

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST</b>	)	
<b>DETECTIVE JANICE R. GOVERN,</b>	)	<b>CASE #03-2510</b>
<b>STAR # 20619, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,</b>	)	
<b>CITY OF CHICAGO,</b>	)	<b>CR # 274234</b>
	)	
<b>RESPONDENT.</b>	)	

**FINDINGS AND DECISION**

On or about April 1, 2003, the Superintendent of Police filed charges with the Police Board of the City of Chicago, seeking the termination of Detective **JANICE R. GOVERN**, Star # 20619, 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 5:** "Failure to perform any duty."

**RULE 14:** "Making a false report, written or oral."

**RULE 21:** "Failure to report promptly to the Department any information concerning any crime or other unlawful action."

The Police Board of the City of Chicago caused a hearing on these charges against Detective **JANICE R. GOVERN**, Star # 20619, to be heard by **JACQUELINE A. WALKER**, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on September 9, 2003, September 12, 2003 and October 2, 2003. Following the Hearing, the members of the Police Board read and reviewed the certified transcription of the proceedings of the hearing and viewed the videotapes of the proceedings.

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**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 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 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) Respondent, Detective **JANICE R. GOVERN**, Star #20619, 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 August 25, 2001, while on duty and in the vicinity of a Dominick's food store located at or near 2101 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, after learning that a bank robbery was in progress or had just been committed, she failed to take the appropriate police action, including, but not limited to: making the required notifications

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to the Department; attempting to arrest the offender(s); preserving the crime scene for evidence collection and processing; locating, identifying and/or interviewing witnesses; obtaining a description of the offender(s); identifying herself and providing information to police units arriving on the scene; and /or notifying the Department prior to leaving the scene.

(B) On or about December 10, 2001, while in the vicinity of 3510 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, she gave a statement to the Internal Affairs Division that contained false information.

(5) The Respondent, Detective **JANICE R. GOVERN**, Star #20619, as charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to-wit:

**RULE 5:** "Failure to perform any duty", in that:

On or about August 25, 2001, at approximately 1245 hours, while on duty and in the vicinity of a Dominick's food store, located at or near 2101 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, after learning a bank robbery was in progress or had just been committed, she failed to take appropriate police action, including, but not limited to: making the required notifications to the Department; attempting to arrest the offender(s); preserving the crime scene for evidence collection and processing; locating, identifying and/or interviewing witnesses; obtaining a description of the offender(s); identifying herself and providing information to police units arriving on the scene; and /or notifying the Department prior to leaving the scene.

(6) The Respondent, Detective **JANICE R. GOVERN**, Star #20619, as charged

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herein, is **guilty** of violating, to-wit:

**RULE 14:** "Making a false report, written or oral", in that:

On or about December 10, 2001, while in the vicinity of 3510 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, she gave a statement containing false information to the Internal Affairs Division.

(7) The Respondent, Detective **JANICE R. GOVERN**, Star # 20619, as charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to-wit:

**RULE 21:** "Failure to report promptly to the Department any information concerning any crime or other unlawful action", in that:

On or about August 25, 2001, at approximately 1245 hours, while on duty and in the vicinity of a Dominick's food store located at or near 2101 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, after learning that a bank robbery was in progress or had just been committed, she failed to report promptly to the Department any information concerning the robbery.

**BY REASON** of the findings of fact and of guilt herein, cause exists for the suspension of Respondent, Detective **JANICE R. GOVERN**, Star # 20619, from the Department of Police and from the services of the City of Chicago from April 3, 2003 to April 2, 2005.



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JACQUELINE A. WALKER  
Hearing Officer

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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 viewed the videotapes 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, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent, Detective **JANICE R. GOVERN**, Star # 20619, as a result of having been found guilty of the charges in Police Board Case No. 03-2510, is hereby suspended from her position as a Detective, and from the services of the City of Chicago, from April 3, 2003, to and including April 2, 2005.

**DATED AS CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2003.**

Patricia C. Bobb  
Deputy to Chair  
Walter J. Jones  
William H. Kelly

The following member of the Police Board concurs in the finding of guilt, and would support a penalty of discharge as the appropriate sanction in this case. He concurs in the penalty of a two years' suspension solely to enable the Board to meet the legal requirement that a minimum of five members of the Board agree in order for disciplinary action to be taken.

Scott Davis

Michael  
Executive Director, Police Board

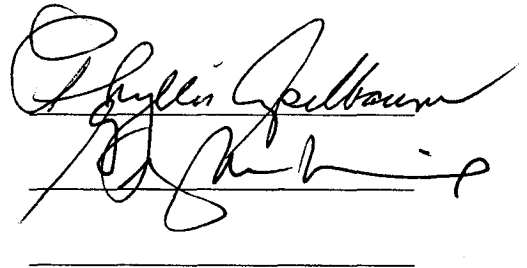
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**DISSENT**

The following members of the Police Board hereby dissent from the decision of the majority of the Board. While concurring in the finding of guilt, they support a penalty of discharge as the appropriate sanction in this case.



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THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2003

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SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

**INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION  
RECORDS SECTION**

**29 January 2002**

**TO: COMMANDING OFFICER UNIT 121**

**FROM: RECORDS SECTION  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION**

**SUBJECT: PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY RECORD OF:**

<u>GOVERN</u>	<u>JANICE</u>	<u>20619</u>	<u>610</u>
NAME	(LAST, FIRST M.I.)	STAR	UNIT
<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	
SEX	RACE	S.S.N.	

**REFERENCE: COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER(S) 274 234**

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

<u>P.A.</u>	<u>M. LANE</u>	<u>5905</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>121-G</u>
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:**

P.O. S. SASSO

**FOR: COMMANDING OFFICER  
RECORDS SECTION  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION**

**SEE ATTACHED**

Exhibit A

**C. R. 274 234**  
**ATTACHMENT # 41**

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Sustained Complaints History Report

<u>Social Sec. #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Star #</u>	<u>Emp. #</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>
[REDACTED]	GOVERN JANICE R.	20819	302157	9165	PO AS DETECTIVE	610
<u>Sex</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Appointed Date</u>	<u>No. Of CR's</u>	<u>No. Of SPAR's</u>	
F	BLACK	04-MAY-1959	26-MAR-1990	0	1	
<u>Case #</u>	<u>Incident Date</u>	<u>Suspension Dates</u>	<u>Disciplinary Action Taken</u>	<u>Final Category</u>	<u>Less Serious Transgression</u>	
S013404	24-AUG-2001		REPRIMAND		INATTENTION TO DUTY	
<u>Civil Suit #</u>			<u>Police Board #</u>			
<u>Comments</u>	EXPIRED STICKER					

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Chicago Police Department  
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COMPLIMENTARY HISTORY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>SSN</u>	<u>Star</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Detail Unit</u>
GOVERN JANICE	9165	[REDACTED]	20619	610	

DEPT. COMMENDATIONS

1

HONORABLE MENTIONS

2

COMPLIMENTARY LETTERS

0

AWARD NUMBER:

94229

OTHER AWARDS:

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Jr. Chamber . of Comm = 0

Honored Police Star = 0

Rich. J Daley Award = 0

Life Saving Awd= 0

Police Medal = 0

Hnd Cld Med. of Val = 0

Supt. Awd of Valor = 0

Fitness Award= 0

Supt. Awd of Merit = 0

Appearance Award = 0

Police Blue Star = 0

Special Commendation = 0

Officer of The Month = 0

Partnership Award = 0

Unit Meritorious = 0

Special Serv. Award = 0

Lambert Tree = 0

Problem Solving Awd= 0

Carter Harrison = 0

Blue Shield Awd = 0

WGN Award = 0

Complimentary History Requested By:

NAME: LANE MARIE	TITLE 9174	STAR: 05905	UNIT: 121
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Completed by:

Betty Flynn  
Personnel Division  
Records Section -2089-2092  
Pax 0-342 or Bell 5-5390

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