

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)
POLICE OFFICER DARRELL WESSON, STAR)
#6846, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, CITY OF) CASE #01-2459
CHICAGO,)
RESPONDENT.) C. R. #261468

FINDINGS AND DECISION

On April 16, 2001, the Superintendent of Police filed charges with the Police Board of the City of Chicago, seeking the separation of Police Officer **DARRELL WESSON**, Star #6846, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent" for violation of 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 6 - " Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral."
- 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."
- RULE 38 - " Unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon."

The Police Board of the City of Chicago caused a hearing on these charges against Police Officer **DARRELL WESSON**, Star #6846, to be heard by **JACQUELINE A. WALKER**, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on September 19, 2001 and October 25, 2001. Following the

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Hearing, the members of the Police Board read and reviewed the certified transcription of the proceedings of the hearing. **JACQUELINE A. WALKER**, Hearing Officer made an oral report and conferred with the Police Board before it rendered a decision.

As a result of the foregoing, the Police Board of the City of Chicago finds and determines that:

- (1) The Respondent was, at all times mentioned herein, 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 on the charges was to be held, together with a copy of the original charges were served upon the Respondent more than five (5) days prior to the hearing on the charges;
- (3) Throughout the hearing, the Respondent appeared in person and was represented by legal counsel;
- (4) The Respondent, Police Officer **DARRELL WESSON**, Star #6846, as charged herein, 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", in the following instances:

- (A) On or about April 10, 2000, at or near 7751 S. Christiana Avenue, while off duty, he grabbed Lori Wesson by the arms and/or pushed her against a wall

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and/or slapped her on the face and/or kicked her on the leg and/or struck her about the head and/or body with his hand and/or struck her about the head and/or body with a flashlight.

(B) On or about April 10, 2000, at or near 7751 S. Christiana Avenue, while off duty, he pulled out his gun and/or placed his gun to the body of Lori Wesson and/or threatened to kill Lori Wesson.

(C) On or about April 10, 2000, he became aware that he was named as a respondent in an order of protection and failed to immediately submit a to/from/subject report regarding the order, in violation of General Order 93-3, Addendum 5, II, K, 1, a.

(5) Respondent, **DARRELL WESSON**, Star #6846, as charged herein, is guilty of violating, to-wit:

RULE 6 - "Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral", in that:

On or about April 10, 2000, he became aware that he was named as a respondent in an order of protection and failed to immediately submit a to/from/subject report regarding the order, in violation of General Order 93-3, Addendum 5, II, K, 1 a.

(6) Respondent, **DARRELL WESSON**, Star #6846, as charged herein, is guilty of violating, to-wit:

RULE 8 - "Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty, in the following instances:

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(A) On or about April 10, 2000, at or near 7751 S. Christiana Avenue, while off duty, he grabbed Lori Wesson and/or pushed her against a wall.

(B) On or about April 10, 2000, at or near 7751 S. Christiana Avenue, while off duty, he slapped Lori Wesson and/or kicked her.

(C) On or about April 10, 2000, at or near 7751 S. Christiana Avenue, while off duty, he struck Lori Wesson about the body with his hands and/or with a flashlight.

(D) On or about April 10, 2000, at or near 7751 S. Christiana Avenue, while off duty, he pulled out his gun and/or placed his gun to the body of Lori Wesson and/or threatened to kill Lori Weston.

(7) The Respondent, **DARRELL WESSON**, Star #6846, as charged herein, is guilty of violating, to-wit:

RULE 9 - "Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty," in the following instances:

(A) On or about April 10, 2000, at or near 7751 S. Christiana Avenue, while off duty, he grabbed Lori Wesson and/or pushed her against a wall.

(B) On or about April 10, 2000, at or near 7751 S. Christiana Avenue, while off duty, he slapped Lori Wesson and/or kicked her.

(C) On or about April 10, 2000, at or near 7751 S. Christiana Avenue, while off duty, he struck Lori Wesson about the body with his hands and/or with a flashlight.

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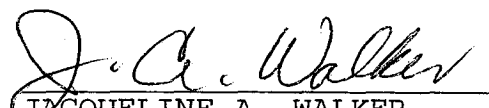
(D) On or about April 10, 2000, at or near 7751 S. Christiana Avenue, while off duty, he pulled out his gun and/or placed his gun to the body of Lori Wesson and/or threatened to kill Lori Wesson.

(8) The Respondent, **DARRELL WESSON**, Star #6846, as charged herein, is guilty of violating, to-wit:

RULE 38 - " Unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon", in that:

On or about April 10, 2000, at or near 7751 S. Christiana Avenue, while off duty, he pulled out his gun and/or placed his gun to the body of Lori Wesson and/or threatened to kill Lori Wesson.

BY REASON of the findings of fact and of guilty herein, cause exists for the suspension of Respondent, Police Officer **DARRELL WESSON**, Star #6846, from the Department of Police and from the services of the City of Chicago.


JACQUELINE A. WALKER
Hearing Officer

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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, Jacqueline Walker, hereby adopts all findings, and;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent, Police Officer Darrell Wesson, Star # 6846, as a result of being found guilty of violations of Rules 2, 6, 8, 9, and 38, is hereby suspended from his position as a Police Officer from the Department of Police and from the services of the City of Chicago from April 18, 2001, until he successfully completes an approved domestic violence counseling program, and until the Board issues a further Order reinstating him. The domestic violence program that Officer Wesson enrolls in must be approved by the Department's Personnel Concerns Program before he enrolls in it, and must be completed under the supervision of the Personnel Concerns Program. The counseling agency shall indicate in writing on its official letterhead stationary whether Officer Wesson successfully completed the program or if he failed to successfully complete the program. Officer Wesson shall sign the necessary waivers of confidentiality to permit the counseling program to make its report. The domestic counseling program shall be undertaken by Officer Wesson on his own time and at his own expense. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if Officer Wesson is enrolled in a City health insurance plan which would pay for such a counseling program, he shall be entitled to

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seek reimbursement from such plan, subject to the plan's normal requirements. Officer Wesson shall remain suspended until further Order of the Board is issued. Officer Wesson shall tender the documents showing successful completion of an approved domestic violence counseling program on or before October 31, 2002. The Board shall reconsider this matter after receiving documents from Officer Wesson showing successful completion of an approved domestic violence counseling program. In the event Officer Wesson fails to submit such documentation on or before October 31, 2002, the Board shall issue such further Order as it deems appropriate.

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7th DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STAT OF ILLINOIS, THIS
DAY OF December, 2001.

James E. Carney
Vicki Henry
Scott J. Davis

Patricia C. Bobb
Phyllis J. Galt
William G. Galt
Michael J. Galt
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, POLICE BOARD

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D I S S E N T

While concurring in the majority's finding of guilt, the following member of the Police Board dissents from the decision of the majority of the Board relative to the penalty, and supports a penalty of discharge as appropriate in this case.

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12 MAY 2000

COMMANDING OFFICER OF UNIT 113

SUBJECT: 02 PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY RECORD OF:

SEX		RACE		S.S.N.	
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SUPV.	STOUTENBROUGH	109		113
RANK	NAME	STAR	S.S.N.	UNIT

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

VERIFIED/PREPARED BY: 

FOR: COMMANDING OFFICER
RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

Exhibit A

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SSN [REDACTED] NAME: LAST WESSON

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STAR 06846

UNIT 011 EMP NO 300533 SEX M RACE N DOB 15 FEB 63 DATE APPTD 27 FEB 91

RANK 9164 PO/FIELD TRNG OFF

INCIDENT DISCIPLINARY

DATES SUSPENDED OR WORKED

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BE NO DATE ACTION TAKEN

(FROM - TO)

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C217062 16 APR 95 RE-STATE POLICE BD 30 SEP 95 -

F/CAT: EXCESSIVE FORCE: NO ARREST

LESS SER TRAN:

COMMENTS

STATUS CLO

C238663 25 JUL 97 1 DAY SUSPENSION

14 JUL 98 - 14 JUL 98 :

F/CAT: CONDUCT UNBECOMING (OFF DUTY): ALTERCATION/DISTURBANCE - DOMESTIC

LESS SER TRAN:

COMMENTS

STATUS CLO

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USE IN CR # 261462 ONLY

NO MORE CLOSED - SUSTAINED CR'S (PAST 5 YEARS) OR SP'S (PAST 1 YEAR)
SSN [REDACTED] NAME: LAST WESSON FIRST DARRELL MI L STAR 06846
UNIT 011 EMP NO 300533 SEX M RACE N DOB 15 FEB 63 DATE APPTD 27 FEB 91
RANK 9164 PO/FIELD TRNG OFF

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COMMENTS				STATUS CLO

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COMMENTS FAILURE TO PERFORM ANY DUTY STICKER VIOLATION				STATUS CLO

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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMPLIMENTARY HISTORY

DATE 12 May 2000

NAME Wesson, Darrell RANK PO SSN [REDACTED] STAR 6846 UNIT 011/376

SPECIAL AWARDS

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DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Complimentary History Requested By:

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C.R.# 261468

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