

**POLICE BOARD CASE 98-2364**

**P.O. GERALD RODISH, RESPONDENT**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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

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## CHARGES

Police Officer Gerald L. Rodish, Star Number 15036, 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 7: Insubordination or disrespect toward a supervisory member on or off duty.
- 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 10: Inattention to duty.
- Rule 11: Incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duty.

## SPECIFICATIONS

1. Police Officer Gerald L. Rodish, Star Number 15036, 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 November 5, 1997, Police Officer Gerald L. Rodish, while on duty, did verbally maltreat and engage in an unjustified verbal altercation with Rosa Dailey, a citizen attempting to report a robbery, by needlessly arguing with Ms. Dailey, handling her call in a rude, accusatory and unprofessional manner, stating in part, "And you didn't call the police when this happened?" "You were just as wrong." and "Do you want police service or not?" thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.
- Count II: On November 6, 1997, Police Officer Gerald L. Rodish, while on duty, engaged in an unjustified verbal altercation with Sergeant Brian Dufour and was insubordinate and/or disrespectful towards a supervisory member, by becoming loud, disruptive and argumentative towards Sgt. Dufour thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

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2. Police Officer Gerald L. Rodish, Star Number 15036, is charged with violating Rule 6, "Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral," in the following instance:

On November 6, 1997, Police Officer Gerald L. Rodish, transferred a call from the Alternate Response Unit to the Office of Emergency Communication (911) prior to determining if the call for assistance needed the presence of a patrol unit on the scene, thereby violating General order 97-6, Addendum 8, Section II.

3. Police Officer Gerald L. Rodish, Star Number 15036, is charged with violating Rule 7, "Insubordination or disrespect toward a supervisory member on or off duty," in the following instance:

On November 6, 1997, Police Officer Gerald L. Rodish, while on duty, became loud, disruptive and argumentative towards Sergeant Brian DuFour, thereby being insubordinate and/or disrespectful towards a supervisory member.

4. Police Officer Gerald L. Rodish, Star Number 15036, is charged with violating Rule 8, "Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty," in the following instance:

On November 5, 1997, Police Officer Gerald L. Rodish, while on duty, needlessly argued with Rosa Dailey, a citizen attempting to report a robbery, handled her call in a rude, accusatory and unprofessional manner and stated in part, "And you didn't call the police when this happened?" "You were just as wrong." and "Do you want police service or not?" thereby failing to respect and maltreating Ms. Dailey.

5. Police Officer Gerald L. Rodish, Star Number 15036, is charged with violating Rule 9, "Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty," in the following instance:

On November 5, 1997, Police Officer Gerald L. Rodish, while on duty, needlessly argued with Rosa Dailey, a citizen attempting to report a robbery, handled her call in a rude, accusatory and unprofessional manner and stated in part, "And you didn't call the police when this happened?" "You were just as wrong." and "Do you want police service or not?" thereby engaging in an unjustified verbal altercation with Ms. Dailey.

6. Police Officer Gerald L. Rodish, Star Number 15036, is charged with violating Rule 10, "Inattention to duty," in the following instance:

On November 6, 1997, Police Officer Gerald L. Rodish, while on duty, transferred a call from the Alternate Response Unit to the Office of Emergency Communication (911) prior to determining if the call for assistance needed the presence of a patrol unit on the scene, thereby being inattentive to duty.

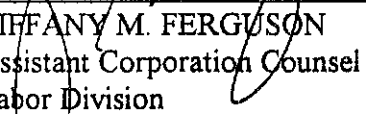
7. Police Officer Gerald L. Rodish, Star Number 15036, is charged with violating Rule 11, "Incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duty," in the following instances:

- Count I: On November 5, 1997, Police Officer Gerald L. Rodish, while on duty, needlessly argued with Rosa Dailey, a citizen attempting to report a robbery, handled her call in a rude, accusatory and unprofessional manner and stated in part, "And you didn't call the police when this happened?" "You were just as wrong." and "Do you want police service or not?", thereby being incompetent in the performance of duty.
- Count II: On November 6, 1997, Police Officer Gerald L. Rodish, while on duty, transferred a call from the Alternate Response Unit to the Office of Emergency Communication (911) prior to determining if the call for assistance needed the presence of a patrol unit on the scene, thereby being incompetent in the performance of duty.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent of Police recommends that Police Officer, Gerald L. Rodish Star Number 15036, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.

  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM

  
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