

**BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST</b>	)	
<b>SENIOR DATA ENTRY OPERATOR SOMOCKI S.</b>	)	<b>CASE #02-2484</b>
<b>BRANNON, EMPLOYEE # 518601 DEPARTMENT</b>	)	
<b>OF POLICE, CITY OF CHICAGO,</b>	)	<b>CR # 261198</b>
	)	
<b>RESPONDENT.</b>	)	

**FINDINGS AND DECISION**

On January 4, 2002, the Superintendent of Police filed charges with the Police Board of the City of Chicago, seeking the separation of Civilian Senior Data Entry Operator **SOMOCKI S. BRANNON**, Employee # 518601, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent" for violation of 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 6:** "Disobedience or an order or directive, whether written or oral."

**RULE 7:** "Insubordination or disrespect toward a supervisory member on or off duty."

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

**RULE 30:** "Leaving duty assignment of any person, while on or off duty."

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, caused a hearing on these charges against Senior Data Entry Operator **SOMOCKI S. BRANNON**, Employee # 518601, to be heard by **JACQUELINE A. WALKER**, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on April 26, 2002. Following the 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 Senior Data Entry Operator 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, Senior Data Entry Operator **SOMOCKI S. BRANNON**, Employee #518601, as charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to-wit:

**RULE 1:** "Violation of any law or ordinance", in that:

On or about March 29, 2000, at or near 1121 S. State Street, he

committed a battery while on duty, in that he made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with Sergeant Brian C. Oakes, by bumping his torso against Sergeant Oakes.

- (5) The Respondent, Senior Data Entry Operator **SOMOCKI S. BRANNON**, Employee # 518601, 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 March 29, 2000, at or near 1121 S. State Street, while on duty, he made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with Sergeant Brian C. Oakes, by bumping his torso against Sergeant Oakes.
- (B) On or about March 29, 2000, at or near 1121 S. State Street, while on duty, he failed to return to his unit after being given a direct order, one or more times, to do so by Sergeant Brian C. Oakes.
- (C) On or about March 29, 2000, at or near 1121 S. State Street, while on duty, he disobeyed an order or directive when he failed to retrieve his personal belongings and return to Room 405, after being given a direct order to do so by Sergeant Brian C. Oakes.
- (D) On or about March 29, 2000, at or near 1121 S. State Street, while on duty, he left his assigned work station without being properly relieved or without prior authorization.

(E) On or about February, February 8, 2001, he was found guilty of the offense of battery.

(6) The Respondent, Senior Data Entry Operator **SOMOCKI S. BRANNON**,

Employee # 518601, as charged herein, is guilty of violating, to-wit:

**RULE 6** - “Disobedience of any order or directive, whether written or oral”, in the following instances:

(A) On or about March 29, 2000, at or near 1121 S. State Street, while on duty, he disobeyed an order or directive when he failed to return to his unit after being given a direct order to do so by Sergeant Brian C. Oakes, one or more times.

(B) On or about March 29, 2000, at or near 1121 S. State Street, while on duty, he disobeyed an order or directive when he failed to retrieve his personal belongings and return to Room 405, after being give a direct order to do so by Sergeant Brian C. Oakes.

(7) The Respondent, Senior Data Entry Operator **SOMOCKI S. BRANNON**,

Employee # 518601, as charged herein, is guilty of violating, to-wit:

**RULE 7:** “Insubordination or disrespect toward a supervisory member on or off duty”, in that:

On or about March 29, 2000, at or near 1121 S. State Street, while on duty, he engaged in insubordination or disrespect toward a supervisory member, in that he failed to acknowledge Sergeant Brian C. Oakes, who had instructed him to return to his work area, and instead he approached Sergeant Oakes and bumped Sergeant Oakes’ torso with his.

(8) The Respondent, Senior Data Entry Operator **SOMOCKI S. BRANNON**,

Employee # 518601, 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:

(A) On or about March 29, 2000, at or near 1121 S. State Street, while on duty, he disrespected or maltreated Sergeant Brian C. Oakes, in that he made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with Sergeant Oakes by bumping his torso against that of Sergeant Oakes.

(B) On or about March 29, 2000, at or near 1121 S. State Street, while on duty, he engaged in insubordination or disrespect toward a supervisory member, in that he failed to acknowledge Sergeant Brian C. Oakes, who had instructed him to return to his work area, and instead he approached Sergeant Oakes and bumped his torso against that of Sergeant Oakes.

(9) The Respondent, Senior Data Entry Operator **SOMOCKI S. BRANNON**,

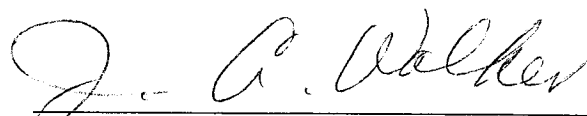
Employee # 518601, as charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to-wit:

**RULE 30**: “Leaving duty assignment of any person, while on or off duty”, in that:

On or about March 29, 2000, at or near 1121 S. State Street, while on duty, he left his assigned workstation without being properly relieved or without proper authorization.

