BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

| RESPONDENT. |) | (CR Nos. 1017716 & 1028765) |
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| CITY OF CHICAGO, |) | |
| STAR No. 17238, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, |) | |
| POLICE OFFICER EDWARD FELICIANO, |) | No. 12 PB 2824 |
| IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST |) | |

FINDINGS AND DECISION

On December 13, 2012, the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer Edward Feliciano, Star No. 17238 (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 1: Violation of any law or ordinance.
- 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 8: Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.
- Rule 9: Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

The Police Board caused a hearing on these charges against the Respondent to be had before Jacqueline A. Walker, Hearing Officer of the Police Board, on March 12 and 14, 2013.

Following the hearing, the members of the Police Board read and reviewed the record of the proceedings 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 its findings and decision.

POLICE BOARD FINDINGS

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, as a result of its hearing on 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 written charges, and a Notice stating when and where a hearing on the charges was to be held, were served upon the Respondent more than five (5) days prior to the hearing on the charges.
- 3. Throughout the hearing on the charges the Respondent appeared in person and was represented by legal counsel.
- 4. The Respondent, Police Officer Edward Feliciano, Star No. 17238, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance,

in that:

Count I: On or about June 26, 2008, at or near [home address], Chicago, Police Officer Edward Feliciano knowingly and without legal justification caused bodily harm to Alyssa Feliciano and/or made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with Alyssa Feliciano, in that he slapped and/or grabbed and/or pushed and/or shook Alyssa Feliciano, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statutes Chapter 720, Section 5/12-3.2(a)1 and/or Section 5/12-3.2(a)2, thereby violating any law or ordinance.

Competent testimony was obtained from Alyssa Feliciano and Justin Feliciano that the Respondent slapped, grabbed and pushed Alyssa on the date charged. Justin further testified that he saw bruises on Alyssa's arm and that she had a busted lip on the day of the incident.

Additionally, the Respondent admitted that he slapped Alyssa on the date as charged.

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Furthermore, medical records from the Archer Family Medical Group indicated that

Alyssa sought medical attention on June 27, 2008, and that bruises were noted on her upper right

and left arms, and that there was a bruise on her upper lip and the right portion of her neck.

5. The Respondent, Police Officer Edward Feliciano, Star No. 17238, charged herein, is

guilty of violating, to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance,

in that:

Count II: On or about August 3, 2008, through on or about August 5, 2008, on one or more dates therein, Police Officer Edward Feliciano knowingly violated the conditions of bail entered in the Circuit Court of Cook County on or about June 27, 2008, in that he sent one or

more text messages to Alyssa Feliciano, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statutes Chapter 720,

Section 5/32-10(b), thereby violating any law or ordinance.

Uncontradicted testimony was obtained from Alyssa and Martha Feliciano that on the

dates charged, Police Officer Feliciano sent a text and left a voicemail for Alyssa and his other

children in violation of bail entered by the Circuit Court of Cook County that he was not to be in

contact with Alyssa.

6. The Respondent, Police Officer Edward Feliciano, Star No. 17238, charged herein, is

guilty of violating, to wit:

Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance,

in that:

Count III: On or about July 31, 2009, Police Officer Edward Feliciano knowingly violated one or more Orders entered in the Circuit Court of Cook County stating "[w]hen father picks up and drops off the minor children to mother's home, he shall pull his car to the curb on the

corner of the home, and shall remain in the car or next to his car," or words to that effect, and/or

stating "[d]rop off and pick up shall be at the marital residence Respondent shall wait in or by

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his car and the children shall walk to the car," or words to that effect, when he approached Martha Feliciano and/or the front door of the home located at [home address] and/or banged on the door at [home address], in violation of Illinois Compiled Statutes Chapter 750, Section 5/607.1, thereby violating any law or ordinance.

Credible testimony was obtained from Justin Feliciano and Martha Feliciano that on the date charged Police Officer Feliciano met them at Martha's house and came up to the house to pick up his children Justin and Jalin in contravention to Court Orders entered by the Circuit Court of Cook County. Additionally, competent evidence was presented that the Court Orders directed Police Officer Feliciano to stay at his car at the curb when he came to pick up the children. Credible testimony was also given that Police Officer Feliciano cursed at Martha and his sons.

