BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)
POLICE OFFICER CHARLES PEARSON, STAR #7391) No. 00-2436
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, CITY OF CHICAGO) CR#252096

FINDINGS & DECISION

On November 16, 2000, the Superintendent of Police Filed charges with the Police Board of the City of Chicago against Police Officer Charles Pearson, Star #7391, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent") seeking his discharge 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.

Rule 18: Engaging directly or indirectly in the ownership, maintenance or operation of a taxicab, tavern, or retail liquor establishment.

The Police Board of the City of Chicago caused a hearing on these charges against Police Officer Charles Pearson to be had before Michael G. Berland, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago on September 7, 2001 and October 17, 2001.

Following the hearing, the members of the Police Board read and reviewed the certified transcription of the proceedings of the hearing. Michael G. Berland, 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 a Police Officer employed 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 Michael G. Berland, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on September 7, 2001 and October 17, 2001.
- 4. Throughout the hearing the Respondent did appear in person and was represented by counsel of his choice.
- 5. Respondent Police Officer Charles Pearson #7391, charged herein, contrary to the Rules and Regulations, is guilty of violating, to wit:
- Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance.
- A. On or about March 24, 2000, at the Look It Over Lounge, 1200 E. 79th Street, Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer Charles Pearson committed the offense of theft, in that he purchased two cases (liters) of Hennessy Cognac and one case (liters) of Crown Royal Whisky for the sum of \$550.00 United States Currency after having been explicitly told that the property was stolen, in violation of Chapter 720 ILCS, Section 5/16-1a-5.
- 6. Respondent Police Officer Charles Pearson, Star#7391, charged herein, contrary to the Rules and Regulations, is guilty of violating, to wit:

- Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.
- A. On or about March 24, 2000 at the Look It Over Lounge, 1200 E. 79th Street, Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer Charles Pearson purchased two cases of (liters) of Hennessy Cognac and one case (liters) of Crown Royal Whiskey for the sum of \$550.00 United States Currency, after having been explicitly told that the property was stolen, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.
- B. On or about March 22 and/or March 24, 2000, at the Look It Over Lounge, 1200 E. 79th Street, Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer Charles Pearson was observed engaging directly in the maintenance and/or operation of a tavern or retail liquor establishment by counting money obtained from video machines located in the establishment and/or securing the premises for the night by locking all doors and burglar gates and setting the alarm system, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.
- 7. Respondent Police Officer Charles Pearson, Star #7391, charged herein, contrary to the Rules and Regulations, is guilty of violating, to wit:
- Rule 18: Engaging directly or indirectly in the ownership, maintenance or operation of a taxicab, tavern, or retail liquor establishment.
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8. Respondent's Motion to Dismiss was denied by the Police Board.

By reason of the fact that Police Officer Charles Pearson,
Star#7391, is guilty of violating Rules 1, 2 and 18, cause exists
for the discharge and termination of Respondent Police officer
Charles Pearson from his position with the Department of Police
and from the services of the City of Chicago.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Berland, Hearing Officer

DECISION

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, Michael G. Berland, and having conferred with the Hearing Officer on the credibility of the witnesses and the evidence; 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, Police Officer Charles 1. Pearson, Star # 7391, as a result of having been found guilty of the charges in Police Board Case 00-2436, is hereby separated and discharged from his position as a Police Officer and from the services of the City of Chicago.

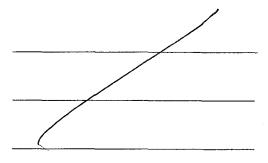
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Executive Director of the Police Board

DISSENT

The following members of the Police Board hereby dissent from the decision of the majority of the Board.



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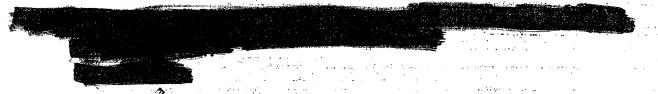
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