**BY REASON** of the findings of fact and of guilty herein, cause exists for the suspension of Respondent, Civilian Senior Data Entry Operator **SOMOCKI S. BRANNON**, Employee # 518601, from the Department of Police and from the services

of the City of Chicago from January 8, 2002 to **and including July 7, 2002.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. A. Walker", written in black ink.

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JACQUELINE A. WALKER

Hearing Officer

**FINDINGS & DECISION, CONT'D:**

**SENIOR DATA ENTRY OPERATOR SOMOCKI S. BRANNON, EMPLOYEE # 518601,  
C.R. #261198**

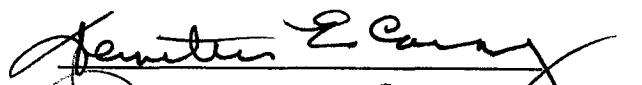

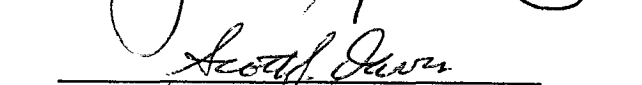

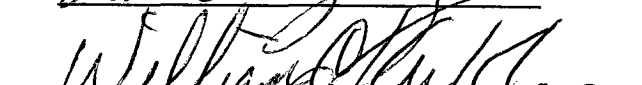
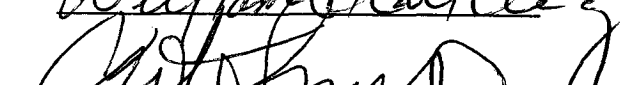

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**DECISION**

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, **JACQUELINE A. WALKER**, 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, Senior Data Entry Operator **SOMOCKI S. BRANNON**, Employee # 518601, as a result of having been found guilty of the charges in Police Board Case No. 02-2484, is hereby suspended from his position as a Senior Data Entry Operator, and from the services of the City of Chicago, from January 8, 2002, to and including **July 7, 2002**.

**DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY  
OF JUNE, 2002.**



Executive Director, Police Board

**FINDINGS & DECISION, CONT'D:**

**SENIOR DATA ENTRY OPERATOR SOMOCKI S. BRANNON, EMPLOYEE # 518601,  
C.R. #261198**

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**DISSENT**

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

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THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2002

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SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

A172 PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY ACTION SUMMARY FUNCTION  
NO MORE CLOSED - SUSTAINED CR'S (PAST 5 YEARS) OR SP'S (PAST 1 YEAR)  
SSN [REDACTED] NAME: LAST BRANNON FIRST SOMOCKI MI S STAR  
UNIT 166 EMP NO 518601 SEX M RACE N DOB 23 DEC 73 DATE APPTD 01 OCT 96  
RANK 0665 SR DATA ENTRY OPR

INCIDENT	DISCIPLINARY	DATES SUSPENDED OR WORKED	OPTN/TD
C 7 NO	DATE ACTION TAKEN	(FROM - TO)	GRNT'D

C236407 24 APR 97 2 DAY SUSPENSION 03 NOV 97 - 04 NOV 97 ;  
F/CAT: CONDUCT UNBECOMING (OFF DUTY): ALTERCATION/DISTURBANCE - DOMESTIC  
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Chicago Police Department  
Personnel Division

**COMPLIMENTARY HISTORY**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>SSN</u>	<u>Star</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Detail Unit</u>
BRANNON	SOMOCKI S	0665		166	165

DEPT. COMMENDATIO

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HONORABLE MENTIO

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COMPLIMENTARY LETTERS

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AWARD NUMBER:

OTHER AWARDS:

**SPECIAL AWARDS:**Jr. Chamber . of Comm = 0Honored Police Star = 0Rich. J Daley Award = 0Life Saving Awd= 0Police Medal = 0Hnd Cld Med. of Val = 0Supt. Awd of Valor = 0Fitness Award= 0Supt. Awd of Merit = 0Appearance Award = 0Police Blue Star = 0Special Commendation = 0Officer of The Month = 0Partnership Award = 0Unit Meritorious = 0Special Serv. Award = 0Lambert Tree = 0Problem Solving Awd= 0Carter Harrison = 0Blue Shield Awd = 0WGN Award = 0**Complimentary History Requested By:**

<u>NAME:</u>	BRECKENRIDGE CHARLES	<u>STAR:</u>	08099	<u>UNIT:</u>	121
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**Completed by:**

Joel Brown  
Personnel Division  
Records Section -2089-2092  
Pax 0-342 or Bell 5-5390

PERSONNEL DIVISION

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION  
RECORDS SECTION

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER OF GIS

FROM: RECORDS SECTION  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

SUBJECT: PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY RECORD OF:

BRANNON	Somocki	Civilian	166
NAME	(LAST, FIRST, M. I.)	STAR	UNIT
M	B		
SEX	RACE	S.S.N.	

REFERENCE: COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER(S) 261198

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

Police Agent Charles BRECKENRIDGE	8099		121
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.

VERIFIED/PREPARED BY:

PATRICIA JOHNSON

FOR: COMMANDING OFFICER  
RECORDS SECTION  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

EX. A

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