



## Administrative Summary Report

Log No: 2019-0002157

This ASR provides crucial information to reporting parties, accused members and accused members' supervisors. The information contained herein is intended to display Department member's accountability and foster the relationship with members of the public by ensuring legitimacy and community confidence. The following are definitions of recommended findings:

- **Sustained** - where it is determined that the allegation is supported by the evidence;
- **Not Sustained** - where it is determined that there is insufficient evidence to prove the allegations;
- **Unfounded** - where it is determined by that an allegation is false or not factual; or
- **Exonerated** - where it is determined that the conduct described in the allegation occurred, but it is lawful and proper.

### INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

CONFIDENTIAL

### LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE:

**DATE & TIME OF INCIDENT:** 12 Jun 2019, 19:00

### NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

The Investigator gathered available evidence as listed. Based on their respective findings, this log number investigation has been concluded with the recommendations listed. Evidence was evaluated and considered by the investigator to reach their findings.

- PCAD records, which document a unit's 911 dispatch history, were identified and reviewed.
- GPS Location history of involved units was analyzed during the investigation.
- Other digital evidence not produced by CPD (e.g. private video), was gathered and used during the investigation.
- Various CPD reports or other documents related to this incident were available and analyzed.
- Witness(es) were identified and interviewed.
- The Complainant or Reporting Party cooperated in the investigation and provided information.
- The accused party or parties were interviewed.
- Evidence related to one or more cellular phones (e.g. GPS, text messages, etc.) formed part of the basis for the findings.
- Other evidence relevant to this particular investigation was used to reach the findings for one or more of the allegations made.
- The accused member's complimentary and disciplinary history were taken into consideration when determining the appropriate discipline for sustained allegations.

\*(Listed above are items for which the investigator has indicated as having been obtained and relevant to the investigation. This list is not inclusive of all items. For item list, please see Placeholder narrative text box below for more information.)

### INVESTIGATIVE CONCLUSION:

Based on the statements of the involved parties and the gathered evidence in this log investigation, the undersigned finds that the following allegation(s) are SUSTAINED. Based on the SUSTAINED finding(s) and after taking into consideration the accused member's complimentary and disciplinary histories, the undersigned recommends that the following action be taken:



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**Accused:** EDWARD WODNICKI  
**Rank:** COMMANDER  
**Star Number:** 356

**RECOMMENDED PENALTY:** 400 - SEPARATION

### Allegations

#### 1 - Sustained - Operation/Personnel Violations/Misuse of Department Equipment/Supplies

**Allegation:** It is alleged by Chief Melissa STAPLES that on 12 June 2019 at 1900 hours on Interstate 80/94 at mile marker 18.7 in Portage, Indiana, the accused, Commander Edward WODNICKI had his Department vehicle outside the State of Illinois without authorization, violating Chicago Police Department Uniform and Property Policy U02-01-08.

**Rule Violation:** 14 - MAKING A FALSE REPORT, WRITTEN OR ORAL - In that Commander Edward WODNICKI made a false report when he stated he received permission and authorization from Superintendent JOHNSON to travel outside the State of Illinois to the State of Indiana in his Department vehicle. Commander WODNICKI stated Superintendent JOHNSON was aware he was traveling to Indiana to go to Bass Pro Shop to purchase ammunition. [1 count(s)]

#### 2 - Sustained - Operation/Personnel Violations/Misuse of Department Equipment/Supplies

**Allegation:** It is alleged by Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 12 June 2019 at an unknown time, Commander Edward WODNICKI left the State of Illinois, traveling to the State of Michigan in his Department vehicle without authorization, violating Chicago Police Department Uniform and Property Policy U02-01-08.