- 7. The Respondent, Police Officer Edward Feliciano, Star No. 17238, 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 June 26, 2008, at or near [home address], Chicago, Police Officer Edward Feliciano knowingly and without legal justification caused bodily harm to Alyssa Feliciano and/or made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with Alyssa Feliciano, in that he slapped and/or grabbed and/or pushed and/or shook Alyssa Feliciano, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statutes Chapter 720, Section 5/12-3.2(a)1 and/or Section 5/12-3.2(a)2, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 4 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

8. The Respondent, Police Officer Edward Feliciano, Star No. 17238, 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:

<u>Count II</u>: On or about August 3, 2008, through on or about August 5, 2008, on one or more dates therein, Police Officer Edward Feliciano contacted Alyssa Feliciano via text message in violation of the conditions of bail that were entered in the Circuit Court of Cook County, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 5 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

- 9. The Respondent, Police Officer Edward Feliciano, Star No. 17238, 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:

<u>Count III</u>: On or about June 26, 2008, at or near [home address], Chicago, Police Officer Edward Feliciano slapped and/or grabbed and/or pushed and/or shook Alyssa Feliciano, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 4 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

- 10. The Respondent, Police Officer Edward Feliciano, Star No. 17238, 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 IV: On or about July 31, 2009, at or near [home address], Chicago, Police Officer Edward Feliciano stated and/or yelled to Martha Feliciano "[w]hy didn't you fucking call me?", or words to that effect, and/or "Give me my fucking kids!", or words to that effect, and/or while banging on the front door stated and/or yelled "[g]ive me my fucking kids!", or words to that effect, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 6 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

- 11. The Respondent, Police Officer Edward Feliciano, Star No. 17238, 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:

<u>Count V</u>: On or about July 31, 2009, at or near [home address], Chicago, Police Officer Edward Feliciano stated and/or yelled to Justin Feliciano "[w]hy didn't you fucking call me?", or words to that effect, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 6 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

- 12. The Respondent, Police Officer Edward Feliciano, Star No. 17238, 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 VI: On or about July 31, 2009, Police Officer Edward Feliciano knowingly violated one or more Orders entered in the Circuit Court of Cook County stating "[w]hen father picks up and drops off the minor children to mother's home, he shall pull his car to the curb on the

corner of the home, and shall remain in the car or next to his car," or words to that effect, and/or stating "[d]rop off and pick up shall be at the marital residence Respondent shall wait in or by his car and the children shall walk to the car," or words to that effect, when he approached Martha Feliciano and/or the front door of the home located at [home address] and/or banged on the door at [home address], thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 6 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

- 13. The Respondent, Police Officer Edward Feliciano, Star No. 17238, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:
 - Rule 8: Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty,

in that:

<u>Count I</u>: On or about June 26, 2008, at or near [home address], Chicago, Police Officer Edward Feliciano slapped and/or grabbed and/or pushed and/or shook Alyssa Feliciano, thereby disrespecting or maltreating any person, while on or off duty.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 4 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

- 14. The Respondent, Police Officer Edward Feliciano, Star No. 17238, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:
 - Rule 8: Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty,

in that:

Count II: On or about July 31, 2009, at or near [home address], Chicago, Police Officer Edward Feliciano stated and/or yelled to Martha Feliciano "[w]hy didn't you fucking call me?", or words to that effect, and/or "Give me my fucking kids!", or words to that effect, and/or while banging on the front door stated and/or yelled "[g]ive me my fucking kids!", or words to that effect, thereby disrespecting or maltreating any person, while on or off duty.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 6 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

15. The Respondent, Police Officer Edward Feliciano, Star No. 17238, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 8: Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty, in that:

<u>Count III</u>: On or about July 31, 2009, at or near [home address], Chicago, Police Officer Edward Feliciano stated and/or yelled to Justin Feliciano "[w]hy didn't you fucking call me?", or words to that effect, thereby disrespecting or maltreating any person, while on or off duty.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 6 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

16. The Respondent, Police Officer Edward Feliciano, Star No. 17238, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:

Rule 9: Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty,

in that:

<u>Count I</u>: On or about June 26, 2008, at or near [home address], Chicago, Police Officer Edward Feliciano slapped and/or grabbed and/or pushed and/or shook Alyssa Feliciano, thereby engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 4 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

- 17. The Respondent, Police Officer Edward Feliciano, Star No. 17238, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:
 - Rule 9: Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty,

in that:

Count II: On or about July 31, 2009, at or near [home address], Chicago, Police Officer Edward Feliciano stated and/or yelled to Martha Feliciano "[w]hy didn't you fucking call me?", or words to that effect, and/or "Give me my fucking kids!", or words to that effect, and/or while banging on the front door stated and/or yelled "[g]ive me my fucking kids!", or words to that effect, thereby engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 6 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

- 18. The Respondent, Police Officer Edward Feliciano, Star No. 17238, charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to wit:
 - Rule 9: Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty,

in that:

<u>Count III</u>: On or about July 31, 2009, at or near [home address], Chicago, Police Officer Edward Feliciano stated and/or yelled to Justin Feliciano "[w]hy didn't you fucking call me?", or words to that effect, thereby engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

See the findings set forth in paragraph no. 6 above, which are incorporated here by reference.

