

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)	
POLICE OFFICER LONZO EDWARDS JR.,)	No. 07 PB 2622
STAR No. 13537, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)	
CITY OF CHICAGO,)	
)	
RESPONDENT)	(CR No. 305207)

FINDINGS

On January 17, 2007, the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer Lonzo Edwards Jr., Star No. 13537 (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent"), recommending that the Respondent be discharged from the Chicago Police Department for violating the following Rules of Conduct:

- 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 24: Failure to follow medical roll procedures.
- Rule 28: Being absent from duty without proper authorization.

The Police Board caused a hearing on these charges against Police Officer Lonzo Edwards Jr. to be had before Michael G. Berland, Hearing Officer of the Police Board, on October 23, 2007.

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 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. Throughout the hearing the Respondent appeared in person and was represented by legal counsel.

4. The Respondent, Police Officer Lonzo Edwards Jr., Star No. 13537, 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:

Count I: On or about October 4, 2004, he failed to report to Mercy Works as directed by Medical Services Section personnel, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count II: On or about October 5, 2004, he failed to report to the Medical Services Section as directed by Medical Services Section personnel, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count III: From on or about October 5, 2004, to April 28, 2005, or for some period of time therein, he remained on the medical roll without proper authorization, thereby impeding

the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.

5. The Respondent, Police Officer Lonzo Edwards Jr., Star No. 13537, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

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

in that:

Count I: On or about October 4, 2004, he failed to report to Mercy Works as directed by Medical Services Section personnel, thereby disobeying an order or directive, whether written or oral.

Count II: On or about October 5, 2004, he failed to report to the Medical Services Section as directed by Medical Services Section personnel, thereby disobeying an order or directive, whether written or oral.

6. The Respondent, Police Officer Lonzo Edwards Jr., Star No. 13537, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 24: Failure to follow medical roll procedures.

in that:

Count I: On or about October 4, 2004, he failed to report to Mercy Works as directed by Medical Services Section personnel, thereby failing to follow medical roll procedures.

Count II: On or about October 5, 2004, he failed to report to the Medical Services Section as directed by Medical Services Section personnel, thereby failing to follow medical roll procedures.

Count III: From on or about October 5, 2004, through April 28, 2005, or for some period of time therein, he remained on the medical roll without proper authorization, thereby failing to follow medical roll procedures.

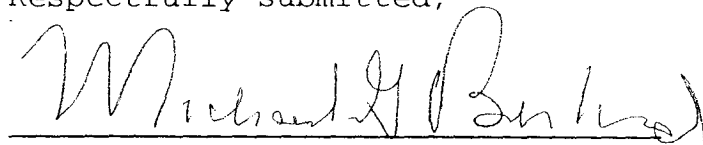
7. The Respondent, Police Officer Lonzo Edwards Jr., Star No. 13537, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 28: Being absent from duty without proper authorization.
in that:

From on or about October 5, 2004, through April 28, 2005, or for some period of time therein, he remained on the medical roll without proper authorization, thereby being absent from duty without proper authorization.

By reason of the findings of fact and guilt set forth herein, cause exists for the discharge of the Respondent, Police Officer Lonzo Edwards Jr., Star No. 13537, from his position as a police officer with the Department of Police, and from the services of the City of Chicago.

Respectfully submitted,


MICHAEL G. BERLAND
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, 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 Lonzo Edwards Jr., Star No. 13537, as a result of having been found **guilty** of charges in Police Board Case No. 07 PB 2622, be and hereby is **discharged** from his position as a police officer with the Department of Police, and from the services of the City of Chicago.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS
17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2008.

Scott Davis
Vicki Anzures
Patricia C. Boll
Rev. Johnny L. Miller
Billie L. Smith
William L. Smith

Attested by:

Max A. Caproni

Executive Director
Police Board

DISSENT

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

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THE FOREGOING COMMUNICATION

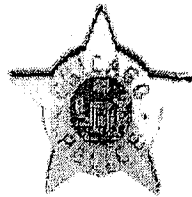
THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2008.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

Report Date: 15 Jun 2005
Report Time: 1118 Hrs

Chicago Police Department

Personnel Division



Information Services Division
Data Warehouse
Produced by: PC0X893

Complimentary Hist

Name	Title	Star	Unit	Detail Unit	Emp Number
EDWARDS JR., LONZO	9161		006		

Achievements

Total No.

DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION
HONORABLE MENTION
COMPLIMENTARY LETTER

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Citizen & Law Enforcement Analysis & Reporting System

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
RECORDS SECTION

JUNE 15, 2005

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER UNIT 121-S

FROM: RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

SUBJECT: PREVIOUS SUSTAINED DISCIPLINARY HISTORY OF:

EDWARDS JR., LONZO	13537	006
NAME (LAST, FIRST M.I.)	STAR	UNIT
M	B	EMP# [REDACTED]
SEX	RACE	S.S.N.

REFERENCE: COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER 305207

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

SGT.	J CRADICK	1175	EMP# [REDACTED]	121-S
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.A. CHRISTINA FABIAN

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]	EDWARDS JR LONZO	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9161	POLICE OFFICER	006
<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>	
M	BLACK	29-DEC-1953	13-OCT-1986	0	1	

<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>
S042142	27-JUN-2004		REPRIMAND		022-FAILURE TO PERFORM ANY DUTY
<u>Civil Suit #</u>			<u>Police Board #</u>		
<u>Comments</u>	FAILED TO COMPLETE A REPORT				

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FOR USE IN CR # 305207