velez, Star Number 19367, 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 June 28, 2010, Officer Velez arrested Lance Conley without justification, and/or subsequently caused Lance Conley to be prosecuted for possession of a controlled substance by having filed false police reports and providing false testimony, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals, and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count II: On or about June 28, 2010, Officer Velez falsified a Chicago Police Department Arrest Report, in that he falsely wrote that he was on patrol at 1028 North Lavergne Avenue, and/or observed Lance Conley stuffing an unknown item at the base of the northeast stop sign post located in front of 4954 West Cortez, and/or observed Lance Conley look in Officer Velez's direction and quickly walk off, or used words to that effect, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals, and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

- Count III: On or about June 28, 2010, Officer Velez falsified a Chicago Police Department Case Incident Report, in that he falsely wrote that he was on patrol at 1024 North Lavergne Avenue, and/or observed Lance Conley stuffing an unknown item at the base of the northeast stop sign post located in front of 4954 West Cortez, and/or observed Lance Conley look in Officer Velez's direction and quickly walk off, or used words to that effect, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals, and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.
- Count IV: On or about July 22, 2010, at the Circuit Court of Cook County, Criminal Division, First Municipal District, before the Honorable Judge Anthony John Calabrese, Officer Velez falsely testified under oath that he observed Lance Conley stuffing an item into the base of a stop sign, and/or he observed a plastic baggie in Lance Conley's hand, and/or he observed Lance Conley look in his direction and start to walk away quickly, and/or he was 30 to 35 feet from Lance Conley when he made these observations, or used words to that effect, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals, and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.
- Count V: On or about March 24, 2011, at the Circuit Court of Cook County, Criminal Division, before the Honorable Judge Rickey Jones, Officer Velez falsely testified under oath that he observed Lance Conley stuffing an item into the base of a stop sign, and/or he had a clear view of Lance Conley placing the item at the stop sign, and/or there was nothing obstructing his view, and/or he observed that Lance Conley was the only individual standing by the stop sign, and/or he reviewed video surveillance footage of the incident and saw Lance Conley bend down and place an item into the grass between the stop sign and the grass, and/or he observed Lance Conley at the stop sign for 30 or 40 seconds, and/or he was 30 or 45 feet away from Lance Conley when he made his observations, and/or the item he observed in Lance Conley's hand looked like a plastic baggie, and/or he switched who was placed in the squadrol because he had observed Lance Conley soliciting drug sales, and/or he observed Lance Conley's hand clinched holding something that he believed to be a plastic bag, and/or he observed where Lance Conley placed the bag in between the stop sign and the grass, or used words to that effect, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals, and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

3. Officer Jose Velez, Star Number 19367, is charged with violating Rule 14, "Making a false report, written or oral," in one or more of the following instances:

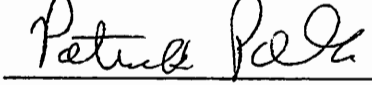
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Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Officer Jose Velez, Star Number 19367, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.


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