

CHARGES

Police Officer Michael R. Sanchez, Star Number 17414, 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:

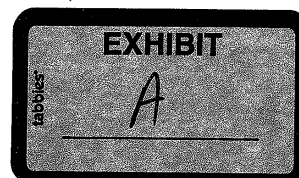
- Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance.
- Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.
- Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.
- Rule 8: Disrespect to or maltreatment 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.
- Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. Police Officer Michael R. Sanchez, Star Number 17414, is charged with violating Rule 1, which prohibits the "[v]iolation of any law or ordinance," in one or more of the following instances:

Count I: From about March 2012 through about January 2015, or on one or more dates therein, Officer Sanchez violated section 26.5-3(a)(1) of the Illinois Criminal Code of 2012, (720 ILCS 5/26.5-3(a)(1) (West 2012)), entitled "Harassment through electronic communications," when he used electronic communication in the form of text and/or instant messages to make one or more comments to [REDACTED] that were obscene with an intent to offend, including, but not limited to, [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] or words to that effect.¹

¹ Quoted text and/or instant messages are reproduced here as originally written.



Count II: From about March 2012 through about January 2015, or on one or more dates therein, Officer Sanchez violated section 26.5-3(a)(5) of the Illinois Criminal Code of 2012, (720 ILCS 5/26.5-3(a)(5) (West 2012)), entitled "Harassment through electronic communications," when he used electronic communication in the form of text and/or instant messages, including, but not limited to, [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] or words to that effect, and/or a digital photograph of Officer Sanchez's palm and fingers in the shape of a gun with the residential building of an individual associated and/or previously associated with [REDACTED] in the background, to threaten injury to [REDACTED] and/or to any of her family and/or household members.

Count III: From about March 2012 through about January 2015, or on one or more dates therein, Officer Sanchez violated section 12-7.5(a)(1) and/or section 12-7.5(a)(2) of the Illinois Criminal Code of 2012, (720 ILCS 5/12-7.5(a)(1)-(2) (West 2012)), entitled "Cyberstalking," when he engaged in a course of conduct using electronic communication directed at [REDACTED] in the form of text and/or instant messages, including, but not limited to, [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] or words to that effect, and/or a digital photograph of Officer Sanchez's palm and fingers in the shape of a gun with the residential building of an individual associated and/or previously associated with [REDACTED] in the background, that he knew or should have known would cause a reasonable person to fear for her safety and/or the safety of a third person and/or suffer other emotional distress.

Count IV: From about March 2012 through about January 2015, or on one or more dates therein, Officer Sanchez violated section 12-7.5(a-3)(1) of the Illinois Criminal Code of 2012, (720 ILCS 5/12-7.5(a-3)(1) (West 2012)), entitled "Cyberstalking," when he knowingly and without lawful justification harassed [REDACTED] on at least two separate occasions through the use of electronic communication in the form of text and/or instant messages that included threats of immediate or future bodily harm directed towards [REDACTED] including, but not limited to, [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED]

or words to that effect.

Count V:

Count VI:

Count VII:

Count VIII:

individuals without an official police purpose and/or for personal purposes and/or for an unpermitted use.

2. Police Officer Michael R. Sanchez, Star Number 17414, is charged with violating Rule 2, which prohibits "[a]ny 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: From about March 2012 through about January 2015, or on one or more dates therein, Officer Sanchez engaged in conduct which impeded the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or brought discredit upon the Department when he sent [REDACTED] text and/or instant messages containing obscene and/or racially derogatory terms or statements, including, but not limited to, [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] or words to that effect.

Count II: From about March 2012 through about January 2015, or on one or more dates therein, Officer Sanchez engaged in conduct which impeded the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or brought discredit upon the Department when he sent [REDACTED] text and/or instant messages containing threats of physical injury or violence, including, but not limited to, [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] or words to that effect, and/or a digital photograph of Officer Sanchez's palm and fingers in the shape of a gun with the residential building of an individual associated and/or previously associated with [REDACTED] in the background.

Count III: On or about May 21, 2015, Officer Sanchez engaged in conduct which impeded the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or brought discredit upon the Department when he filed with the Circuit Court of Cook County his Response to Amended Petition for Order of Protection and Motion to Strike and Dismiss in In re the Parentage of [REDACTED] a Minor Child, by Sanchez v.

██████████ No. 2015 D ██████████ in which he falsely averred that he "has never threatened ██████████ nor her family."

Count IV: On or about May 21, 2015, Officer Sanchez engaged in conduct which impeded the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or brought discredit upon the Department when he filed with the Circuit Court of Cook County his Response to Amended Petition for Order of Protection and Motion to Strike and Dismiss in In re the Parentage of ██████████ a Minor Child, by Sanchez v. ██████████ No. 2015 D ██████████ in which he falsely averred that ██████████ has never been harassed, stalked, abused in any shape or form by MICHAEL [Sanchez]."

Count V: On or about September 16, 2013, Officer Sanchez engaged in conduct which impeded the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or brought discredit upon the Department when he conducted one or more LEADS inquiries on the names and/or personal information of one or more individuals associated with and/or previously associated with ██████████ without an official police purpose and/or for personal purposes.

Count VI: On or about January 14, 2014, while in a motor vehicle located at 2331 West Iowa Street, Chicago, Illinois and/or at or near the intersection of Chicago and Western Avenues in Chicago, Illinois, Officer Sanchez engaged in conduct which impeded the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or brought discredit upon the Department when he grabbed ██████████ and/or the collar of a jacket worn by ██████████ without justification.

3. Police Officer Michael R. Sanchez, Star Number 17414, is charged with violating Rule 6, which prohibits "[d]isobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral," in one or more of the following instances:

Count I: On or about September 16, 2013, Officer Sanchez disobeyed Chicago Police Department General Order 09-01-01 ("Access to Computerized Data, Dissemination and Retention of Computer Data"), section VI(A)(2), when he conducted one or more LEADS inquiries on the names and/or personal information of one or more individuals associated with and/or previously associated with ██████████ ██████████ for personal reasons and/or outside of official police business.

Count II: On or about September 16, 2013, Officer Sanchez disobeyed Chicago Police Department General Order 09-01-03 ("Use of the Internet"), sections IV(A)(1), V(B)(1)(e), V(B)(1)(f), and/or

V(B)(2), when he used Chicago Police Department ("CPD") resources to access the Internet to conduct one or more LEADS inquiries on the names and/or personal information of one or more individuals associated with and/or previously associated with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for personal reasons and/or outside of official CPD business and/or in violation of Illinois state regulations regarding LEADS, (20 Ill. Adm. Code 1240.80(a) (1999)), and/or the Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994, (18 U.S.C. §§ 2721-2722 (2012)), and/or CPD departmental policies and procedures.

4. Police Officer Michael R. Sanchez, Star Number 17414, is charged with violating Rule 8, which prohibits "[d]isrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty," in one or more of the following instances:

Count I: From about March 2012 through about January 2015, or on one or more dates therein, Officer Sanchez disrespected and/or maltreated [REDACTED] when he sent [REDACTED] text and/or instant messages containing obscene and/or racially derogatory terms or statements, including, but not limited to, [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] or words to that effect.

Count II: From about March 2012 through about January 2015, or on one or more dates therein, Officer Sanchez disrespected and/or maltreated [REDACTED] when he sent [REDACTED] text and/or instant messages containing threats of physical injury or violence, including, but not limited to, [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] or words to that effect, and/or a digital photograph of Officer Sanchez's palm and fingers in the shape of a gun with the residential building of an individual associated and/or previously associated with [REDACTED] in the background.

Count III: On or about January 14, 2014, while in a motor vehicle located at 2331 West Iowa Street, Chicago, Illinois and/or at or near the intersection of Chicago and Western Avenues in Chicago, Illinois,

Officer Sanchez disrespected and/or maltreated [REDACTED] when he grabbed [REDACTED] and/or the collar of a jacket worn by [REDACTED] without justification.

5. Police Officer Michael R. Sanchez, Star Number 17414, is charged with violating Rule 9, which prohibits "[e]ngaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty," in the following instance:


Count I: On or about January 14, 2014, while in a motor vehicle located at 2331 West Iowa Street, Chicago, Illinois and/or at or near the intersection of Chicago and Western Avenues in Chicago, Illinois, Officer Sanchez engaged in an unjustified physical altercation with [REDACTED] when he grabbed [REDACTED] and/or the collar of a jacket worn by [REDACTED].

6. Police Officer Michael R. Sanchez, Star Number 17414, is charged with violating Rule 14, which prohibits "[m]aking a false report, written or oral," in one or more of the following instances:

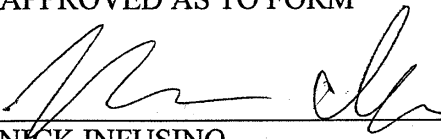
Count I: On or about May 21, 2015, Officer Sanchez made a false written report when he filed with the Circuit Court of Cook County his Response to Amended Petition for Order of Protection and Motion to Strike and Dismiss in In re the Parentage of [REDACTED] a Minor Child, by Sanchez v. [REDACTED] No. 2015 D [REDACTED] in which he averred that he "has never threatened [REDACTED] nor her family."

Count II: On or about May 21, 2015, Officer Sanchez made a false written report when he filed with the Circuit Court of Cook County his Response to Amended Petition for Order of Protection and Motion to Strike and Dismiss in In re the Parentage of [REDACTED] a Minor Child, by Sanchez v. [REDACTED] No. 2015 D [REDACTED] in which he averred that [REDACTED] has never been harassed, stalked, abused in any shape or form by MICHAEL [Sanchez]."

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Michael R. Sanchez, Star Number 17414, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.


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