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CHARGES

Police Officer Richard Rizzo, Star Number 17012, is charged with violating the following rules contained in Article V of the Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department, which were in full force and effect on the date of the alleged violations:

- 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 10: Inattention to duty.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. Police Officer Richard Rizzo, Star Number 17012, is charged with violating 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 one or more of the following instances:

- Count I: On or about December 2, 2012, Police Officer Richard Rizzo failed to secure his firearm, in that he kept it in an unlocked compartment in his motorcycle, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.
- Count II: On or about December 2, 2012, at approximately 1931 hours in the vicinity of 7900 S. Cicero Avenue, Burbank, Illinois, Police Officer Richard Rizzo failed to secure his firearm, in that Michelle Szczech retrieved his firearm from the unlocked compartment of his motorcycle and threw it on the ground and/or retrieved his firearm from the ground and/or placed her foot on his firearm, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.
- Count III: On or about December 2, 2012, at approximately 1931 hours in the vicinity of 7900 S. Cicero Avenue, Burbank, Illinois, Police Officer Richard Rizzo failed to secure his firearm, in that a civilian witness, Amy Vuckovich, retrieved his firearm while he, Police Officer Richard Rizzo, was involved in a physical altercation with Michelle Szczech, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

2. Police Officer Richard Rizzo, Star Number 17012, is charged with violating Rule 6, "Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral," in one or more of the following instances:

Count I: On or about December 2, 2012, Police Officer Richard Rizzo failed to secure his firearm, in that he kept it in an unlocked compartment in his motorcycle, in violation of Chicago Police Department General Order U04-02-X ("Department Approved Weapons and Ammunition"), thereby disobeying an order or directive, whether written or oral.

Count II: On or about December 2, 2012, at approximately 1931 hours in the vicinity of 7900 S. Cicero Avenue, Burbank, Illinois, Police Officer Richard Rizzo failed to secure his firearm, in that Michelle Szczech retrieved his firearm from the unlocked compartment of his motorcycle and threw it on the ground and/or retrieved his firearm from the ground and/or placed her foot on his firearm, in violation of Chicago Police Department General Order U04-02-X ("Department Approved Weapons and Ammunition"), thereby disobeying an order or directive, whether written or oral.

Count III: On or about December 2, 2012, at approximately 1931 hours in the vicinity of 7900 S. Cicero Avenue, Burbank, Illinois, Police Officer Richard Rizzo failed to secure his firearm, in that a civilian witness, Amy Vuckovich, retrieved his firearm while he, Police Officer Richard Rizzo, was involved in a physical altercation with Michelle Szczech, in violation of Chicago Police Department General Order U04-02-X ("Department Approved Weapons and Ammunition"), thereby disobeying an order or directive, whether written or oral.

3. Police Officer Richard Rizzo, Star Number 17012, is charged with violating Rule 10, "Inattention to duty," in one or more of the following instances:

Count I: On or about December 2, 2012, Police Officer Richard Rizzo failed to secure his firearm, in that he kept it in an unlocked compartment in his motorcycle, thereby being inattentive to duty.

Count II: On or about December 2, 2012, at approximately 1931 hours in the vicinity of 7900 S. Cicero Avenue, Burbank, Illinois, Police Officer Richard Rizzo failed to secure his firearm, in that Michelle Szczech retrieved his firearm from the unlocked compartment of his motorcycle and threw it on the ground and/or retrieved his firearm from the ground and/or placed her foot on his firearm, thereby being inattentive to duty.


Count III: On or about December 2, 2012, at approximately 1931 hours in the vicinity of 7900 S. Cicero Avenue, Burbank, Illinois, Police Officer Richard Rizzo failed to secure his firearm, in that a civilian witness, Amy Vuckovich, retrieved his firearm while he, Police Officer Richard Rizzo, was involved in a physical altercation with Michelle Szczech, thereby being inattentive to duty.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Richard Rizzo, Star Number 17012, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.



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APPROVED AS TO FORM



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