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Andrea Kersten  
Chief Administrator  
Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA)  
1615 W. Chicago Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Re: Superintendent's Partial Concurrence with COPA's Findings and Non-Concurrence with COPA's Penalties  
Log# 2019-0000632  
Sergeant Jennifer Soto, Police Officer James Brinkley

Dear Chief Administrator Kersten:

After a careful review of the above referenced complaint log number, the Chicago Police Department (Department) concurs with the recommended findings but not with the penalty recommendations as they pertain to Sergeant Jennifer Soto, Star No. 1603 and Police Officer James Brinkley, Star No. 17677. Pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Department provides the following comments.

The COPA investigation recommended a 10-day suspension for Sergeant Jennifer Soto (Sergeant Soto) after concluding that she:

1. Entered the hotel room of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] without justification.
2. Searched the hotel room of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] without justification.

The COPA investigation recommended a 10-day suspension for Officer James Brinkley (Officer Brinkley) after concluding that he:

1. Unlocked and opened the hotel room door of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] without justification.

The Department agrees with COPA's sustained findings. However, the Department believes the penalty recommendation is excessive and untimely. Sergeant Soto has received one Department Commendation, two complimentary letters, fifty-nine Honorable Mentions, and thirteen other awards and commendations. Sergeant Soto has not been disciplined within the past five years. Moreover, Officer Brinkley has one sustained complaint register within the past five years. Officer Brinkley has received three Department Commendations, one Special Commendation, one complimentary letter, sixty-one Honorable Mentions, and six other awards and commendations. Therefore, the Department recommends a Reprimand and Fourth Amendment retraining for Sergeant Soto and Officer Brinkley.

The Department looks forward to discussing this matter with you pursuant to MCC-2-78-130(a)(iii).

Sincerely,



Larry B. Snelling  
Superintendent of Police  
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