

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST )  
POLICE OFFICER RAYMOND J. COLLINS, ) No. 06 PB 2588  
STAR No. 3598, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, )  
CITY OF CHICAGO, )  
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)  
RESPONDENT ) (CR No. 286919)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

On February 2, 2006 the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer Raymond J. Collins, Star No. 3598 (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent"), 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 4: Any conduct or action taken to use the official position for personal gain or influence.
- Rule 5: Failure to perform any duty.
- Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.
- Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral.

The Police Board of the City of Chicago caused a hearing on these charges against Police Officer Raymond J. Collins, Star No. 3598, to be had before Thomas E. Johnson, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on April 21, 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 a report to 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 April 21, 2006.

4. Throughout the hearing, the Respondent was present and was represented by counsel of his choice.

5. The Respondent Police Officer Raymond J. Collins, Star No. 3598, charged herein, is **not 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: There was insufficient evidence presented by the Superintendent to prove that from on or about December 3, 2002 to on or about December 9, 2002, while detailed to the Education and Training Division as coordinator of the Intramural Volleyball League, Police Officer Raymond J. Collins wrote one or more checks payable to "Cash" from the Chicago Police Recreational League/Athletic Fund and kept the currency and/or used the currency for personal expenditures.

Count II: There was insufficient evidence presented by the Superintendent to prove that from on or about December 3, 2002 to on or about December 9, 2002, while detailed to the Education and Training Division as coordinator of the Intramural Volleyball League, Police Officer Raymond J. Collins wrote one or more checks from the Chicago Police Recreational League/Athletic Fund to pay for unauthorized expenditures.

Count III: There was insufficient evidence presented by the Superintendent to prove that from on or before December 10, 2002 to on or about January 9, 2003, while detailed to the Education and Training Division as coordinator of the Intramural Volleyball League, Police Officer Raymond J. Collins failed to notify his supervisor, Sergeant Jackie Campbell, that the Intramural Volleyball League scheduled to begin on or about December 10, 2002 had been cancelled.

Count IV: There was insufficient evidence presented by the Superintendent to prove that on or about January 9, 2003 Police Officer Raymond J. Collins disobeyed a direct order from his supervisor, Sergeant Jackie Campbell, requiring him to submit prior to the end of his tour of duty a report explaining expenditures from the Chicago Police Recreational League/Athletic Fund appearing on a December 2002 bank statement from the Chicago Patrolmen's Federal Credit Union.

Count V: There was insufficient evidence presented by the Superintendent to prove that from on or about January 13, 2003 to on or about November 14, 2004, after being detailed out of the Education and Training Division and relieved of his duties as coordinator of the Intramural Volleyball League, Police Officer Raymond J. Collins failed to return and/or inventory the check book for the Chicago Police Recreational League/Athletic Fund.

Count VI: There was insufficient evidence presented by the Superintendent to prove that between on or before December 2, 2003 and on or about February 9, 2005, during the investigation of Complaint Register Number 286919, Police Officer Raymond J. Collins made one or more false statements to Police Agent Evelyn White regarding for what purpose one or more checks was written.

Count VII: There was insufficient evidence presented by the Superintendent to prove that on or about January 8, 2003, Police Officer Raymond J. Collins made a false statement to his supervisor, Sergeant Jackie Campbell, when he falsely indicated to her that the Intramural Volleyball League was operational.

6. The Respondent Police Officer Raymond J. Collins, Star No. 3598, charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 4: Any conduct or action taken to use the official position for personal gain or influence.

Count I: There was insufficient evidence presented by the Superintendent to prove that from on or about December 3, 2002 to on or about December 9, 2002, while detailed to the Education and Training Division as coordinator of the Intramural Volleyball League, Police Officer Raymond J. Collins wrote one or more checks payable to "Cash" from the Chicago Police Recreational League/Athletic Fund and kept the currency and/or used the currency for personal expenditures.

Count II: There was insufficient evidence presented by the Superintendent to prove that from on or about December 3, 2002 to on or about December 9, 2002, while detailed to the Education and Training Division as coordinator of the Intramural Volleyball League, Police Officer Raymond J. Collins wrote one or more checks from the Chicago Police Recreational League/Athletic Fund to pay for unauthorized expenditures.

