

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)
CROSSING GUARD PATRICIA M. BONCIMINO,) Case No. 00-2400
EMPLOYEE NO. 521410)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

On February 9, 2000, the Superintendent of Police filed charges with the Police Board of the City of Chicago against Crossing Guard Patricia M. Boncimino, Employee No. 521410 (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent"), for violating the following rules:

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.

The Police Board of the City of Chicago investigated these charges and caused a hearing on these charges against Crossing Guard Patricia M. Boncimino to be had before Thomas E. Johnson, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on June 8, 2000 and June 21, 2000.

Following the hearing, the members of the Police Board read and reviewed the certified transcription of the proceedings of the hearing. Thomas E. Johnson, Hearing Officer, made an oral report and conferred with the Police Board before it rendered a decision.

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, as a result of its investigation of the charges, finds and determines that:

1. The Respondent was at all times employed as a crossing guard by the Department of Police of the City of Chicago.

2. The charges were filed in writing and a Notice, stating the time, date and place, when and where a hearing of the charges was to be held, together with a copy of the original charges, was served upon the Respondent more than five (5) days prior to the hearing on the charges.

3. The hearing was conducted before Thomas E. Johnson, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on June 8, 2000 and June 21, 2000.

4. Throughout the hearing, Crossing Guard Patricia M. Boncimino was present and was represented by counsel.

5. The Respondent Crossing Guard Patricia M. Boncimino, Employee No. 521410, charged herein, contrary to the Rules and Regulations, is guilty of violating to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance, in that:

On or about May 26, 1999, civilian Stewart-Boncimino took possession of several bathing suits, valued at less than \$150.00, belonging to the Target store, located at 2656 N. Elston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, a retail establishment, without paying for the merchandise, with the intent to deprive the owner permanently of the benefit or use of the merchandise, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/16-1(2)(A).

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 that:

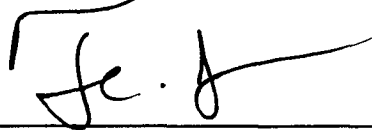
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Chicago, Illinois, a retail establishment, without paying for the merchandise, with the intent to deprive the owner permanently of the benefit or use of the merchandise, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/16-1(2)(A).

By reason of the findings of fact, the Respondent is guilty of violating Rules 1 and 2. Cause exists for the separation of the Respondent Crossing Guard Patricia M. Boncimino, Employee No. 521410, from the Department of Police and from the services of the City of Chicago.

Respectfully submitted,



THOMAS E. JOHNSON
Hearing Officer

D E C I S I O N

The members of the Police Board, having read and reviewed the certified copy of the transcription of the hearing, having received the oral report of the Hearing Officer, Thomas A. Johnson, and having conferred with the Hearing Officer on the credibility of the witnesses and the evidence, hereby adopt all findings herein and, in reaching its decision as to the penalty imposed, the Board has taken into account not only the facts of this case but also the respondent's complimentary and disciplinary history, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the respondent, Crossing Guard Patricia Boncimino, Employee # 521410, as a result of having been found guilty of the charges in Police Board Case 00-2400, is hereby separated and discharged from her position as a Crossing Guard, and from the services of the City of Chicago.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 26th
DAY OF July, 2000.

Scott Davis

V. J. Long

Dr. J. W. King

William J. King

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Executive Director of the Police Board

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D I S S E N T

The following members of the Police Board hereby dissent from the decision of the majority of the Board. While concurring in the finding of guilt, they would support a less severe penalty.

Patricia Bobb

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THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2000

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE