

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)
POLICE OFFICER JOHN MEEHAN,) No. 09 PB 2712
STAR No. 18272, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)
CITY OF CHICAGO,)
RESPONDENT) (CR No.1016536)

FINDINGS

On March 16, 2009, the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer John Meehan, Star No. 18272 (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.

The Police Board caused a hearing on these charges against Police Officer John Meehan to be had before Michael G. Berland, Hearing Officer of the Police Board, on August 19 and September 1, 2009.

Following the hearing, the members of the Police Board read and reviewed the record of proceedings and viewed the video-recording of the testimony of the witnesses. 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, were served upon the Respondent more than five (5) days prior to the hearing on the charges.

3. The Respondent appeared throughout the hearing and was represented by legal counsel.

4. The Respondent, Police Officer John Meehan, Star No. 18272, 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: From on or about November 5, 2007, through November 25, 2007, or on one or more dates therein, he worked for U'SAgain LLC and/or received financial compensation from U'SAgain LLC while he was on the Chicago Police Department's medical roll, in violation of General Order 89-08 "Secondary Employment," thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count II: From on or about December 10, 2007, through February 27, 2008, or on one or more dates therein, he worked for U'SAgain LLC and/or received financial

compensation from U'SAgain LLC while he was on the Chicago Police Department's medical roll, in violation of General Order 89-08 "Secondary Employment," thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count III: From on or about April 11, 2008, through April 24, 2008, or on one or more dates therein, he worked for U'SAgain LLC and/or received financial compensation from U'SAgain LLC while he was on the Chicago Police Department's medical roll, in violation of General Order 89-08 "Secondary Employment," thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

5. The Respondent, Police Officer John Meehan, Star No. 18272, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

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

in that:

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6. The Respondent, Police Officer John Meehan, Star No. 18272, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 24: Failure to follow medical roll procedures, in that:

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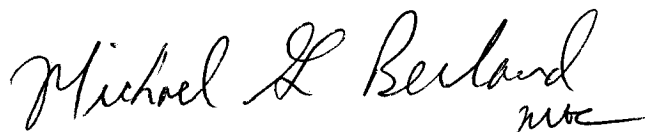
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After finding the Respondent guilty of the charges, the Police Board considered the Respondent's complimentary and disciplinary histories. The complimentary history that was, with the agreement of the parties, made part of the record in this case consists of the awards listed in Exhibit A (attached hereto) and one additional Department Commendation. The disciplinary history that was, with the agreement of the parties, made part of the record in this case consists of the one-day suspension listed in Exhibit A (attached hereto) and an additional twenty-day suspension for being absent from duty without proper authorization on several dates in October 2005 (CR No. 309376).

By reason of the findings of fact and guilt set forth herein, cause exists for the suspension of the Respondent, Police Officer John Meehan, Star No. 18272, from his position as a police officer with the Department of Police, and from the services of the City of Chicago, for a period of one (1) year, from March 18, 2009, to and including March 17, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael G. Berland". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a small flourish at the end.

MICHAEL G. BERLAND
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, 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; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent, Police Officer John Meehan, Star No. 18272, as a result of having been found **guilty** of charges in Police Board Case No. 09 PB 2712, be and hereby is **suspended** from his position as a police officer with the Department of Police, and from the services of the City of Chicago, for a period from 18 March 2009 to and including 17 March 2010 (one year).

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 15th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009.

Patricia C. Ball
Vito Spzaffi
William K. ...
Johnny L. Miller
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Attested by:

Max A. Caproni

Executive Director
Police Board

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DISSENT

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

Vice President Davis voted to order a penalty of discharge.

Scott Davis

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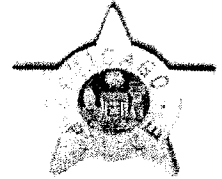
THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2009.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

Report Date: 13 Nov 2008
Report Time: 1247 Hrs

Chicago Police Department

Personnel Division



Information Services Division
Data Warehouse
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Complimentary History

Name	Title	Star	Unit	Detail Unit	Emp Number
MEEHAN, JOHN T	9161	18272	013		13715

Achievements

Total No.

LIFE SAVING AWARD	1
EMBLEM OF RECOGNITION - PHYSICAL FITNESS	1
COMPLIMENTARY LETTER	1
HONORABLE MENTION	14
DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION	1
TOTAL AWARDS	18

CR# 1016536



C.R. # 1016536

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
RECORDS SECTION

13 November 2008

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

MEEHAN, JOHN T. 18272 013
NAME (LAST, FIRST M.I.) STAR UNIT

M W 13715
SEX RACE EMPLOYEE #

REFERENCE: COMPLAINT REGISTER # 1016536

THE PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY RECORD OF THE SUBJECT HAS BEEN REQUESTED IN YOUR NAME BY:

DET. G. LIMON 20279 121-C
RANK NAME STAR EMP# 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(S) ADMINISTERED TO THE SUBJECT ACCUSED, FOR THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS.

VERIFIED/PREPARED BY:

P.A. CHRISTINA FABIAN #17699
FOR: COMMANDING OFFICER
RECORDS SECTION
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

CR – SEE ATT'D
SPAR – NONE

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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>
██████████	MEEHAN JOHN T.	18272	13715	9161	POLICE OFFICER	813

<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	WHITE	17-MAY-1972	29-OCT-2001	1	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 300125	13-AUG-2004	30-JUN-2006	1 DAY SUSPENSION	09J-MISCELLANEOUS	

<u>Civil Suit #</u>	<u>Police Board #</u>
	30-JUN-2006

Comments

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