7. The Respondent Police Officer Raymond J. Collins, Star No. 3598, charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 5: Failure to perform any duty.

Count I: There was insufficient evidence presented by the Superintendent to prove that from on or before December 10, 2002 to on or about January 9, 2003, while detailed to the Education and Training Division as coordinator of the Intramural Volleyball League, Police Officer Raymond J. Collins failed to notify his supervisor, Sergeant Jackie Campbell, that the

Intramural Volleyball League scheduled to begin on or about December 10, 2002 had been cancelled.

Count II: There was insufficient evidence presented by the Superintendent to prove that from on or about January 13, 2003 to on or about November 14, 2004, after being detailed out of the Education and Training Division and relieved of his duties as coordinator of the Intramural Volleyball League, Police Officer Raymond J. Collins failed to return and/or inventory the check book for the Chicago Police Recreational League/Athletic Fund.

8. The Respondent Police Officer Raymond J. Collins, Star No. 3598, charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to wit:

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

There was insufficient evidence presented by the Superintendent to prove that on or about January 9, 2003 Police Officer Raymond J. Collins disobeyed a direct order from his supervisor, Sergeant Jackie Campbell, requiring him to submit prior to the end of his tour of duty a report explaining expenditures from the Chicago Police Recreational League/Athletic Fund appearing on a December 2002 bank statement from the Chicago Patrolmen's Federal Credit Union.

9. The Respondent Police Officer Raymond J. Collins, Star No. 3598, charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral.

Count I: There was insufficient evidence presented by the Superintendent to prove that between on or before December 2, 2003 and on or about February 9, 2005, during the investigation of Complaint Register Number 286919, Police Officer Raymond J. Collins made one or more false statements to Police Agent Evelyn White regarding for what purpose one or more checks was written.

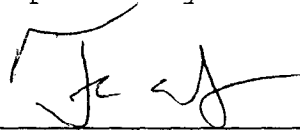
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2003, Police Officer Raymond J. Collins made a false statement to his supervisor, Sergeant Jackie Campbell, when he falsely indicated to her that the Intramural Volleyball League was operational.

By reason of the findings of fact that the Respondent is not guilty of violating Rules 2, 4, 5, 6, and 14, cause exists for restoring the Respondent to his position as a police officer with the Department of Police, and to the services of the City of Chicago, with all rights and benefits, effective February 4, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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THOMAS E. JOHNSON  
Hearing Officer

DECISION

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 report of the Hearing Officer, Thomas E. Johnson, and having heard from the Hearing Officer on the credibility of the witnesses and the evidence, hereby adopts all findings herein; and

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Respondent, Police Officer Raymond J. Collins, Star #3598, as a result of having been found **not guilty** of the charges in Police Board Case No. 06 PB 2588, be and hereby is **restored** to his position as a Police Officer, and to the services of the City of Chicago, with all rights and benefits, effective 04 February 2006.

**DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS  
18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2006.**

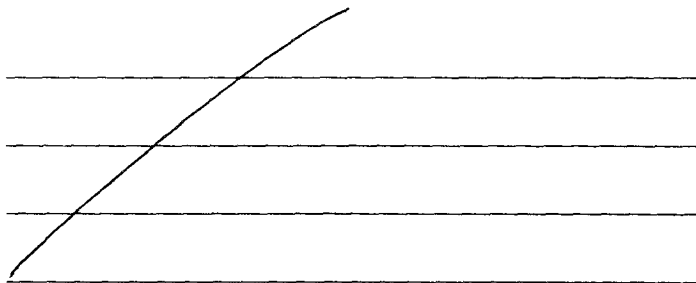
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D I S S E N T

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



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NOTICE

Under Illinois law, a party to a Police Board case has the right to appeal the Board's decision by filing a petition for administrative review in the Circuit Court of Cook County, County Department, Chancery Division.

In accordance with 735 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/3-102, the time limit for filing an appeal is 35 days from the date the Board personally serves a party with a copy of the decision, or 35 days from the postmark of the date the Board mails a copy of the decision to a party. Filing an appeal after this time limit may result in the dismissal of the case.

