

**BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

**IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST )**  
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**POLICE OFFICER LAURA KUHLMANN, ) No. 20 PB 2974-1**  
**STAR No. 15354, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, )**  
**CITY OF CHICAGO, AND )**  
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**POLICE OFFICER CAROL WEINGART, ) No. 20 PB 2974-2**  
**STAR No. 18482, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, )**  
**CITY OF CHICAGO, )**  
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**(CR No. 1078952)**  
**RESPONDENTS.**

**ORDER**

On June 17, 2020, the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer Laura Kuhlmann, Star No. 15354, and Police Officer Carol Weingart, Star No. 18482 (“Respondents”), recommending that each Respondent be discharged from the Chicago Police Department for violating several Rules of Conduct (a copy of the charges is attached as Exhibit A).

On February 11 and March 4, 2021, the Superintendent moved to withdraw the charges against Respondents Weingart and Kuhlmann, respectively, without prejudice because each Respondent resigned her position with the Chicago Police Department. The Police Board has considered the Superintendent’s motions.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Superintendent’s motions are **granted**, and the proceedings before the Police Board are terminated.

Police Board Case No. 20 PB 2974  
Police Officers Kuhlmann and Weingart  
Order

This Order is adopted and entered by a majority of the members of the Police Board:

Ghian Foreman, Paula Wolff, Matthew C. Crawl, Michael Eaddy, Steve Flores, Jorge Montes,  
John P. O'Malley Jr., Rhoda D. Sweeney, and Andrea L. Zopp.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY  
OF MARCH, 2021.

Attested by:

/s/ GHIAN FOREMAN  
President

/s/ MAX A. CAPRONI  
Executive Director

# Exhibit A

## Charges

Attached are the charges filed with the Police Board by the Superintendent of Police. The public is reminded that the filing of charges is not evidence of guilt. The accused officer is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair hearing at which the Superintendent has the burden of proving guilt by a preponderance of the evidence. In this case, the accused officer resigned from the Chicago Police Department prior to a hearing on the charges.

**CHARGES AGAINST POLICE OFFICER LAURA KUHLMANN**

Police Officer Laura Kuhlmann, Star Number 15354, 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 14: Making a false report, written or oral.
- Rule 38: Unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.

**SPECIFICATIONS**

1. On or about December 29, 2015, at approximately 2:16 a.m., while on duty, at or near 3028 N. Clybourn Avenue in Chicago, Police Officer Laura Kuhlmann discharged her firearm at or into a moving vehicle driven by Giovanni Valle and/or fired at Giovanni Valle without justification while he was driving a vehicle, thereby:
  - a. 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, and/or
  - b. Violating Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, to wit: General Order G03-02-03, Section II(A)(1) and/or Section III(E), and/or
  - c. Violating Rule 38, unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon.
2. On or about December 29, 2015, Police Officer Laura Kuhlmann falsely stated to Sergeant Angel Perez and/or Assistant State's Attorney Nicholas Kantas and/or Detective Greg Jacobson that she discharged her weapon at Giovanni Valle's vehicle because Valle attempted to strike Officer Carol Weingart with his vehicle, and/or that she (Officer Kuhlmann) saw Officer Carol Weingart in the northbound lane of traffic prior to discharging her weapon, or words to that effect, thereby:
  - a. 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, and/or
  - b. Violating Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Laura Kuhlmann be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.



DAVID BROWN  
Superintendent of Police

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

*/s/ Katherine Robillard*  
KATHERINE ROBILLARD  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

**CHARGES AGAINST POLICE OFFICER CAROL WEINGART**

Police Officer Carol Weingart, Star Number 18482, 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 14: Making a false report, written or oral.

**SPECIFICATIONS**

1. On or about December 29, 2015, Police Officer Carol Weingart falsely stated to Detective Greg Jacobson that she was in the northbound lane of traffic (at or near 3028 N. Clybourn) prior to Officer Laura Kuhlmann discharging her weapon at Giovanni Valle's moving vehicle, and/or that Valle's vehicle was coming toward her (Officer Weingart) and she (Officer Weingart) ran to avoid being struck, or words to that effect, thereby:
  - a. 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, and/or
  - b. Violating Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.

2. On or about December 29, 2015, Police Officer Carol Weingart falsely stated to Sergeant Angel Perez that Giovanni Valle attempted to strike her with his vehicle, or words to that effect, thereby:
  - a. 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, and/or
  - b. Violating Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.
3. On or about December 29, 2015, Police Officer Carol Weingart falsely stated to Assistant State's Attorney Nicholas Kantas that she was in front of Giovanni Valle's vehicle and/or that Valle's vehicle came toward her, or words to that effect, thereby:
  - a. 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, and/or
  - b. Violating Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.
4. On or about January 13, 2016, at the offices of the Independent Police Review Authority ("IPRA"), Police Officer Carol Weingart told IPRA Investigator Theresa Davis that on or about December 29, 2015, she was in the lane of the offender's car and/or the oncoming lane of traffic prior to Officer Laura Kuhlmann discharging her weapon at Giovanni Valle's vehicle, or words to that effect, thereby:
  - a. 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, and/or
  - b. Violating Rule 14, making a false report, written or oral.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Carol Weingart be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.

  
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DAVID BROWN  
Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM

/s/ Katherine Robillard  
KATHERINE ROBILLARD  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

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