

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)
POLICE OFFICER LAWRENCE THOMPSON, STAR) No. 01-2448
#4602, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, CITY OF) CR #264152
CHICAGO)

FINDINGS & DECISION

On February 22, 2001, the Superintendent of Police filed charges with the Police Board of the City of Chicago against Police Officer Lawrence Thompson, Star # 4602, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent") seeking the discharge of Respondent for violating the following Rules:

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

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

The Police Board of the City of Chicago caused a hearing on these charges against Police officer Lawrence Thompson to be had before Michael G. Berland, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago on September 25, 2001, September 26, 2001, October 23, 2001 and December 18, 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 25, 2001, September 26, 2001, October 23, 2001 and December 18, 2001.

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

5. Respondent Police Officer Lawrence Thompson, Star #4062, 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 July 21, 2000, at approximately 1936 hours, while in the vicinity of 7501 S. Cottage Grove, Police Officer Lawrence Thompson, while on duty, without justification, struck Anthony Brown about the body with a baton and/or his own body.

6. Respondent Police Officer Lawrence Thompson, Star#4062, 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.

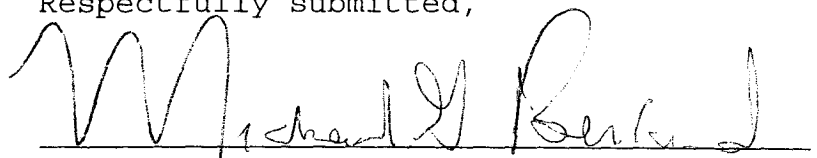
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7. Respondent Police Officer Lawrence Thompson, Star #4062, charged herein, contrary to the Rules and Regulations, is guilty of violating, to wit:

A. On or about July 21, 2000, at approximately 1936 hours, while in the vicinity of 7501 S. Cottage Grove, Police Officer Lawrence Thompson, while on duty, without justification, struck Anthony Brown about the body with a baton and/or his own body.

By reason of the findings of fact that the Respondent Police Officer Lawrence Thompson, Star#4602, is guilty of violating of Rules 2, 8, and 9, Lawrence Thompson is hereby suspended from his position as a Police Officer with the Department of Police and from the services of the City of Chicago from February 24, 2001 to and including August 23, 2002 with restoration of rights and benefits thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, 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 Police Officer Lawrence Thompson, Star # 4602, as a result of having been found guilty of the charges in Police Board Case 01-2448, is hereby suspended from his position as a Police Officer, and from the services of the City of Chicago, from February 24, 2001, to and including August 23, 2002.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 8th DAY OF MARCH, 2002.

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Executive Director, 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 the finding of guilty, they support a penalty of discharge given the gravity of the charges proven.

SD
JM

Scott J. [Signature]
Res J. J. Miller

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COMMUNICATION THIS _____ DAY
OF _____, 2002.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

28 September 2000

INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
RECORDS SECTION

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TO: COMMANDING OFFICER OF UNIT 113

FROM: RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

SUBJECT: PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY RECORD OF:

THOMPSON	LAWRENCE	4602	006
NAME	(LAST, FIRST, M.I.)	STAR	UNIT
M	B	[REDACTED]	
SEX	RACE	S.S.N.	

REFERENCE: COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER(S) 264152

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

INVESTIGATOR	LUCAS	# 231	[REDACTED]	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

VERIFIED/PREPARED BY:

SGT P. MUZUPAPPA

EX. A

FOR: COMMANDING OFFICER
RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY ACTION SUMMARY FUNCTION
 NO MORE CLOSED - SUSTAINED CR'S (PAST 5 YEARS) OR SP'S (PAST 1 YEAR)
 SSN [REDACTED] NAME: LAST THOMPSON FIRST LAWRENCE MI G STAR 04602
 UNIT 006 EMP NO 304861 SEX M RACE N DOB 17 JUL 61 DATE APPTD 02 MAY 94
 RANK 9161 POLICE OFFICER

CASE NO	INCIDENT DATE	DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN	DATES SUSPENDED OR WORKED (FROM - TO)	OPTN/TD GRNT'D
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C227168	16 MAY 96	REPRIMAND	- ;	
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UNIT 006

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMPLIMENTARY HISTORY

DATE 28 Sept 2000

NAME Thompson, Lawrence Rank Po SSN [REDACTED] STAR 4602 UNIT 006

SPECIAL AWARDS _____ 000 _____

DEPARTMENT _____ 000 _____
COMMENDATIONS: _____

HONORABLE _____
MENTIONS: _____ 000 _____

COMPLIMENTARY _____
LETTERS: _____ 002 _____

Complimentary History Requested By:


NAME Lukas, James RANK Inv STAR 231 UNIT 113

C.R.# 264152

Completed By: Demetra Berry

Personnel Division
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