**Rule Violation:** 14 - MAKING A FALSE REPORT, WRITTEN OR ORAL - In that Commander Edward WODNICKI made a false report when he stated he received permission and authorization from Superintendent JOHNSON to travel to the State of Michigan in his Department vehicle. Commander WODNICKI stated Superintendent JOHNSON was aware he was traveling to Michigan to have lunch with a friend. [1 count(s)]

#### 3 - Sustained - Operation/Personnel Violations/Misuse of Department Equipment/Supplies

**Allegation:** It is alleged by Chief Melissa STAPLES that on 12 June 2019 at 1853 hours, while traveling westbound on Interstate 80/94, Portage, Indiana, the accused, Commander Edward WODNICKI utilized his Department vehicle's emergency equipment while not responding to an emergency, violating Chicago Police Department General Order G03-01-01 and G03-03-02.

**Rule Violation:** 3 - FAILURE TO PROMOTE DEPT EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT POLICY/GOALS - In that, Commander Edward WODNICKI utilized his Department vehicle's emergency equipment while not responding to an emergency, violating Chicago Police Department policy. [1 count(s)]



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**Rule Violation:** 2 - ACTION/CONDUCT IMPEDES DEPT POLICY OR BRINGS DISCREDIT - In that while traveling westbound on Interstate 80/94, Commander Edward WODNICKI utilized his Department vehicle's emergency equipment while not responding to an emergency, violating Chicago Police Department policy. [1 count(s)]

**Rule Violation:** 14 - MAKING A FALSE REPORT, WRITTEN OR ORAL - In that Commander WODNICKI falsely reported he was returning to the Area Central to handle an emergency at the orders of Superintendent JOHNSON. [1 count(s)]

### 4 - Sustained - Operation/Personnel Violations/Misuse of Department Equipment/Supplies

**Allegation:** It is alleged by Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 12 June 2019 at 1853 hours, while traveling westbound on Interstate 80/94, Portage, Indiana, the accused, Commander Edward WODNICKI utilized his Department vehicle's emergency equipment without having legal authority to do so in the State of Indiana, violating Indiana Code IC 9-21-1-8.

**Rule Violation:** 2 - ACTION/CONDUCT IMPEDES DEPT POLICY OR BRINGS DISCREDIT - In that while traveling westbound on Interstate 80/94, Commander Edward WODNICKI utilized his Department vehicle's emergency equipment without having legal authority to do so in the State of Indiana. [1 count(s)]

### 5 - Sustained - Traffic (Not Bribery/Excessive Force)/Violation (other than D.U.I.)

**Allegation:** It is alleged by Chief Melissa STAPLES that on 12 June 2019 at 153 hours, while traveling westbound on Interstate 80/94, Portage, Indiana, the accused, Commander Edward WODNICKI failed to immediately curb his Department vehicle when directed to do so by Indiana State Police.

**Rule Violation:** 1 - VIOLATION OF ANY LAW OR ORDINANCE. - In that while traveling westbound on Interstate 80/94, Commander Edward WODNICKI failed to immediately curb his Department vehicle when directed to do so by Indiana State Police. [1 count(s)]

### 6 - Sustained - Crime Misconduct/Other Felony

**Allegation:** It is alleged by Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 12 June 2019 at 1853 hours, while traveling westbound on Interstate 80/94, Portage, Indiana, the accused, Commander Edward WODNICKI violated Indiana State law in that he was paced by Indiana State Trooper HANSEN traveling at 114 miles per hour. The offense was cited under 35-44.1-3-1- Public Administration, Resisting Law Enforcement (level 6 Felony).

**Rule Violation:** 1 - VIOLATION OF ANY LAW OR ORDINANCE. - In that while traveling westbound on Interstate 80/94, Commander Edward WODNICKI violated Indiana State law in that he was paced by Indiana State Trooper HANSEN traveling at 114 miles per hour. The offense was cited under 35-44.1-3-1- Public Administration, Resisting Law Enforcement (level 6 Felony). [1 count(s)]



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### 7 - Sustained - Conduct Unbecoming Violations/Traffic Violations (Other than D.U.I)

**Allegation:** It is alleged by Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 12 June 2019 at 1853 hours, while traveling westbound on Interstate 80/94, Portage, Indiana, the accused, Commander Edward WODNICKI violated Indiana State law 9-21-5-2(a)(3) by receiving traffic citation UTT #000126570664, Speeding – Exceeding Interstate 70 mile per hour limit.

**Rule Violation:** 1 - VIOLATION OF ANY LAW OR ORDINANCE. - In that while traveling westbound on Interstate 80/94, Commander Edward WODNICKI violated Indiana State law by receiving traffic citation UTT #000126570664 - Speeding – Exceeding Interstate 70 MPH Limit. [1 count(s)]

### 8 - Sustained - Crime Misconduct/Other Felony

**Allegation:** It is alleged by Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 12 June 2019 between 1853 and 1859 hours while traveling westbound on Interstate 80/94 between mile markers 22 -18.7, Portage, Indiana, the accused, Commander Edward WODNICKI failed to immediately yield to a marked Indiana State Patrol vehicle with its emergency equipment activated.

**Rule Violation:** 1 - VIOLATION OF ANY LAW OR ORDINANCE. - In that Commander Edward WODNICKI while driving westbound on Interstate 80/94 failed to immediately yield to a marked Indiana State Patrol vehicle with its emergency equipment activated. [1 count(s)]

### 9 - Sustained - Crime Misconduct/Other Felony

**Allegation:** It is alleged by Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 12 June 2019 at between 1853 and 1859 hours, while traveling westbound on Interstate 80/94 from mile marker 22 to mile marker 18.7, Portage, Indiana, the accused, Commander Edward WODNICKI violated Indiana State Law 35-44.1-3-1(a)(3) Felony Resisting with a Vehicle, which is a level 6 Felony.

**Rule Violation:** 1 - VIOLATION OF ANY LAW OR ORDINANCE. - In that while traveling westbound on Interstate 80/94 from mile marker 22 to mile marker 18.7, Commander Edward WODNICKI violated Indiana State Law 35-44.1-3-1(a)(3) Felony Resisting with a Vehicle, which is a level 6 Felony [1 count(s)]

### 10 - Sustained - Conduct Unbecoming Violations/Abuse of Authority

**Allegation:** It is alleged by Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 12 June 2019 at 1859 hours, the accused, Commander Edward WODNICKI attempted to use his official position while seeking to be released from custody of Indiana State Police when he identified himself as a Chicago Police Department member, stated his rank and declared his actions were related to his official duty.



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**Rule Violation:** 4 - CONDUCT/ACTION TO USE OFFICIAL POS. FOR PERS. GAIN/INFLUENCE - In that Commander Edward WODNICKI attempted to use his official position while seeking to be released from custody of Indiana State Police when he identified himself as a Chicago Police Department member, stated his rank and declared his actions were related to his official duty. [1 count(s)]

### 11 - Sustained - Operation/Personnel Violations/Reports/Fail to Submit

**Allegation:** It is alleged Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 12 June 2019, the accused, Commander Edward WODNICKI violated Special Order S08-01-02 by failing to submit a To-From-Subject Report notifying the Chicago Police Department he was under investigation by another law enforcement agency

**Rule Violation:** 20 - FAILURE TO SUBMIT REPORT, MEMBER UNDER INVESTIGATION - In that Commander WODNICKI failed to submit a To-From-Subject Report notifying the Chicago Police Department he was under investigation by another law enforcement agency. [1 count(s)]

**Rule Violation:** 14 - MAKING A FALSE REPORT, WRITTEN OR ORAL - In that Commander WODNICKI made a false report when he stated he submitted a to/from report to Chief STAPLES notifying her regarding the Indiana State Police traffic stop [1 count(s)]

### 12 - Sustained - Operation/Personnel Violations/Reports/FALSE

**Allegation:** It is alleged by Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 12 June 2019 at 1936 hours, the accused, Commander Edward WODNICKI made a false oral report when he stated to Chief Melissa STAPLES he went to Bass Pro Shop located at 6425 Daniel Burnham Drive, Portage, Indiana 46368.

**Rule Violation:** 14 - MAKING A FALSE REPORT, WRITTEN OR ORAL - In that Commander Edward WODNICKI was not truthful with Chief Melissa STAPLES regarding his reason for being outside the State of Illinois in his Department vehicle. [1 count(s)]

**Rule Violation:** 14 - MAKING A FALSE REPORT, WRITTEN OR ORAL - In that Commander WODNICKI made a false report when he stated to Chief STAPLES that he traveled to the State of Indiana to go to Bass Pros Shop to purchase ammunition. [1 count(s)]

### 13 - Sustained - Operation/Personnel Violations/Reports

**Allegation:** It is alleged by Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 12 June 2019 at 1936 hours, the accused Commander Edward WODNICKI committed a violation of Chicago Police Department Rule 14, when he stated to Chief Melissa STAPLES he was in Indiana at Bass Pro Shop to purchase ammunition.

**Rule Violation:** 14 - MAKING A FALSE REPORT, WRITTEN OR ORAL - In that on 12 June 2019, Commander Edward WODNICKI was untruthful when he stated to Chief Melissa STAPLES he was in Indiana at Bass Pro Shop to purchase ammunition during the time he was pursued by Indiana State Police. [1 count(s)]



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### 14 - Sustained - Operation/Personnel Violations/Reports

- Allegation:** It is alleged by Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 20 January 2020 between 0900 and 1723 hours while at Bureau of Internal Affairs, the accused Commander Edward WODNICKI committed a violation of Chicago Police Department Rule 14 when he stated Superintendent Eddie JOHNSON authorized him to travel to the State of Indiana to Bass Pro Shop to purchase ammunition on 12 June 2019.
- Rule Violation:** 14 - MAKING A FALSE REPORT, WRITTEN OR ORAL - In that on 20 January 2020, while providing his statement at the Bureau of Internal Affairs, Commander Edward WODNICKI committed a violation of Chicago Police Department Rule 14 when he stated Superintendent Eddie JOHNSON authorized him to travel to the State of Indiana to Bass Pro Shop to purchase ammunition on 12 June 2019. [1 count(s)]

### 15 - Sustained - Operation/Personnel Violations/Reports

- Allegation:** It is alleged by Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 20 January 2020 between 0900 and 1723 hours while at Bureau of Internal Affairs, the accused Commander Edward WODNICKI committed a violation of Chicago Police Department Rule 14 when he stated Superintendent Eddie JOHNSON authorized him to travel to the State of Michigan to meet a friend in the State of Michigan to have lunch on 12 June 2019.
- Rule Violation:** 14 - MAKING A FALSE REPORT, WRITTEN OR ORAL - In that on 20 January 2020, while providing his statement at the Bureau of Internal Affairs, Commander Edward WODNICKI committed a violation of Chicago Police Department Rule 14 when he stated Superintendent Eddie JOHNSON authorized him to travel to the State of Michigan to meet a friend in the State of Michigan to have lunch on 12 June 2019. [1 count(s)]

### 16 - Sustained - Operation/Personnel Violations/Reports

- Allegation:** It is alleged by Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 20 January 2020 between 0900 and 1723 hours while at Bureau of Internal Affairs, the accused Commander Edward WODNICKI committed a violation of Chicago Police Department Rule 14 when he stated he informed Chief Melissa STAPLES on 12 June 2019 he received authorization from Superintendent Eddie JOHNSON to travel to the State of Indiana.
- Rule Violation:** 14 - MAKING A FALSE REPORT, WRITTEN OR ORAL - In that on 20 January 2020, while providing his statement at the Bureau of Internal Affairs, Commander Edward WODNICKI committed a violation of Chicago Police Department Rule 14 when he stated he informed Chief Melissa STAPLES on 12 June 2019 he received authorization from Superintendent Eddie JOHNSON to travel to the State of Indiana. [1 count(s)]



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### 17 - Sustained - Operation/Personnel Violations/Reports

**Allegation:** It is alleged by Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 20 January 2020 between 0900 and 1723 hours while at Bureau of Internal Affairs, the accused Commander Edward WODNICKI committed a violation of Chicago Police Department Rule 14 when he stated he spoke with Superintendent Eddie JOHNSON on the morning of 13 June 2019 to brief him on the Indiana traffic stop.

