

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)
POLICE OFFICER KENNETH MATLOB,) No. 08 PB 2678
STAR No. 18807, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)
CITY OF CHICAGO,)
) (CR No. 1001354)
RESPONDENT.)

FINDINGS

On April 17, 2008, the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer Kenneth Matlob, Star No.18807 (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 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 Kenneth Matlob, Star No. 18807, to be heard by Jacqueline A. Walker, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on July 22 and July 24, 2008.

Following the Hearing, the members of the Police Board read and reviewed the record of proceedings in this case and viewed the video-recording of the testimony of the witnesses. Hearing Officer Walker made an oral report to 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.

(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) The Respondent, Police Officer Kenneth Matlob, Star No. 18807, as charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to-wit:

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in that:

Count I: The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of evidence that on or about November 3, 2006, Police Officer Kenneth Matlob generated a Narcotics Progress Report that falsely indicated that Police Officer David Parker was present during the debriefing of Jessica Rizzo in the vicinity of Madison Street and Kilbourn Avenue, Chicago, at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Count II: The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of evidence that on or about June 15, 2007, Police Officer Kenneth Matlob falsely told an Internal Affairs investigator that Police Officer David Parker was present during the debriefing of Jessica Rizzo in the vicinity of Madison Street and Kilbourn Avenue, Chicago, at approximately 7:00 p.m.

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(6) Having deliberated on the evidence and considered the credibility of the witnesses, The Police Board finds that the Superintendent failed to meet his burden of proving the charges by a preponderance of the evidence, particularly in light of the Board's concerns about the credibility of Jessica Rizzo, the Superintendent's primary witness.

BY REASON of the findings of fact herein, cause exists for restoring the Respondent, Police Officer Kenneth Matlob, Star No.18807, to his position as a police officer, and to the services of the City of Chicago, with all rights and benefits, effective April 22, 2008.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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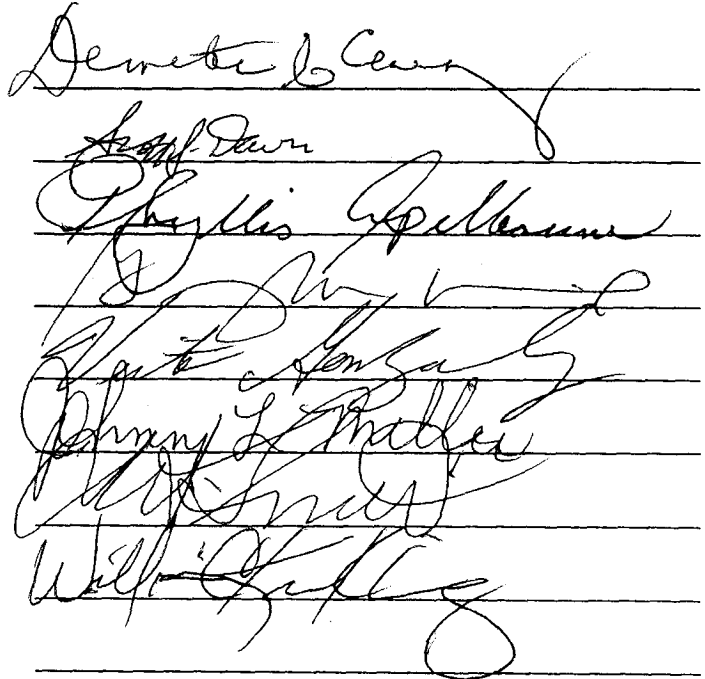
JACQUELINE A. WALKER
Hearing Officer

DECISION

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, having read and reviewed the record of proceedings in this case, having viewed the video-recording of the testimony of the witnesses, 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

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DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 25th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008.


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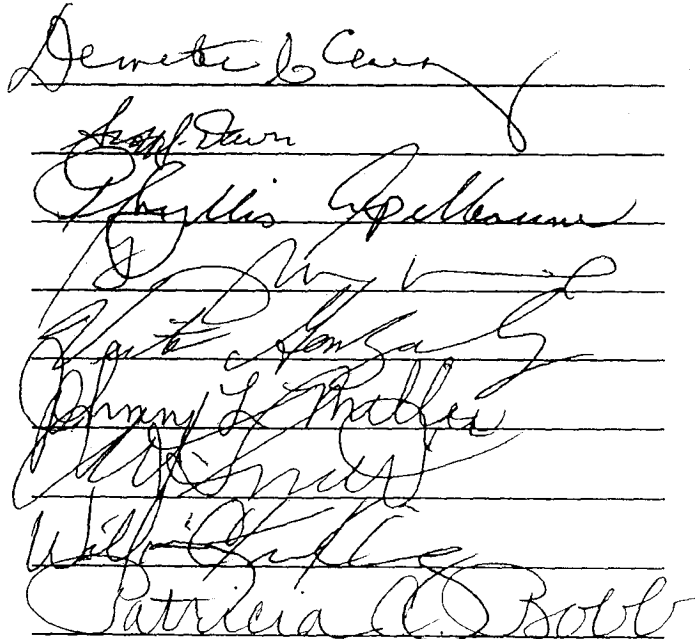
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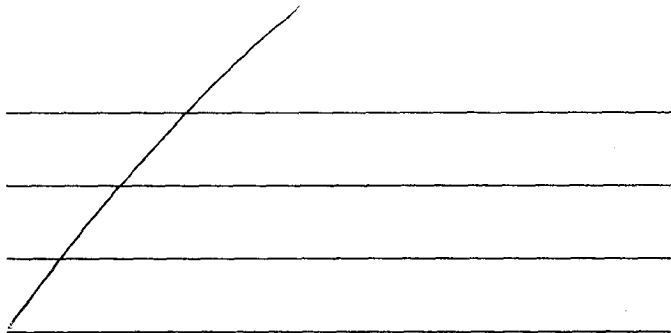
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Executive Director
Police Board

DISSENT

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



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THE FOREGOING COMMUNICATION

THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2008.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE