

POLICE BOARD CASE 98-2345

P.O. GEORGE WILSON, RESPONDENT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In November, 1998, the Board approved the Superintendent's request to withdraw charges, with leave to reinstate. P.O. Wilson had resigned, making the need for a hearing moot.

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C H A R G E S

Police Officer George T. Wilson, Star Number 11041, 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 15: Intoxication on or off duty.

S P E C I F I C A T I O N S

1. Police Officer George T. Wilson, Star Number 11041, is charged with violating Rule 1, "Violation of any law or ordinance," in one or more of the following instances:

- Count I: On June 13, 1998, Officer Wilson committed the offense of reckless homicide, in that he unintentionally but without lawful justification killed Sofia Latuszkin while operating his motor vehicle in a reckless manner at or near 2800 North Harlem Avenue, where he was under the influence of alcohol, drove at a speed which was greater than reasonable, failed to observe a pedestrian in or near the roadway, and swerved when it was not necessary, thus striking Sofia Latuszkin and causing her death, in violation of Chapter 720 ILCS 5/9-3;
- Count II: On June 13, 1998, Officer Wilson committed aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol when he drove his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and was involved in a motor vehicle accident which proximately resulted in the death of Sofia Latuszkin, in violation of Chapter 625 ILCS 11-501(d) (1) (C);
- Count III: On June 13, 1998, Officer Wilson committed aggravated reckless driving, when, at or near 2800 North Harlem Avenue, he drove his vehicle with a willful or wanton disregard for the

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safety of persons, including Sofia Latuszkin, causing her death, when he drove while under the influence of alcohol, at a greater-than-reasonable speed, and failed to observe a pedestrian in or near the roadway, and swerved when it was not necessary, in violation of Chapter 625 ILCS 5/11-503(c);

Count IV: On June 13, 1998, Officer Wilson, after striking and killing Sofia Latuszkin with his vehicle, at or near 2800 North Harlem Avenue, failed to remain at the scene of the accident, thereby violating Chapter 625 ILCS 5/11-401(a);

Count V: On June 13, 1998, at or near 2800 North Harlem Avenue, Officer Wilson, after striking Sofia Latuszkin with his vehicle and causing her serious personal injury, failed to render her reasonable assistance and failed to report the motor vehicle accident to the police, thereby violating Chapter 625 ILCS 5/11-403;

Count VI: On June 13, 1998, at or near 2800 North Harlem Avenue, Officer Wilson operated his vehicle at a speed which was greater than was reasonable and proper with regard to traffic conditions and the use of the roadway and which endangered the safety of persons, including Sofia Latuszkin, thereby violating Chapter 625 ILCS 5/11-601.

2. Police Officer George T. Wilson, Star Number 11041, 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 June 13, 1998, at or near 2800 North Harlem Avenue, Officer Wilson drove his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, at a speed which was greater than reasonable, failed to observe a pedestrian in or near the roadway, swerved when it was not necessary, thus striking and killing Sofia Latuszkin, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and bringing discredit upon the Department;

Count II: On June 13, 1998, Officer Wilson, after striking and killing Sofia Latuszkin with his vehicle at or near 2800 North Harlem Avenue, failed to render reasonable assistance, failed to report the accident promptly to the police, and failed

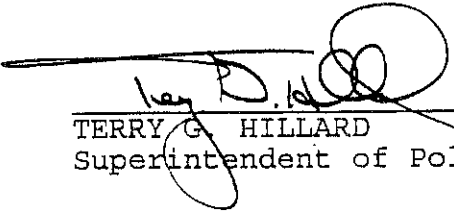
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to remain at the scene of the accident, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and bringing discredit upon the Department.

3. Police Officer George T. Wilson, Star number 11041, is charged with violating Rule 15, "Intoxication on or off duty," in the following instance:

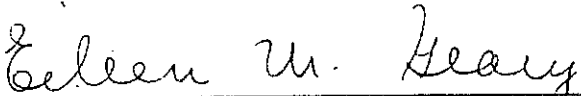
On June 13, 1998, at about 0954 hours at or near 2800 North Harlem Avenue, Officer Wilson, while off duty and intoxicated, drove a vehicle, striking and killing Sofia Latuszkin; a blood test of Officer Wilson taken at about 1700 hours on June 13, 1998 indicated a blood alcohol level of 0.07%.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer George T. Wilson, Star number 11041, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.



TERRY G. HILLARD
Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM



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