

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)
POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY D. BUCKLES,) No. 04 PB 2567
STAR No. 12405, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)
CITY OF CHICAGO,)
RESPONDENT) (CR No. 264194)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

On December 22, 2004 the Superintendent of Police filed charges with the Police Board of the City of Chicago against Police Officer Anthony D. Buckles, Star No. 12405 (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent"), for violating 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, whether written or oral.
- 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 Anthony D. Buckles, Star No. 12405, to be had before Thomas E. Johnson, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on August 19, 2005, December 21, 2005, April 12, 2006, May 10, 2006, and May 23, 2006.

Following the hearing, the members of the Police Board read and reviewed the certified transcription of the hearing and viewed the video-recording of the hearing. Thomas E. Johnson, Hearing Officer, made an oral report to and conferred with the Police Board before it rendered a decision.

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, as a result of its hearing of the charges, finds and determines that:

1. The Respondent was at all times mentioned herein employed as a police officer 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 Thomas E. Johnson, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on August 19, 2005, December 21, 2005, April 12, 2006, May 10, 2006, and May 23, 2006.
4. Throughout the hearing, the Respondent was represented by counsel of his choice and was present (except for August 19, 2005, when the Respondent authorized his counsel to proceed in his absence).
5. The Respondent Police Officer Anthony D. Buckles, Star No. 12405, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance.

On an unspecified date in June of 2000, at or near the basement apartment of 5417 South Michigan Avenue, Police Officer Anthony D. Buckles, while off duty, from a position and/or a place outside of this building, knowingly and/or intentionally discharged a firearm into the residence of Brenda May, when he knew or reasonably should have known that the residence was

occupied, in violation of Chapter 720 ILCS 5/24-1.2(a)(1).

6. The Respondent Police Officer Anthony Buckles, Star No. 12405, 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.

Count I: On an unspecified date in June of 2000, at or near the basement apartment of 5417 South Michigan Avenue, Police Officer Anthony D. Buckles, while off duty, discharged a firearm into the residence of Brenda May, which ultimately led to an investigation being conducted by members of the Chicago Police Department and his subsequent charge on September 7, 2000, for the offense of Aggravated Discharge of a Weapon.

Count II: On or about August 18, 2000, at or near 5411 South Michigan Avenue, Police Officer Anthony D. Buckles, while off duty, violated an Order of Protection entered by the Circuit Court of Cook County, Case No. 00 D 11498, in that he visited and/or was in the vicinity of the residence where Brenda May resided.

Count III: On or about August 25, 2000, at or near 5411 South Michigan Avenue, Police Officer Anthony D. Buckles, while off duty, violated an Order of Protection entered by the Circuit Court of Cook County, Case No. 00 D 11498, in that he visited and/or was in the vicinity of the residence where Brenda May resided.

7. The Respondent Police Officer Anthony Buckles, Star No. 12405, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.

Count I: On an unspecified date in June of 2000, Police Officer Anthony D. Buckles, while off duty, failed to immediately notify the Office of Emergency Management and Communications and/or the Chicago Police Department that he discharged his weapon, and/or he failed to

complete a Weapons Discharge Report, in violation of General Order 99-01, section V-A.

Count II: On or about February 6, 2002, Police Officer Anthony D. Buckles, while off duty, failed to cooperate with personnel from the Office of Professional Standards during their investigation of Complaint Register No. 264194, in that he failed to make a required appearance at the Office of Professional Standards and/or failed to notify the investigator from the Office of Professional Standards of his inability to keep this required appearance, in violation of General Order 93-3, addendum 2, section II-A(2).

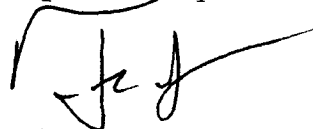
8. The Respondent Police Officer Anthony Buckles, Star No. 12405, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 38: Unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.

On an unspecified date in June of 2000, at or near the basement apartment of 5417 South Michigan Avenue, Police Officer Anthony D. Buckles, while off duty, discharged a firearm, without legal justification, into the residence of Brenda May.

By reason of the findings of fact that the Respondent is guilty of violating Rules 1, 2, 6, and 38, cause exists for the discharge of the Respondent from his position as a police officer with the Department of Police, and from the services of the City of Chicago.

Respectfully submitted,



THOMAS E. JOHNSON
Hearing Officer

D E C I S I O N

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, 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, Thomas E. Johnson, and having conferred with the Hearing Officer on the credibility of the witnesses and the evidence, hereby adopts 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 histories, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent, Police Officer Anthony D. Buckles, Star No. 12405, as a result of having been found **guilty** of charges in Police Board Case No. 04 PB 2567, 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
20th DAY OF JULY 2006.

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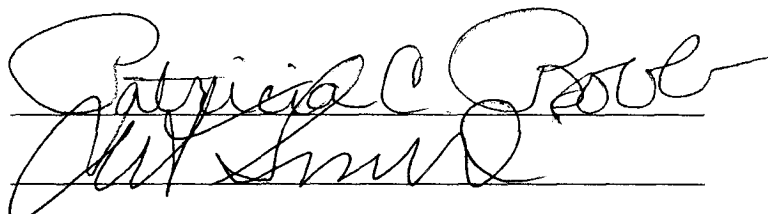
Executive Director
Police Board

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Star No. 12405

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.

The undersigned voted to find the Respondent not guilty of all charges.



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SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

Chicago Police Department
Personnel Division

08/12/2004

COMPLIMENTARY HISTORY

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>SSN</u> | <u>Star</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Detail Unit</u> |
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| BUCKLES ANTHONY | 9161 | [REDACTED] | 12405 | 005 | 376 |

HONORABLE MENTIONS

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COMPLIMENTARY LETTERS

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| Police Medal | 0 | Carter Harrison | 0 | Special Commendation | 0 |
| wd 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 | 0 | Problem Solving Awd | 0 |
| Officer of The Month | 0 | Hnd Cld Med. of Val | 0 | Blue Shield Awd | 0 |

Complimentary History Requested By:

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**INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
RECORDS SECTION**

12-AUG-2004

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER UNIT 113
FROM: RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
SUBJECT: PREVIOUS SUSTAINED DISCIPLINARY HISTORY OF:

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REFERENCE: COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER 264194

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

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**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:

BERNETTE KELLY

NONE

FOR: COMMANDING OFFICER
RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

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