

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED)	
AGAINST POLICE OFFICER)	
JAMES C. ADAMS)	CASE NO: 99-2380
STAR NO. 6045, DEPARTMENT OF)	CR. 249954
POLICE, CITY OF CHICAGO)	

FINDINGS AND DECISION

On June 24, 1999, the Superintendent of Police filed charges with the Chicago Police Board against Police Officer James C. Adams, Star No. 6045, CR. No. 249954, henceforth sometimes referred to as "Respondent," for violation of the following Department Rules:

- 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.

Hearings on the charges were conducted by Hearing Officer Cornelia Wallis Honchar on March 16 and April 21, 2000. Final arguments were presented before Hearing Officer Thomas Johnson on June 20, 2000. The members of the Chicago Police Board read and reviewed the certified transcripts of the hearings and the evidence admitted. Hearing Officers Honchar and Johnson made oral reports of the hearings and conferred with the Police Board before it rendered its decision.

The Chicago Police Board finds and determines that:

- 1) The Respondent was, at all times mentioned herein, a Police Officer employed by the City of Chicago Department of Police.

- 2) The charges were filed in writing, and a Notice, stating the time, date and place, when and where a hearing on the charges was to be held, together with a copy of the original and amended charges were served on the Respondent more than five (5) days before the hearing on the charges.
- 3) Throughout the proceedings the Respondent appeared in person and was represented by legal counsel.
- 4) The Respondent, James C. Adams, Star No. 6045, is not guilty of violating Rule 1, "Violation of any law or ordinance."

Count I: On November 16, 1998, Officer Adams rendered a urine specimen, which did not contain marijuana metabolites, thus did not evidence possession and/or ingestion and/or some type of marijuana use, and did not thereby violate Chapter 720 ILCS 550/4, by possessing some amount of marijuana on or before November 16, 1998, and did not thereby violate a law.

The Respondent, James C. Adams, Star No. 6045, is not guilty of 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."

On November 16, 1998, Officer Adams rendered a urine specimen, which did not contain marijuana metabolites, thus did not evidence possession and/or ingestion and/or use

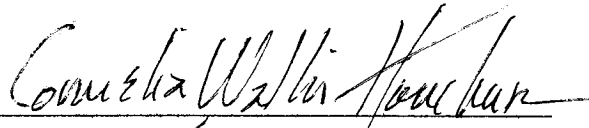
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of marijuana, and thereby did not impede the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or did not bring discredit upon the Department.

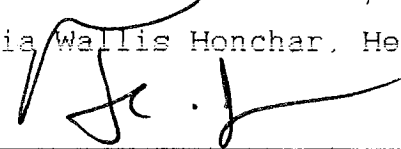
The Respondent, James C. Adams, Star No. 6045, is not guilty of violating Rule 6, "Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral,"

On November 16, 1998, Officer Adams rendered a urine specimen, which did not contain marijuana metabolites, thus did not evidence possession and/or ingestion and/or some type of marijuana use, and thereby did not violate General Order 90-5, Article III, Section B.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cornelia Wallis Honchar", written over a horizontal line.

Cornelia Wallis Honchar, Hearing Officer

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas Johnson", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas Johnson, Hearing Officer

D E C I S I O N

The members of the Police Board, having read and reviewed the certified copy of the transcription of the hearing, having received the oral report of the Hearing Officers, Cornelia Wallis Honchar and Thomas A. Johnson, and having conferred with the Hearing Officers on the credibility of the witnesses and the evidence, hereby adopt all findings herein and,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the respondent, Police Officer James C. Adams, Star # 6045, as a result of having been found not guilty of the charges in Police Board Case 99-2380, is hereby restored to his position as a Police Officer, and to the services of the City of Chicago, effective June 26, 1999.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 2nd
DAY OF October, 2000.

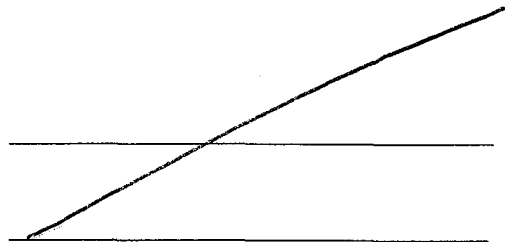
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The following members of the Police Board hereby dissent from the decision of the majority of the Board.



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THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2000

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE