

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)	
POLICE OFFICER DANIEL POKRAJAC, STAR #)	CASE # 04-2547
19589, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)	
CITY OF CHICAGO,)	C. R. # 294265
)	
RESPONDENT.)	

FINDINGS AND DECISION

On April 13, 2004, the Superintendent of Police filed charges with the Police Board of the City of Chicago, seeking the termination of **DANIEL POKRAJAC**, Star # 19589, 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 of an order or directive, written or oral."

The Police Board of the City of Chicago caused a hearing on these charges against Police Officer **DANIEL POKRAJAC**, Star # 19589, to be heard by **JACQUELINE A. WALKER**, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on April 6, 2005 and June 29, 2005.

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 hearing. **JACQUELINE A. WALKER**, Hearing Officer made an oral report and conferred with the Police Board before it rendered a decision.

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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) Respondent, Police Officer **DANIEL POKRAJAC**, Star # 19589, as charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to-wit:

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

On or about December 3, 2003, he rendered a urine specimen which contained cocaine metabolites thus indicating that he possessed some amount of cocaine on or before that date in violation of Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 720, Section 570/402.

- (5) Respondent, Police Officer, **DANIEL POKRAJAC**, Star # 19589, 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 that:

On or about December 3, 2003, he rendered a urine specimen which contained cocaine metabolites.

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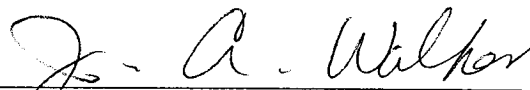
(6) Respondent, Police Officer **DANIEL POKRAJAC**, Star # 19589, as charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

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

On or about December 3, 2003, he rendered a urine specimen that contained cocaine metabolites, thereby violating General Order 90-5 Article III, Section B, which strictly prohibits the use of cocaine.

BY REASON of the findings of fact and of guilt herein, cause exists for the discharge of Respondent, Police Officer **DANIEL POKRAJAC**, Star # 19589 from the Department of Police and from the services of the City of Chicago.

Respectfully Submitted,



JACQUELINE A. WALKER
Hearing Officer

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DECISION

The members of the Police Board, having read and reviewed the certified transcription of the hearing, having viewed the video-recording 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, Police Officer **DANIEL L. POKRAJAC**, Star #19589, as a result of having been found **guilty** of the charges in Police Board Case No. 04-2547, be and hereby is **discharged** from his position as a Police Officer, and from the services of the City of Chicago.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 21st DAY OF JULY, 2005.

Patricia Bell
Victor Arzoo
John J. Smith
William G. Smith
Thyllis Spelmann
Scott J. Davis
Alvin J. Davis
Michael J. Davis

Max A. Caproni

Executive Director
Police Board

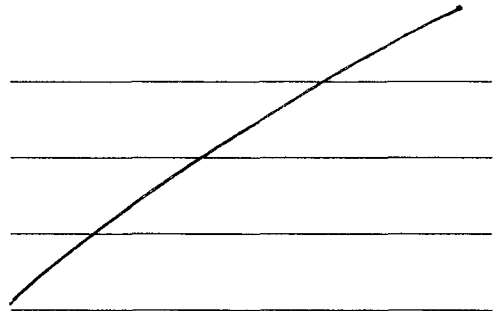
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DISSENT

The following members of the Police Board hereby dissent from the decision of the majority of the Board in Police Board Case No. 04-2547.



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THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2005.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

Chicago Police Department
Personnel Division

01/13/2004

COMPLIMENTARY HISTORY

Name	Title	SSN	Star	Unit	Detail Unit
POKRAJAC DANIEL	9161	[REDACTED]	19589	009	166

HONORABLE MENTIONS

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COMPLIMENTARY LETTERS

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DEPT. COMMENDATIONS

AWARD NUMBER:

1 03364 2 03168 3 4 5
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OTHER AWARDS:

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Jr. Chamber . of Comm	0	Unit Meritorious	0	Fitness Award	1
Rich. J Daley Award	0	Lambert Tree	0	Appearance Award	0
Police Medal	0	Carter Harrison	0	Special Commendation	0
d of Valor	0	WGN Award	0	Partnership Award	0
Supt. Awd of Merit	0	Honored Police Star	0	Special Serv. Award	0
Police Blue Star	0	Life Saving Awd	1	Problem Solving Awd	0
Officer of The Month	0	Hnd Cld Med. of Val	0	Blue Shield Awd	0

Complimentary History Requested By:

NAME CRADICK JAMES SERGEANT STAR: 01175 UNIT: 121

Completed by:

CR #: 294265

PO Spyker
Personnel Division
Records Section -2089-2092
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**INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
RECORDS SECTION**

JANURAY 13, 2004

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER UNIT 121-G
FROM: RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
SUBJECT: PREVIOUS SUSTAINED DISCIPLINARY HISTORY OF:

POKRAJAC, DANIEL	19589	009
NAME (LAST, FIRST M.I.)	STAR	UNIT
M	W	
SEX	RACE	S.S.N.

REFERENCE: COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER 294265

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

SGT.	J. CRADICK	1175		121-G
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 ADMINISTERED TO THE SUBJECT
ACCUSED FOR THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS.**

VERIFIED/PREPARED BY:

P.O. CHRISTINA FABIAN

NONE

FOR: COMMANDING OFFICER
RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION