

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST	)	
POLICE OFFICER PATRICIA HILL,	)	No. 06 PB 2584
STAR No. 4166, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,	)	
CITY OF CHICAGO,	)	
	)	
RESPONDENT	)	(CR No. 300729)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

On January 11, 2006, the Superintendent of Police filed charges with the Police Board of the City of Chicago against Police Officer Patricia Hill, Star No. 4166, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent") seeking her discharge for violating 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.

The Police Board of the City of Chicago caused a hearing on these charges against Police Officer Patricia Hill to be had before Michael G. Berland, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on June 14 and July 5, 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. Michael G. Berland, 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, 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 of 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 initial hearing on the charges.

3. The hearing was conducted on June 14 and July 5, 2006, before Michael G. Berland, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago.

4. Throughout the hearing, the Respondent appeared in person and was represented by counsel of her choice.

5. The Respondent, Police Officer Patricia Hill, Star No. 4166, 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.

On or about September 14, 2004, at U.S. Occupational Health, Inc., 205 West Randolph Street, Room 720, Chicago, Police Officer Patricia Hill refused to participate in a mandatory physical examination, although Sergeant Laurel Bresnahan had given her a direct order to participate in the aforementioned examination.

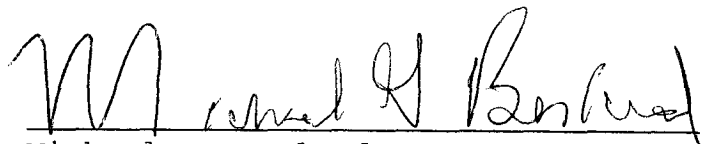
6. The Respondent, Police Officer Patricia Hill, Star No. 4166, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

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

On or about September 14, 2004, at U.S. Occupational Health, Inc., 205 West Randolph Street, Room 720, Chicago, Police Officer Patricia Hill refused to participate in a mandatory physical examination, thereby failing to comply with a direct order given by Sergeant Laurel Bresnahan to participate in the aforementioned examination.

By reason of the findings of fact that Respondent is guilty of violating Rules 2 and 6, cause exists for the suspension of Respondent from her position as a police officer with the Department of Police, and from the services of the City of Chicago, for a period from January 13, 2006, to and including April 12, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Berland", written over a horizontal line.

Michael G. Berland  
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, Michael G. Berland, 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 Patricia Hill, Star No. 4166, as a result of having been found **guilty** of charges in Police Board Case No. 06 PB 2584, be and hereby is **suspended** from her position as a police officer with the Department of Police, and from the services of the City of Chicago, for a period from 13 January 2006 to and including 12 April 2006 (three months).

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS  
17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2006.

*James L. Miller*  
*William A. Runkling*

*Max A. Carini*

Executive Director  
Police Board

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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 impose a nine-month suspension.

*Patti Bold*

*G. J. M. L. P.*

*Scot Davis*

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THE FOREGOING COMMUNICATION

THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2006.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

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\* \* \* AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS \* \* \*

FUNCTION:

14433  
\$ Act 405

SSN [REDACTED] EMP # 345898 NAME HILL

PATRICIA L TITLE 9161

MONTH AND YEAR RECEIVED

AWARD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SPECIAL COMMENDATION	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	0
PARTNERSHIP AWARD	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	0
SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	0
PROBLEM SOLVING AWARD	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	0
BLUE SHIELD AWARD	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	0
JOINT OPERATIONS AWARD	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	0

DEPT COMMENDATION 000 AWARDS NUMBER 1 2 3

4 5 6 7 8 9 10

HONORABLE MENTION 00005 COMPLIMENTARY LETTERS 007

OTHER AWARDS

Ex. A, 1 of 4

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SSN	EMP #	NAME	HILL	PATRICIA	L	TITLE	MONTH AND YEAR RECEIVED	TOTAL
		JR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	/	/	/	/		0
		RI ARD J DALEY AWARD	/	/	/	/		0
		PC LE MEDAL	/	/	/	/		0
		SUPT AWARD VALOR	/	/	/	/		0
		SUPT AWARD MERIT	/	/	/	/		0
		POLICE BLUE STAR	/	/	/	/		0
		OFFICER OF THE MONTH	/	/	/	/		0
		UNIT MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCE	/	/	/	/		0
		LAMBERT TREE	/	/	/	/		0
		CARTER HARRISON	/	/	/	/		0
		WGN AWARD	/	/	/	/		0
		HONORED POLICE STAR	/	/	/	/		0
		LIFE SAVING AWARD	/	/	/	/		0
		HUNDRED CLUB MEDAL OF VALOR	/	/	/	/		0
		FITNESS AWARD	/	/	/	/		0
		APPEARANCE AWARD	/	/	/	/		0

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**INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION  
RECORDS SECTION**

07-FEB-2005

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

HILL	PATRICIA	376
NAME (LAST, FIRST M.I.)	STAR	UNIT
F	B	
SEX	RACE	S.S.N.

**REFERENCE: COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER** 300729

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

SGT	HANNA	1646	121
RANK	NAME	STAR	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:**

**BERNETTE KELLY**

SEE ATTACHED

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

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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Sustained Complaints History Report

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<u>Social Sec. #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Star #</u>	<u>Emp. #</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>
[REDACTED]	HILL PATRICIA L.		345898	9161	POLICE OFFICER	370

<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	10-JUL-1951	16-JUN-1986	2	0

<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>
C 271941	06-JUN-2001	23-SEP-2003	3 DAY SUSPENSION	10M-INSUBORDINATION	

<u>Civil Suit #</u>	<u>Police Board #</u>
	25-SEP-2003

Comments

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C 285024	16-OCT-2002	10-FEB-2004	1 DAY SUSPENSION	10A-ABSENT WITHOUT PERMISSION	

Civil Suit #Comments

ISSUED FOR USE IN CR#

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