

**BUREAU OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
**Confidential Investigations Section**

**04 Apr 2024**  
**Log No: 2023-0004935**

**TO:** Yolanda L. Talley  
Chief  
Bureau of Internal Affairs

**FROM:** Sergeant John Bartuch, #1598  
Confidential Investigations Section  
Bureau of Internal Affairs


**SUBJECT:** Approval of Log Investigation Number 2023-0004935

The attached Log Investigation has been completed and is submitted for your approval.




Sergeant John Bartuch #1598  
Confidential Investigations Section  
Bureau of Internal Affairs

**REVIEWED:**



Johnny E. Tate, #687  
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**APPROVED:**



Limothy Moore  
Deputy Director  
Confidential Investigation Section  
Bureau of Internal Affairs



# Investigative Closing Report

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<b>Incident Type</b>	Complaint Register	<b>Case Status</b>	Under BIA Investigation
<b>Team</b>	CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATION	<b>Date of Incident</b>	
<b>Investigator</b>	JOHN J BARTUCH	<b>Time of Incident</b>	
<b>Confidential?*</b>	Yes	<b>Initiation Date</b>	10/19/23 11:04 AM
<b>Non-Disciplinary Intervention</b>	No	<b>Days Open</b>	172
<b>Manner Received?</b>	In-Person	<b>Date Complete</b>	
<b>Pursuit Related?*</b>	No	<b>Criminal?</b>	No
<b>Initial Assignment</b>	COPA	<b>Civil Suit?</b>	No
<b>Agency</b>	BIA		

## CPD Involved Parties- Count: 9

### Role Reporting Party: Third Party 1

Name	KESHIA FRIERSON	Position	SERGEANT OF POLICE
Star No.	2362	Sex	F
Employee No.	[REDACTED]	Race	BLK
Unit No.	121	Phone	
Current Status	Y		

### Role Accused 1

Name	ALBERTO RETAMOZO	Position	POLICE OFFICER
Star No.	12815	Sex	M
Employee No.	[REDACTED]	Race	S
Unit No.	017	Phone	
Current Status	Y	<b>Recommended Penalty</b>	[REDACTED]

### Role Accused 2

Name	ALEXANDER KIM	Position	PO AS DETECTIVE
Star No.	20153	Sex	M
Employee No.	[REDACTED]	Race	API
Unit No.	630	Phone	
Current Status	Y	<b>Recommended Penalty</b>	[REDACTED]



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## Role Accused 3

Name	ANTHONY KEANY	Position	PO AS DETECTIVE
Star No.	20934	Sex	M
Employee No.	[REDACTED]	Race	WHI
Unit No.	604	Phone	[REDACTED]
Current Status	Y	Recommended Penalty	[REDACTED]

## Role Accused 4

Name	BIENVENID ACEVEDO	Position	POLICE OFFICER
Star No.	6380	Sex	M
Employee No.	[REDACTED]	Race	S
Unit No.	024	Phone	[REDACTED]
Current Status	Y	Recommended Penalty	[REDACTED]

## Role Accused 5

Name	DENNIS MACK	Position	POLICE OFFICER
Star No.	4390	Sex	M
Employee No.	[REDACTED]	Race	WHI
Unit No.	701	Phone	[REDACTED]
Current Status	Y	Recommended Penalty	[REDACTED]

## Role Accused 6

Name	JOHN NICEZYPORUK	Position	POLICE OFFICER
Star No.	14461	Sex	M
Employee No.	[REDACTED]	Race	S
Unit No.	124	Phone	[REDACTED]
Current Status	Y	Recommended Penalty	[REDACTED]





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## Role **Accused 7**

Name	MATTHEW BRACKEN	Position	POLICE OFFICER
Star No.	13910	Sex	M
Employee No.	[REDACTED]	Race	WHI
Unit No.	015	Phone	[REDACTED]
Current Status	Y	<b>Recommended Penalty</b>	[REDACTED]

## Role **Accused 8**

Name	MICHAEL NOWACKI	Position	SERGEANT OF POLICE
Star No.	2373	Sex	M
Employee No.	[REDACTED]	Race	WHI
Unit No.	014	Phone	[REDACTED]
Current Status	Y	<b>Recommended Penalty</b>	[REDACTED]

## Current Allegations - Count: 8

### Accused Name **ALBERTO RETAMOZO**

Allegation	1	Initial	Yes
Category 1	Operation/Personnel Violations		
Category 2	Conduct Unbecoming		
Rec. Finding	[REDACTED]		
Finding			
Allegation	It is alleged by Sergeant FRIERSON that members of the Chicago Police Department are members of the far-right terror group "Oath Keepers" as documented in an email to First Deputy CARTER and numerous news article by WBEZ.		

### Accused Name **ALEXANDER KIM**

Allegation	1	Initial	Yes
Category 1	Operation/Personnel Violations		
Category 2	Conduct Unbecoming		
Rec. Finding	[REDACTED]		
Finding			
Allegation	It is alleged by Sergeant FRIERSON that members of the Chicago Police Department are members of the far-right terror group "Oath Keepers" as documented in an email to First Deputy CARTER and numerous news article by WBEZ.		





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**Accused Name ANTHONY KEANY**

Allegation 1 Initial Yes

Category 1 Operation/Personnel Violations

Category 2 Conduct Unbecoming

Rec. Finding [REDACTED]

Finding

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**Accused Name BIENVENID ACEVEDO**

Allegation 1 Initial Yes

Category 1 Operation/Personnel Violations

Category 2 Conduct Unbecoming

Rec. Finding [REDACTED]

Finding

Allegation It is alleged by Sergeant FRIERSON that members of the Chicago Police Department are members of the far-right terror group "Oath Keepers" as documented in an email to First Deputy CARTER and numerous news article by WBEZ.

**Accused Name DENNIS MACK**

Allegation 1 Initial Yes

Category 1 Operation/Personnel Violations

Category 2 Conduct Unbecoming

Rec. Finding [REDACTED]

Finding

Allegation It is alleged by Sergeant FRIERSON that members of the Chicago Police Department are members of the far-right terror group "Oath Keepers" as documented in an email to First Deputy CARTER and numerous news article by WBEZ.

**Accused Name JOHN NICEZYPORUK**

Allegation 1 Initial Yes

Category 1 Operation/Personnel Violations

Category 2 Conduct Unbecoming

Rec. Finding [REDACTED]

Finding

Allegation It is alleged by Sergeant FRIERSON that members of the Chicago Police Department are members of the far-right terror group "Oath Keepers" as documented in an email to First Deputy CARTER and numerous news article by WBEZ.





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**Accused Name** MATTHEW BRACKEN

Allegation 1 Initial Yes

Category 1 Operation/Personnel Violations

Category 2 Conduct Unbecoming

Rec. Finding [REDACTED]

Finding

Allegation It is alleged by Sergeant FRIERSON that members of the Chicago Police Department are members of the far-right terror group "Oath Keepers" as documented in an email to First Deputy CARTER and numerous news article by WBEZ.

**Accused Name** MICHAEL NOWACKI

Allegation 1 Initial Yes

Category 1 Operation/Personnel Violations

Category 2 Conduct Unbecoming

Rec. Finding [REDACTED]

Finding

Allegation It is alleged by Sergeant FRIERSON that members of the Chicago Police Department are members of the far-right terror group "Oath Keepers" as documented in an email to First Deputy CARTER and numerous news article by WBEZ.

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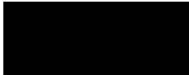
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**NOTE:** Log “TYPE” is classified as CR – Sworn Affidavit not required.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The R/Sgt was assigned to investigate CR# 2023-0004935 on 25 October 2023, through the normal Internal Affairs channels. After reviewing the case details and acknowledging the Conflict Certification the R/Sgt. learned the following:

On 08 August 2022, A letter was sent to First Deputy Superintendent Eric CARTER, from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) indicating eight Chicago Police Officer's names were found within the hacked Oath Keepers rosters. These names were also included in a WBEZ article dated 22 October 2023, titled "Chicago Police with extremist ties have troubling records". The article also listed 4 additional current Chicago Police officers appearing on the Oath Keepers rosters. A total of 12 names have appeared on the Oath Keepers rosters.

The names listed in the ADL document are: Alberto RETAMOZO, Matthew J. BRACKEN, Phillip SINGTO, Anthony E. KEANY, Michael NOWACKI, Dennis Kevin MACK, Alexander KIM, and Bob DAVIS. It should be noted that SINGTO was previously investigated for his association with the Oath Keepers. In addition to the above names, the NPR/WBEZ article listed several names, including John NICEZYPORUK, Christopher HOFFMAN, and Bienvenido ACEVEDO. It should be noted that HOFFMAN was previously investigated and is no longer a member of the Chicago Police Department. Based on the above information received, Sergeant FRIERSON initiated Log number 2023-0004935. (**Attachments 1, 2,4**)

## **INVESTIGATION**

On 26 October 2023, the R/Sgt contacted NPR/WBEZ reporter [REDACTED] NPR/WBEZ editor [REDACTED] and Senior Editor [REDACTED] regarding the NPR/WBEZ article via links on the NPR/WBEZ website. The R/Sgt. sent each of them an email to contact the R/Sgt. The R/Sgt. also sent the Anti-Defamation League an email to contact the R/Sgt. (**Notes:CP-0304601**)

[REDACTED] returned the R/Sgt's call and asked what the R/Sgt. needed. [REDACTED] was able to provide guidance on the information in the article. [REDACTED] also referenced an additional article that he wrote which was titled "how cops with ties to the Oath Keepers were investigated". [REDACTED] then stated he would speak to legal and get back to the R/Sgt. [REDACTED] sent the R/Sgt. the article link via email. After reviewing the article, the R/Sgt. sent [REDACTED] an email asking for the leaked spreadsheets that were referenced in the article.

The R/Sgt. conducted an employee alpha star query for the nine names appearing on the Oath Keepers rosters that will be investigated under this log. The search revealed the following:

NOWACKI is assigned to the 014th District. The search additionally revealed NOWACKI is in day off group 65 and his current hours are 0700-1600.

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NICEZYPORUK is assigned to Unit 124, The Training and Support Group. The search additionally revealed NICEZYPORUK is in day off group 8, and his current hours are 0700-1600.

RETAMOZO is assigned to the 017th District. The search additionally revealed RETAMOZO is in day off group 65, and his current hours are 0700-1600.

ACEVEDO is assigned to the 024th District. The search additionally revealed ACEVEDO is in day off group 62, and his current hours are 0700-1600.

BRACKEN is assigned to the 015th District. The search additionally revealed BRACKEN is in day off group 63, and his current hours are 0700-1600.

MACK is assigned to Unit 701, Public Transportation. The search additionally revealed MACK is in day off group 64, and his current hours are 0700-1600.

KEANY is assigned to Unit 604, the Financial Crimes Section. The search additionally revealed KEANY is in day off group 9, and his current hours are 0700-1600.

KIM is assigned to Unit 630, the Area 3 Detectives Division. The search additionally revealed KIM is in day off group 63, and his current hours are 0700-1600. **(Attachment 5)**

The R/Sgt. searched the Clear personnel suite for Bob DAVIS with negative results. The R/Sgt. searched the Chicago Police Departments Alpha Star query for Bob DAVIS with negative results. The R/Sgt. expanded the search for Robert DAVIS which revealed four possible matches. Of the four possible matches there are two active officers. The R/Sgt. further searched the email address and the residential address listed in the ADL'S letter to CARTER. The address associated with DAVIS is listed as [REDACTED]. The email address associated with DAVIS is listed as [REDACTED]. A search of the address and email through available resources revealed an individual by the name of Bobby J. DAVIS. The search further revealed that DAVIS is deceased as of 29 September 2017. **(Attachment 6)**

On 04 November 2023, the R/Sgt. emailed the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) at [info@occrp.org](mailto:info@occrp.org), in attempt to obtain information linking Chicago Police Department members to the Oath Keepers.

On 06 November 2023, the R/Sgt. received an email from [REDACTED] from OCCRP stating they could not share the information requested. The email referenced an independent body in Chicago was looking at this issue. The R/Sgt. followed up with [REDACTED] who subsequently stated it would be best to work with (OCCRP'S) Chicago partners. **(Attachment 7)**

On 07 November 2023, Chief TALLEY wrote a letter to the Inspector General, Deborah WITZBURG, requesting assistance in order to properly collect any evidence needed to maximize the thoroughness of the investigation. **(Attachment 8)**

An open source social media investigation was conducted for any connection of NOWACKI, NICEZYPORUK, RETAMOZO, ACEVEDO, BRAKEN, MACK, KEANY, and KIM to the



organization "The Oath Keepers". The search did not provide any evidence of any affiliation with the aforementioned organization. **(Attachment 9,10)**

On 16 November 2023, the R/Sgt. and Deputy Chief Traci WALKER met with George LAUDER, Deputy Inspector General of Investigations, for the Office of the Inspector Generals. This meeting took place at 3510 S. Michigan, 5th floor, Bureau of Internal Affairs. The R/Sgt. informed LAUDER of the on-going investigation and steps that were being taken to complete the investigation. LAUDER stated he would speak with the Inspector General about the handling of this log investigation.

On 17 November 2023, WBEZ wrote an article titled "Chicago cops tied to Oath Keepers barred from testifying in court, Kim Foxx decides". This article was written by [REDACTED] **(Attachment 11)**

On 20 November 2023, the R/Sgt. emailed Meriel COLEMAN from the Cook County State's Attorney's office, to inquire about the States Attorney's decision to place the members listed in the WBEZ article on the Giglio list. The BRADY/GIGLIO list is created by prosecutors in response to a U.S. Supreme Court decision which requires prosecutors to disclose exculpatory evidence to the defense. The list consists of the names of Police Officers, Prosecutors do not want to sponsor to testify in court. The R/Sgt. and COLEMAN agreed to speak on 05 December 2023.

On 28 November 2023, the R/Sgt. sent a follow up email to LAUDER to ascertain if the Inspector General made a decision to participate and or assume the role of lead investigative agency for the Oath Keepers investigation.

On 29 November 2023, LAUDER emailed D/C WALKER with a list of questions regarding jurisdiction and a possible Memorandum of Understanding. LAUDER emailed the R/Sgt. referencing the email sent to WALKER.

On 30 November 2023, the R/Sgt. submitted a PSA action request for any and all emails with the keyword search "Oath Keepers" for the above listed members, within the time frame of 30 November 2013 through 30 November 2023. **(Attachment 12)**

On 05 December 2023, the R/Sgt. spoke with COLEMAN regarding the States Attorneys decision to place the members of this investigation on the GIGLIO list. COLEMAN stated the GIGLIO list is discretionary and it's up to the States Attorney's office to sponsor or not sponsor a witness. COLEMAN stated the decision to place the members of the investigation on the GIGLIO list was based on the news article and the decision was made by Kim FOXX.

COLEMAN stated the States Attorney's office is investigating the claims and trying to obtain any evidence of the member's involvement. COLEMAN stated Officers can appeal the States Attorneys decision. COLEMAN lastly stated if they receive any material, or evidence they will share it.

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On 8 January 2024, the R/Sgt. received the PSA action request report. According to the Field Technology and Innovation Section, none of the above listed members utilized their department emails in any correspondence with the key word "Oath Keepers". **(Attachment 13)**

On 10 January 2024, the R/Sgt. called the Bureau of Counter-Terrorism to inquire about any official Chicago Police Department list that is considered extreme or affiliated with biased based organizations. The R/Sgt. spoke with Sgt. REED, who stated the Bureau of Counter-Terrorism does not have a list of groups considered extreme or bias.

On 10 January 2024, Chief TALLEY wrote a letter to the Inspector General Deborah WITZBURG inquiring about the OIG'S determination on BIA'S request. **(Attachment 14)**

On 16 January 2024, Inspector General Deborah WITZBURG responded to Chief TALLEY via email. In the email WITZBURG related she remained open to the possibility of a joint investigation, but she would need clarity and an agreement between the OIG and BIA. WITZBURG further explained their subpoena authority is significantly circumscribed by constitutional and statutory authority, in its ability to reach the content of stored communications. **(Attachment 15)**

On 25 January 2024, the R/Sgt. was made aware of a publication by the Center for Policing Equity. This article makes recommendations of how Law Enforcement can respond to White Supremacy in Policing. This article also referenced a database called DDoSecrets where a cache of data allegedly linked to the Oath Keepers was uploaded. The data included chat records from the groups private chatroom, hosted on Rocketchat from 22 June 2020 to 26 June 2020, and 05 February 2021 to 19 September 2021. The data also included emails from 13 January 2021 to 19 September 2021, and purported membership information for more than 38,000 individuals.

The database includes full names, addresses, e-mail addresses, phone numbers, membership type, and a space for comments (frequently left empty). To identify those individuals in the Oath Keepers database who hold sensitive positions, the ADL Center on Extremism (COE) researchers compared the names found in the data with information found in public databases, media reports, and social media platforms. **(Attachment 16)**

The R/Sgt. reviewed the information on the DDoSecrets website ([https://ddosecrets.com/wiki/Oath\\_Keepers](https://ddosecrets.com/wiki/Oath_Keepers)) and discovered it notes the following:

"Important: an individual's inclusion in the Oath Keepers database is not proof that they were or are still an Oath Keeper, that they hold or held all or some of Oath Keepers ideology or viewpoints, or that they ever actively participated in Oath Keepers activities. When reviewing this information, you should bear in mind the possibility that the individual misunderstood the nature of the Oath Keepers. Before taking any action based on this information, an individualized assessment of the individual must take place".

On 28 January 2024, the R/Sgt. scheduled interviews for Officers BRACKEN, KEANY, MACK AND KIM for 01 February 2024, from 1000-1430 hours, under court notification numbers 11508052, 11508054, 11508056, and 11508058. The R/Sgt. also scheduled interviews for

RETAMOZO and NOWACKI for 02 February 2024, from 1030-1230 hours, under court notification numbers 11508061 and 11508062. Lastly, the R/Sgt scheduled interviews for NICEZYPORUK and ACEVEDO for 06 February 2024, from 1230-1430 hours, under court notification numbers 11508063 and 11508064. (Note CP-0337302)

Due to scheduling conflicts, NOWACKI'S interview was moved to 06 February 2024, and NICEZYPORUK and ACEVEDO were moved to 07 February 2024.

During a search of the DDoSecrets website ([https://ddosecrets.com/wiki/Oath\\_Keepers](https://ddosecrets.com/wiki/Oath_Keepers)), a possible email address associated with BRACKEN was discovered. The possible email address associated with BRACKEN was listed as [REDACTED]. A search of the email account holder is undetermined at this time. (Attachment 17)

### **INTERVIEW OF ACCUSED OFFICER MATTHEW BRACKEN**

On 01 February 2024, The R/Sgt along with Sergeant Tiffany SANTIAGO #1402, conducted the interview of BRACKEN at the Chicago Police Department Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Bureau of Internal Affairs conference room at 1015 hours. Below is a summary and not verbatim, for the full transcript refer to the audio recorded statement.

BRACKEN was represented by FOP Attorney Tim GRACE. Prior to the start of the recording, the R/Sgt. provided BRACKEN with CPD form 44.140 the Audio recorded statement instructions/guidelines. BRACKEN read, and initialed each of the guidelines of the Audio recorded statement. BRACKEN was asked if he had any questions about the audio recorded statement, which he related he did not. The R/Sgt asked BRACKEN if he was notified of his allegations and BRACKEN stated he was. BRACKEN related his date of appointment was 18 Dec 2006. BRACKEN related he is assigned to the 015th District. BRACKEN stated he has been assigned to the 015th District for approximately four years. BRACKEN was asked if he was ready to give his statement and related he was.

Prior to BRACKEN reading his preamble, GRACE stated he wanted to put the following objections on the record. GRACE objected to the claim the Oath Keepers are a domestic terrorist organization. GRACE stated he was not aware of any law enforcement or Federal Agency that listed the Oath Keepers as a domestic terrorist organization. GRACE objected to a members rights to join an organization, stating there was no Department order against members joining an organization if it did not interfere with their actions as Police Officers. GRACE stated there were First Amendment implications here, there's freedom of assembly, freedom of speech issues here, as well as off duty actions, that does not affect this Officer, but could affect other Officers. Lastly, GRACE stated it appeared the initiation came from a news organization. GRACE further explained that we do not initiate CR'S, or disciplinary proceedings against officers based on allegations made from the media. BRACKEN then read his preamble.

The R/Sgt. showed BRACKEN the email from the Anti-Defamation League that was sent to First Deputy CARTER, identified as Exhibit 1. The R/Sgt. directed BRACKEN to page three and asked BRACKEN if he knew why he was specifically named in this email. BRACKEN stated twelve years ago he was in the military and a fellow military buddy was passing out

information and asking military members to join a group called the Oath Keepers. BRACKEN stated this individual was providing information about the Oath Keepers and even provided him with a pamphlet. BRACKEN stated the mission statement of the Oath Keepers spoke to him because it was pretty much verbatim what every military person swears to when they take the Oath to join the military. This individual further explained to BRACKEN that he needed his information and someone else would reach out to him in regards to a membership. BRACKEN stated he gave this individual the basic information, name, address, email and phone number. BRACKEN could not remember the individuals name.

The R/Sgt. asked BRACKEN what did he know about the Oath Keepers at that time. BRACKEN stated he knew what he saw on the pamphlet, and that they stood for the second amendment and defending the Constitution. The R/Sgt. asked BRACKEN if he knew the Oath Keepers to be a potential hate group, or if they had any kind of extremist views and BRACKEN stated no. BRACKEN stated he did not remember paying any money when he provided his friend with his information. BRACKEN was asked if he is a current member of the Oath Keepers and BRACKEN stated no.

BRACKEN stated he did not consider himself a member of the Oath Keepers after he supplied his friend with the initial information. BRACKEN further stated he thought someone else was going to contact him in regards to a membership with the Oath Keepers, however no one did. BRACKEN stated that was his only exposure to the Oath Keepers and he did not remember ever paying for a membership. BRACKEN stated he never participated in any Oath Keeper events and he did not receive or send emails to anything related to the Oath Keepers. BRACKEN stated he never participated in any Oath Keepers chat rooms.

BRACKEN was asked if [REDACTED] was an email account he uses or controls, BRACKEN stated no. BRACKEN further stated he remembered giving his friend basic information such as name, phone number and email address. BRACKEN stated he did not remember providing his address. BRACKEN was asked what email did he provide. BRACKEN stated [REDACTED] but was guessing since he has had that email address for so long. BRACKEN stated that was his junk email address.

BRACKEN stated he does not have any active social media accounts, and he has only looked at some of his friends posts, but nothing related to the Oath Keepers. BRACKEN further stated he had a YouTube and Instagram account.