**Rule Violation:** 14 - MAKING A FALSE REPORT, WRITTEN OR ORAL - In that on 20 January 2020, while providing his statement at the Bureau of Internal Affairs, Commander Edward WODNICKI committed a violation of Chicago Police Department Rule 14 when he stated he spoke with Superintendent Eddie JOHNSON on the morning of 13 June 2019 to brief him on the Indiana traffic stop. [1 count(s)]

### 18 - Sustained - Operation/Personnel Violations/Reports

**Allegation:** It is alleged by Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 20 January 2020 between 0900 and 1723 hours while at Bureau of Internal Affairs, the accused Commander Edward WODNICKI committed a violation of Chicago Police Department Rule 14 when he stated he informed Chief Melissa STAPLES on 12 June 2019 he received authorization from Superintendent Eddie JOHNSON to travel to the State of Michigan.

**Rule Violation:** 14 - MAKING A FALSE REPORT, WRITTEN OR ORAL - In that on 20 January 2020, while providing his statement at the Bureau of Internal Affairs, Commander Edward WODNICKI committed a violation of Chicago Police Department Rule 14 when he stated he informed Chief Melissa STAPLES on 12 June 2019 he received authorization from Superintendent Eddie JOHNSON to travel to the State of Michigan. [1 count(s)]

### 19 - Sustained - Operation/Personnel Violations/Reports

**Allegation:** It is alleged by Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 20 January 2020 between 0900 and 1723 hours while at Bureau of Internal Affairs, the accused Commander Edward WODNICKI committed a violation of Chicago Police Department Rule 14 when he stated he provided a To/From Subject report to Chief Melissa STAPLES on 13 June 2019 notifying her that he was under investigation by Indiana State Police.

**Rule Violation:** 14 - MAKING A FALSE REPORT, WRITTEN OR ORAL - In that on 20 January 2020, while providing his statement at the Bureau of Internal Affairs, Commander Edward WODNICKI committed a violation of Chicago Police Department Rule 14 when he stated he provided a To/From Subject report to Chief Melissa STAPLES on 13 June 2019 notifying her that he was under investigation by Indiana State Police. [1 count(s)]



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### 20 - Sustained - Operation/Personnel Violations/Reports

- Allegation:** It is alleged by Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 20 January 2020 between 0900 and 1723 hours while at Bureau of Internal Affairs, the accused Commander Edward WODNICKI committed a violation of Chicago Police Department Rule 14 when he stated while speaking with First Deputy Anthony RICCIO via telephone on 13 June 2019 First Deputy Anthony RICCIO stated he remembered the Superintendent had informed him that Commander WODNICKI was in the State of Indiana and would have his phone with him.
- Rule Violation:** 14 - MAKING A FALSE REPORT, WRITTEN OR ORAL - In that on 20 January 2020, while providing his statement at the Bureau of Internal Affairs, Commander Edward WODNICKI committed a violation of Chicago Police Department Rule 14 when he was untruthful by stating he spoke with First Deputy Anthony RICCIO via telephone on 13 June 2019 and the First Deputy stated he remembered Superintendent JOHNSON had informed him that he was aware Commander WODNICKI was in the State of Indiana. [1 count(s)]

### 21 - Sustained - Operation/Personnel Violations/Reports

- Allegation:** It is alleged by Sergeant Michelle COOK that on 20 January 2020 between 0900 and 1723 hours while at Bureau of Internal Affairs, the accused Commander Edward WODNICKI committed a violation of Chicago Police Department Rule 14 when he stated while speaking with First Deputy Anthony RICCIO via telephone on 13 June 2019 First Deputy Anthony RICCIO stated he remembered the Superintendent had informed him that Commander WODNICKI was in the State of Michigan and would have his phone with him.
- Rule Violation:** 14 - MAKING A FALSE REPORT, WRITTEN OR ORAL - In that on 20 January 2020, while providing his statement at the Bureau of Internal Affairs, Commander Edward WODNICKI committed a violation of Chicago Police Department Rule 14 when he was untruthful by stating he spoke with First Deputy Anthony RICCIO via telephone on 13 June 2019 and the First Deputy stated he remembered Superintendent JOHNSON had informed him that he was aware Commander WODNICKI was in the State of Michigan. [1 count(s)]