

CHARGES

Police Officer Michael Bergeson, Star Number 6734, 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 3: Any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.
- Rule 14: Making a false report, written or oral.
- Rule 21: Failure to report promptly to the Department any information concerning any crime or other unlawful action.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. Police Officer Michael Bergeson, Star Number 6734, is charged with violating Rule 1, "Violation of any law or ordinance," in one or more of the following instances:

Count I: On or about August 3, 2012 at approximately 3:26 a.m. in the vicinity of 1658 North California Avenue in Chicago, Police Officer Michael Bergeson, while operating a white Ford pickup truck, was involved in a traffic accident recorded under RD HV413119 ("traffic accident") in which he struck and injured a bicyclist, Nina Pilacoutas ("Pilacoutas"); and, Police Officer Michael Bergeson failed to remain at the scene of the traffic accident after striking and injuring Pilacoutas and/or left the scene of the traffic accident prior to the arrival of police or emergency personnel and/or failed to give personal identifying information to Pilacoutas and/or render aid to Pilacoutas, in violation of 625 ILCS 5/11-401(a) and/or 625 ILCS 5/11-403, thereby violating any law or ordinance.

Count II: On or about August 5, 2012 at approximately 2:05 a.m. at 5555 West Grand Avenue in Chicago ("25th District Station"), Police Officer Michael Bergeson made and/or caused to be filed a false traffic crash report under RD HV416134; namely, Police Officer Michael Bergeson reported to a 25th District Station desk officer that he was involved in a traffic accident on August 3, 2012 at 3:30 a.m. at 1700 North California Avenue in Chicago in which an unknown bicyclist struck his white Ford pickup truck and/or that

the unknown bicyclist fled the scene of the traffic accident, or words to that effect; even though, on or about August 3, 2012 at approximately 3:26 a.m. in the vicinity of 1658 North California Avenue in Chicago, Police Officer Michael Bergeson, while operating a white Ford pickup truck, struck and injured a bicyclist, Nina Pilacoutas ("Pilacoutas"), and failed to remain at the scene of the traffic accident after striking and injuring Pilacoutas and/or left the scene of the traffic accident prior to the arrival of police or emergency personnel and/or failed to give personal identifying information to Pilacoutas and/or render aid to Pilacoutas, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/26-1(a)(4), thereby violating any law or ordinance.

2. Police Officer Michael Bergeson, Star Number 6734, 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 August 3, 2012 at approximately 3:26 a.m. in the vicinity of 1658 North California Avenue in Chicago, Police Officer Michael Bergeson, while operating a white Ford pickup truck, was involved in a traffic accident recorded under RD HV413119 ("traffic accident") in which he struck and injured a bicyclist, Nina Pilacoutas ("Pilacoutas"); and, Police Officer Michael Bergeson failed to remain at the scene of the traffic accident after striking and injuring Pilacoutas and/or left the scene of the traffic accident prior to the arrival of police or emergency personnel and/or failed to give personal identifying information to Pilacoutas and/or render aid to Pilacoutas, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count II: On or about August 5, 2012 at approximately 2:05 a.m. at 5555 West Grand Avenue in Chicago ("25th District Station"), Police Officer Michael Bergeson made and/or caused to be filed a false traffic crash report under RD HV416134; namely, Police Officer Michael Bergeson reported to a 25th District Station desk officer that he was involved in a traffic accident on August 3, 2012 at 3:30 a.m. at 1700 North California Avenue in Chicago in which an unknown bicyclist struck his white Ford pickup truck and/or that the unknown bicyclist fled the scene of the traffic accident, or words to that effect; even though, on or about August 3, 2012 at approximately 3:26 a.m. in the vicinity of 1658 North California Avenue in Chicago, Police Officer Michael Bergeson, while operating a white Ford pickup truck, struck and injured a bicyclist, Nina Pilacoutas ("Pilacoutas"), and failed to remain at the scene of

the traffic accident after striking and injuring Pilacoutas and/or left the scene of the traffic accident prior to the arrival of police or emergency personnel and/or failed to give personal identifying information to Pilacoutas and/or render aid to Pilacoutas, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count III: On or about August 3, 2012 at approximately 3:26 a.m. in the vicinity of 2815 West Wabansia Avenue, Police Officer Michael Bergeson, while operating a white Ford pickup truck, struck one or more parked vehicles, including (but not limited to): a Red Infiniti vehicle with a license plate number ending in -8796, and/or a Gray Ford vehicle with a license plate number ending in -2810; and, Police Officer Michael Bergeson failed to report that he struck th(os)e vehicle(s) to the Chicago Police Department, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count IV: On or about February 7, 2014, Police Officer Michael Bergeson was found guilty of violating 625 ILCS 5/11-403 in criminal case number 13 CR 0020201 (*The People of the State of Illinois v. Michael Bergeson*) in the Circuit Court of Cook County – Criminal Division, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

3. Police Officer Michael Bergeson, Star Number 6734, is charged with violating Rule 3, "Any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals," in one or more of the following instances:

Count I: On or about August 5, 2012 at approximately 2:05 a.m. at 5555 West Grand Avenue in Chicago ("25th District Station"), Police Officer Michael Bergeson made and/or caused to be filed a traffic crash report under RD HV416134 which omitted and/or excluded facts and/or information regarding a traffic accident he was involved in on approximately August 3, 2012 ("traffic accident"); namely, Police Officer Michael Bergeson failed to report: that a bicyclist was injured as a result of the traffic accident and/or that emergency services were called to the scene of the traffic accident and/or that he fled the scene of the traffic accident prior to the arrival of the police or emergency personnel and/or that he struck one or more vehicles while leaving the scene of the traffic accident, thereby failing to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.

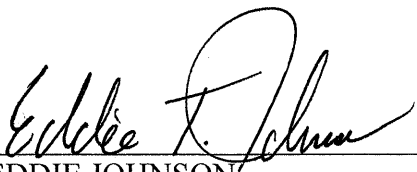
4. Police Officer Michael Bergeson, Star Number 6734, is charged with violating Rule 14, "Making a false report, written or oral," in one or more of the following instances:

Count I: On or about August 5, 2012 at approximately 2:05 a.m. at 5555 West Grand Avenue in Chicago ("25th District Station"), Police Officer Michael Bergeson made and/or caused to be filed a false traffic crash report under RD HV416134; namely, Police Officer Michael Bergeson reported to a 25th District Station desk officer that he was involved in a traffic accident on August 3, 2012 at 3:30 a.m. at 1700 North California Avenue in Chicago in which an unknown bicyclist struck his white Ford pickup truck and/or that the unknown bicyclist fled the scene of the traffic accident, or words to that effect; even though, on or about August 3, 2012 at approximately 3:26 a.m. in the vicinity of 1658 North California Avenue in Chicago, Police Officer Michael Bergeson, while operating a white Ford pickup truck, struck and injured a bicyclist, Nina Pilacoutas ("Pilacoutas"), and failed to remain at the scene of the traffic accident after striking and injuring Pilacoutas and/or left the scene of the traffic accident prior to the arrival of police or emergency personnel and/or failed to give personal identifying information to Pilacoutas and/or render aid to Pilacoutas, thereby making a false report, written or oral.

5. Police Officer Michael Bergeson, Star Number 6734, is charged with violating Rule 21, "Failure to report promptly to the Department any information concerning any crime or other unlawful action," in one or more of the following instances:

Count I: On or about August 3, 2012 at approximately 3:26 a.m. in the vicinity of 2815 West Wabansia Avenue, Police Officer Michael Bergeson, while operating a white Ford pickup truck, struck one or more parked vehicles, including (but not limited to): a Red Infiniti vehicle with a license plate number ending in -8796, and/or a Gray Ford vehicle with a license plate number ending in -2810; and, Police Officer Michael Bergeson failed to report that he struck th(os)e vehicle(s) to the Chicago Police Department, thereby failing to report promptly to the Department any information concerning any crime or other unlawful action.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Michael Bergeson, Star Number 6734, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.


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APPROVED AS TO FORM


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