

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST )  
POLICE OFFICER MESHAY OWENS, STAR # ) No. 06 PB 2595  
7737, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, CITY OF )  
CHICAGO, )  
RESPONDENT. ) (C.R. No. 285903)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

On February 24, 2006, the Superintendent of Police filed charges with the Police Board of the City of Chicago, seeking the termination of **MESHAY OWENS**, Star # 7737, 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 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 **MESHAY OWENS**, Star # 7737, to be heard by **JACQUELINE A. WALKER**, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on July 18, 2006, July 19, 2006 and July 21, 2006.

Following the hearing, members of the Police Board read and reviewed the certified transcription of the proceedings of the hearing and viewed the video recordings of the hearing. **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 Police Officer employed by the Department of Police of the City of Chicago;

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(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 **MESHAY OWENS**, Star # 7737, 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 June 24, 2003, while giving a statement to the Office of Professional Standards, she made one or more false statements regarding the nature of physical contact between herself and Police Officer Tracy Quarles, Star # 11621, on November 21, 2002.
- B) On or about August 15, 2003, while giving a statement to the Office of Professional Standards, she made one or more false statements regarding the nature of physical contact between herself and Police Officer Tracy Quarles, Star # 11621, on August 1, 2003.
- C) On or about August 15, 2003, while giving a statement to the Office of Professional Standards, she made one or more false statements regarding her phone conversation with the Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) on August 1, 2003.

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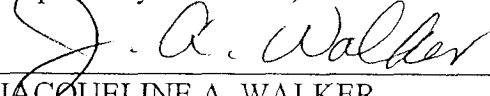
(5) Respondent, Police Officer, **MESHAY OWENS**, Star # 7737, as charged herein, is guilty of violating, to-wit:

**RULE 14**: “Making a false report, written or oral,” in the following instances:

- A) On or about June 24, 2003, while giving a statement to the Office of Professional Standards, she made one or more false statements regarding the nature of physical contact between herself and Police Officer Tracy Quarles, Star # 11621, on November 21, 2002.
- B) On or about August 15, 2003, while giving a statement to the Office of Professional Standards, she made one or more false statements regarding the nature of physical contact between herself and Police Officer Tracy Quarles, Star # 11621, on August 1, 2003.
- C) On or about August 15, 2003, while giving a statement to the Office of Professional Standards, she made one or more false statements regarding her phone conversation with the Office of Emergency Communication (OEC) on August 1, 2003.

**BY REASON** of the findings of fact and of guilt herein, cause exists for the suspension of Respondent, Police Officer **MESHAY OWENS**, Star # 7737, from the Department of Police and from the services of the City of Chicago from February 25, 2006 up to and including October 15, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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JACQUELINE A. WALKER  
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 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 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 **MESHAY OWENS**, Star No. 7737, as a result of having been found **guilty** of charges in Police Board Case No. 06 PB 2595, be and hereby is **suspended** from her position as a police officer, and from the services of the City of Chicago, for a period from 25 February 2006 to and including  
15 October 2006.

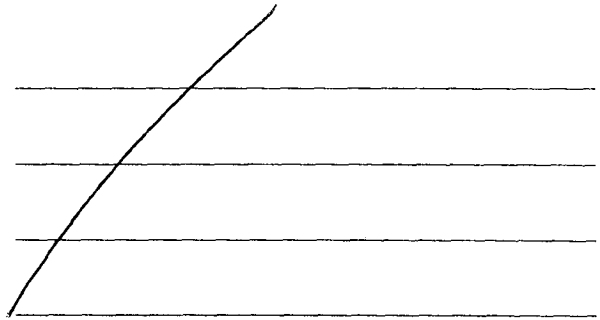
DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY  
OF SEPTEMBER, 2006.

*Phyllis Appelbaum*  
*Patricia Boll*  
*[Signature]*  
*Kenneth R. Co*  
*William C. Kilkenny*  
*Vivian Gonzalez*  
*[Signature]*  
*Scott Davis*

*Max A. Caproni*  
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Executive Director  
Police Board

DISSENT

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



RECEIVED A COPY OF

THE FOREGOING COMMUNICATION

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

SSN	EMP #	NAME	OWENS	MESHAY	S	TITLE	9161	TOTAL
				MONTH AND YEAR RECEIVED				
		JR. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	/	/	/	/	/	0
		RICHARD J DALEY AWARD	/	/	/	/	/	0
		CE 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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SSN	EMP #	NAME	OWENS	MESHAY	S	TITLE	9161	TOTAL
			MONTH AND YEAR RECEIVED					
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 00014 COMPLIMENTARY LETTERS 000								
OTHER AWARDS								

**INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION  
RECORDS SECTION**

04 APRIL 2005

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

OWENS MESHAY	7737	376
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NAME (LAST, FIRST M.I.)	STAR	UNIT
F	BLK	
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SEX	RACE	S.S.N.

**REFERENCE:** COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER 285 903

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

SUPV	CARMODY	108		113
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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:**

PATRICIA JOHNSON

SEE ATTACHED

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

Ex. A 314



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>
██████████	OWENS MESHAY S.	7737	304790	9161	POLICE OFFICER	6
<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	16-JUN-1967	02-MAY-1994	1	2	

<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 267333	20-NOV-2000	21-MAR-2002	1 DAY SUSPENSION	10M-INSUBORDINATION	
<u>Civil Suit #</u>		21-MAR-2002	<u>Police Board #</u>		
<u>Comments</u>	TRAFFIC				

<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>
S043244	07-OCT-2004		REPRIMAND		005-COURT APPEARANCE VIOLATION
<u>Civil Suit #</u>			<u>Police Board #</u>		
<u>Comments</u>	TRAFFIC				

<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>
S043563	17-NOV-2004		REPRIMAND		005-COURT APPEARANCE VIOLATION
<u>Civil Suit #</u>			<u>Police Board #</u>		
<u>Comments</u>	TRAFFIC				

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