

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)
DETECTIVE DENNIS ALTOBELLE, STAR #20012) No. 00-2439
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, CITY OF CHICAGO) CR#249576
)

On December 18, 2000, the Superintendent of Police Filed charges with the Police Board of the City of Chicago against Detective Dennis Altobelle, Star #20012, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent") seeking the discharge of the Respondent for violating the following Rules:

Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and/or goals and/or brings discredit upon the Department.

Rule 9: Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

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 Detective 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 on August 2, 2000, August 17, 2000 and, September 26, 2000.

4. Throughout the hearing the Respondent did appear in person and was represented by counsel of his choice.

5. Respondent Detective Dennis Altobelle, Star # 20012, 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 October 30, 1998, at approximately 2320 hours, while in the vicinity of 800 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detective Dennis Altobelle, while off duty, committed the offense of Domestic Battery in that he grabbed, pushed, shook and/or threw Patricia Brenann in violation of 720 ILCS, Section 5/12-3.2 (a).

B. On or about October 30, 1998, at approximately 2320 hours, while in the vicinity of 800 N Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detective Dennis Altobelle, while off duty, committed the offense of Reckless Conduct in that he grabbed, pushed, shook and/or threw Patricia Brennan violation of 720 ILCS, Section 5/12-5.

6. Respondent Detective Dennis Altobelle, Star # 20012, 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/or goals and/or brings discredit upon the Department.

A. On or about October 30, 1998, at approximately 2320 hours, while in the vicinity of 800 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detective Dennis Altobelle, while off duty, grabbed, pushed, shook and/or threw Patricia Brennan, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

B. On or about October 30, 1998, at approximately 2320 hours, Detective Dennis Altobelle while off duty failed to render first aid to Patricia Brennan and/or left the scene of an incident near 800 North Clark Street without obtaining medical attention for Patricia Brennan, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

C. On or about October 30, 1998, at approximately 2320 hours, while in the vicinity of 800 North Clark Street, Chicago,

Illinois, Detective Dennis Altobelle, while off duty, committed the offense of Domestic Battery in that he grabbed, pushed, shook and/or threw Patricia Brennan, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

D. On or about October 30, 1998, at approximately 2320 hours, while in the vicinity of 800 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detective Dennis Altobelle, while off duty, committed the offense of Reckless Conduct in that he grabbed, pushed, shook and/or threw Patricia Brennan, thereby impeding its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

7. Respondent Detective Dennis Altobelle, Star # 20012, charged herein, contrary to the Rules and Regulations, is guilty of violating, to wit:

Rule 8: Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.

A. On October 30, 1998, at approximately 2320 hours, while in the vicinity of 800 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detective Dennis Altobelle did disrespect and maltreat any person, while off duty in that he grabbed, pushed shook and/or threw Patricia Brennan.

B. On or about October 30, 1998, at approximately 2320 hours, while in the vicinity of 800 North Clark Street, Detective Dennis Altobelle did disrespect and maltreat any person, while off duty, in that he failed to render first aid to Patricia Brennan and/or left the scene of an incident at or near 800 North Clark Street without obtaining medical attention for Patricia

Brenann.

8. Respondent Detective Dennis Altobelle, Star #20012, charged herein, contrary to the Rules and Regulations, is guilty of violating, to wit:

Rule 9: Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

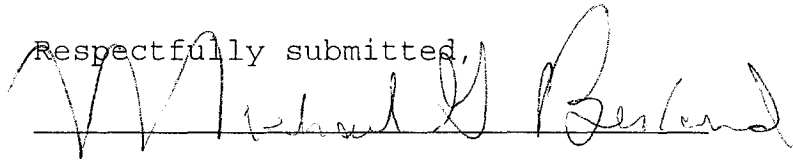
A. On or about October 30, 1998, at approximately 2320 hours, while in the vicinity of 800 North Clark Street, Detective Dennis Altobelle, while off duty, grabbed, pushed, shook and/or threw Patricia Brennan, thereby engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person while on or off duty.

B. On or about October 30, 1998, at approximately 2320 hours, while in the vicinity of 800 North Clark Street, Detective Dennis Altobelle engaged in an unjustified verbal altercation with any person, while off duty, in that he stated to Patricia Brennan words to the effect, "Don't fuck with me."

9. Both of the Motions To Dismiss filed by the Respondent were denied by the Board.

By reason of the fact that Detective Dennis Altobelle, Star#20012, is guilty of violating Rules 1, 2, 8 and 9, cause exists for the suspension of Dennis Altobelle from his position as a Detective with the Department of Police and from the City of Chicago from December 19, 2000, to and including December 3, 2001 with restoration of all rights and benefits thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael G. Berland", written over a horizontal line.

Michael G. Berland, 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, 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, Detective Dennis Altobelle, Star # 20012, as a result of having been found guilty of the charges in Police Board Case 00-2439, is hereby suspended from his position as a Detective and from the services of the City of Chicago, from December 19, 2000, to and including **December 3, 2001.**

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 21ST
DAY OF November, 2001.

James E. Conroy
Scott Davis

Patricia Boll
Victor Bryant
By R.R.P.
Phyllis Spelbaum

Paul A.
Executive Director of the Police
Board

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 a finding of guilt, the following supports a less severe penalty.

William C. Fux

RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS COMMUNICATION

THIS 29th DAY OF November, 2001.

Way D. Hall
SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
RECORDS SECTION

27, APRIL 1999

TO: CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR O.P.S.

FROM: RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

SUBJECT: PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY RECORD OF:

ALTOBELLE,	Dennis	20012	640
NAME	(LAST, FIRST, M.I.)	STAR	UNIT
M	W		
SEX	RACE	S.S.N.	

REFERENCE: COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER(S) 249596

THE PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY RECORD OF THE SUBJECT ACCUSED HAS BEEN REQUESTED IN YOUR NAME BY:

Inv. III	LINN, Lesley	86		113
RANK	NAME	STAR	S.S.N.	UNIT

RELATIVE TO A SUSTAINED FINDING IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER.

THE RECORDS SECTION, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, DISCLOSES THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY ACTION(S) ADMINISTERED TO THE SUBJECT ACCUSED, FOR THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS.

See attached copy

VERIFIED/PREPARED BY:

Jerelene PORTE'
FOR: COMMANDING OFFICER
RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

Ex. A

AI72	PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY ACTION SUMMARY		FUNCTION
NO MORE CLOSED - SUSTAINED CR'S (PAST 5 YEARS) OR SP'S (PAST 1 YEAR)			
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	DATE ACTION TAKEN	(FROM - TO)	GRNT'D

C240609 24 APR 97 SUSTAINED-NO PENALTY ;

F/CAT: OPERATION/PERSONNEL VIOLATION: REPORTS - FAIL TO SUBMIT/IMPROPER

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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPLIMENTARY HISTORY

DATE: 29 April 1999

NAME: Altobelle, Dennis RANK Det SSN [REDACTED] STAR 20012 UNIT 640

SPECIAL AWARDS 000

DEPARTMENT
COMPLIMENTATIONS: 002

HONORABLE
MENTIONS: 237

COMPLIMENTARY
LETTERS: 051

Complimentary History Requested By:

NAME: Linn, Lesley RANK: Inv 111 STAR: 86 UNIT: 113

CR#: 249596

Completed By: Demetra Berry
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