

Charges Filed with the Police Board

The following charges have been 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.

CHARGES AGAINST POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL J. SPILOTRO III

Police Officer Michael J. Spilotro III, Star No. 17487, is charged with violating the following rules contained in Article V of the Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department (“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 3: Any failure to promote the Department’s efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.
- Rule 5: Failure to perform any duty.
- Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.
- Rule 10: Inattention to duty.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. On or about June 16, 2023, while on duty and/or in a Chicago Police Department vehicle, Police Officer Michael J. Spilotro III initiated and/or continued a motor vehicle pursuit of a Hyundai from an alley onto Polk Street, then onto Homan Avenue, then onto Roosevelt Road, until the Hyundai ultimately crashed into oncoming traffic at or about 3801 West Roosevelt Road, in Chicago, in violation of the Department’s safety requirements and/or policies concerning the initiation and/or continuation of vehicle pursuits. Officer Spilotro thereby violated one or more of the following:
 - a. 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. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department’s efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals; and/or
 - c. Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, to wit General Order G03-03-01 Emergency Vehicle Operations – Eluding and Pursuing.
2. On or about June 16, 2023, while on duty and/or in a Chicago Police Department vehicle, Police Officer Michael J. Spilotro III failed to comply with Chicago Police Department safety requirements and/or policies when Officer Spilotro engaged in a motor vehicle pursuit of a Hyundai from an alley onto Polk Street, then onto Homan Avenue, then onto Roosevelt Road, until the Hyundai ultimately crashed into oncoming traffic at or about 3801 West Roosevelt Road, in Chicago, when Officer Spilotro failed to activate the Chicago Police Department vehicle’s emergency-roof lights and/or siren, and/or failed to notify the City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications that he had engaged in a vehicle pursuit and/or of the relevant information associated with the pursuit. Officer Spilotro thereby violated one or more of the following:

- a. 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. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals; and/or
 - c. Rule 5, failure to perform any duty; and/or
 - d. Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, to wit General Order G03-03-01 Emergency Vehicle Operations – Eluding and Pursuing; and/or
 - e. Rule 10, inattention to duty.
3. On or about June 16, 2023, while on duty and/or in a Chicago Police Department vehicle, Police Officer Michael J. Spilotro III failed to comply with Chicago Police Department safety requirements and/or policies when Officer Spilotro engaged in a motor vehicle pursuit of a Hyundai from an alley onto Polk Street, then onto Homan Avenue, then onto Roosevelt Road, until the Hyundai ultimately crashed into oncoming traffic at or about 3801 West Roosevelt Road, in Chicago, during which Officer Spilotro ran one or more stop signs and/or one or more red lights, and/or reached a speed of about 61 mph in a 30 mph zone, and/or crossed double yellow lines into the opposite direction of travel at or during rush hour one or more times, and/or cut off traffic when he turned right onto Roosevelt Road from the left turn lane on Homan Avenue, and/or otherwise failed to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, thereby posing a substantial risk to the safety of others. Officer Spilotro thereby violated one or more of the following:
- a. Rule 1, violation of any law or ordinance, 625 ILCS 5/11-205; *Public officers and employees to obey Act-Exceptions*; and/or
 - b. 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
 - c. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals; and/or
 - d. Rule 5, failure to perform any duty; and/or
 - e. Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, to wit General Order G03-03 Emergency Use of Department Vehicles; and/or
 - f. Rule 10, inattention to duty.
4. On or about June 16, 2023, while on duty and/or in a Chicago Police Department vehicle, Police Officer Michael J. Spilotro III failed to activate his body-worn camera in a timely manner in that he waited until after he had engaged in a motor vehicle pursuit of a Hyundai and after the pursuit concluded to do so, even though he engaged in a law enforcement activity at the time he initiated and/or during the pursuit. Officer Spilotro thereby violated one or more of the following:

- a. 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. Rule 3, any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals; and/or
- c. Rule 5, failure to perform any duty; and/or
- d. Rule 6, disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral, to wit Special Order S03-14 Body Worn Cameras; and/or
- e. Rule 10, inattention to duty.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Michael J. Spilotro III, Star Number 17487, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.



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Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM



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