19. The Police Board has considered the facts and circumstances of the Respondent's conduct, the evidence presented in defense and mitigation, and the Respondent's complimentary

and disciplinary histories, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Officer Feliciano engaged in unjustified altercations with his wife and their children, and his conduct warrants a severe punishment. Nonetheless, the Board finds that discharging Officer Feliciano from the Chicago Police Department is not warranted at this time. Officer Feliciano has served as a police officer for more than 28 years, during which time he has earned numerous awards and commendations. In addition to this factor, the Board has taken into account the testimony of the character/mitigation witnesses who supported Officer Feliciano's return to duty. Based on the totality of the circumstances of the incidents that led to the charges in this case, and Officer Feliciano's record and years of service to the Department, the Board finds that a suspension is a more fitting punishment on the facts of this particular case.

In addition, based on the nature of the conduct of which the Board has found Officer Feliciano guilty, the Board determines that in order to be reinstated to his position as a police officer, Officer Feliciano must successfully complete anger-management counseling, as set forth below.

The counseling program in which Officer Feliciano enrolls must be approved by the Police Department's Personnel Concerns Program prior to his enrollment, and he must successfully complete the counseling program under the supervision of the Personnel Concerns Program. The counseling agency shall report in writing on its official letterhead whether Officer Feliciano completed the counseling program successfully. Officer Feliciano shall sign the necessary waivers of confidentiality to permit the Police Board to receive such a report.

In order to be eligible for reinstatement, Officer Feliciano must tender the above-referenced report to the Board. This report must be received by the Board no later than August 1, 2013. The Board shall reconsider this matter after receiving said documentation. If

Officer Feliciano fails to tender said documentation by August 1, 2013, the Board shall issue an

Order as it deems appropriate.

POLICE BOARD 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, and having conferred with the Hearing

Officer on the credibility of the witnesses and the evidence, hereby adopts the findings set forth

herein by the following votes.

By unanimous votes, the Board finds the Respondent guilty of violating Rule 1, Rule 2, Rule 8,

and Rule 9.

As a result of the foregoing, the Police Board, by a unanimous vote, hereby determines that

cause exists for suspending the Respondent 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 October 3,

2012, to and including the date the Board orders his reinstatement, as set forth above.

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Police Officer Edward Feliciano

Findings and Decision

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent, Police Officer

Edward Feliciano, Star No. 17238, as a result of having been found guilty of charges in Police

Board Case No. 12 PB 2824, 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 October

3, 2012, to and including the date the Board orders his reinstatement, as set forth above.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 18th DAY

OF APRIL, 2013.

/s/ Demetrius E. Carney

/s/ Scott J. Davis

/s/ Melissa M. Ballate

/s/ William F. Conlon

/s/ Ghian Foreman

/s/ Rita A. Fry

/s/ Susan L. McKeever

/s/ Johnny L. Miller

/s/ Elisa Rodriguez

Attested by:

/s/ Max A. Caproni Executive Director

Police Board

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BUREAU OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS RECORDS SECTION

WEDNESDAY 12 DEC. 2012

TO:

COMMANDING OFFICER OF UNIT 113

FROM:

RECORDS SECTION

BUREAU OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT:

PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY RECORD OF:

FELICIANO EDWARD 17238 189/167
NAME (LAST, FIRST, M.I.) STAR UNIT

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REFERENCE:

COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER (S) 1017 716

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

ATTY. HONG WINKLE RANK NAME

STAR

EMP#

113 UNIT

RELATIVE TO A SUSTAINED FINDING IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ABOVE REFERENCE COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER.

THE RECORD SECTION, BUREAU OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, DISCLOSES THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY ACTION (S) ADMINISTERED TO THE SUBJECT ACCUSED, FOR THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS.

VERIFIED/PREPARED BY:

FOR: S.D.E.O Patricia JOHNSON/WALKEL

COMMANDING OFFICER RECORDS SECTION

BUREAU OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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