BRACKEN was shown the WBEZ/NPR news article identified as Exhibit 2. BRACKEN stated he was contacted by [REDACTED] attempted to interview BRACKEN about the article. BRACKEN stated he told [REDACTED] he could not make any statements or comments related to the Police Department. BRACKEN told [REDACTED] he was not an Oath Keeper and had no involvement in the group. BRACKEN stated he never generated any reports or informed any supervisor because the contact from [REDACTED] had nothing to do with the Police.

BRACKEN informed SANTIAGO that his friend had a pamphlet and he remembered seeing a symbol he referred to as a "Rocker". BRACKEN further informed SANTIAGO of the symbol

and how the pamphlet had a similar oath that he took when he entered the military. BRACKEN also stated he remembered the pamphlet offered discounts for different organizations.

BRACKEN was asked if he ever disobeyed a direct order or was disciplined by a CPD Supervisor, because it was in conflict with the Oath Keepers oaths and BRACKEN stated no.

The R/Sgt. gave BRACKEN a written and direct order to produce any material he had related to the Oath Keepers. GRACE stated they will acknowledge the order but stated on the record it was an illegal and improper order. GRACE further stated the Department had no right to demand this of Officer BRACKEN and that BRACKEN had no documents to produce. This interview was subsequently ended at 1046 hours. BRACKEN was given an audio copy of his interview and signed the receipt of formal statement. (**Attachments 18,19,20,21,22**)

### **INTERVIEW OF ACCUSED DETECTIVE ANTHONY KEANY**

On 01 February 2024, The R/Sgt along with Sergeant Tiffany SANTIAGO #1402, conducted the interview of KEANY, at the Chicago Police Department Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Bureau of Internal Affairs conference room at 1128 hours. Below is a summary and not verbatim, for the full transcript refer to the audio recorded statement.

KEANY was represented by FOP Attorney Tim GRACE. Prior to the start of the recording, the R/Sgt. provided KEANY with CPD form 44.140 the Audio recorded statement instructions/guidelines. KEANY read, and initialed each of the guidelines of the Audio recorded statement. KEANY was asked if he had any questions about the audio recorded statement, which he related he did not. The R/Sgt asked KEANY if he was notified of his charges/allegations and KEANY stated he was. KEANY related his date of appointment was 25 October 1999. KEANY related he is assigned to Unit 604. KEANY related he has been in his current assignment for two years. KEANY was asked if he was ready to give his statement and KEANY related that he was and read a preamble.

Prior to KEANY reading his preamble, GRACE stated he wanted to put the following objections on the record. GRACE objected to the claim the Oath Keepers are a domestic terrorist organization. GRACE stated he was not aware of any law enforcement or Federal Agency that listed the Oath Keepers as a domestic terrorist organization. GRACE objected to a member's rights to join an organization, stating there was no Department order against members joining an organization if it didn't interfere with their actions as Police Officers. GRACE stated there were First Amendment implications here, there's freedom of assembly, freedom of speech issues here as well as off duty actions, that doesn't affect this officer but could affect other officers. Lastly, GRACE stated it appeared the initiation came from a news organization. GRACE further explained that we do not initiate CR'S, or disciplinary proceedings against Officers based on allegations made from the media. KEANY then read his preamble.

The R/Sgt. showed KEANY the email from the Anti-Defamation League that was sent to First Deputy CARTER, identified as Exhibit 1. The R/Sgt. directed KEANY to page three and asked KEANY if he knew why he was specifically named in this email. KEANY stated he did not know why he was named in the email to CARTER. KEANY verified the name, address, phone

number and email listed. KEANY stated he is not a member of the Oath Keepers and has never been a member.

KEANY further explained early in his career that CPD range instructors in his Unit informed him of an opportunity to attend a shooting competition. KEANY was informed by the range instructors that the cost of the shooting competition was discounted if he joined the Oath Keepers. KEANY further stated it was roughly in 2008 or 2009, when he registered with the organization to attend the instructional shooting competition. KEANY stated he believed the range instructors were HOFFMAN and MCGUIRE.

KEANY stated he provided the Oath Keepers with his contact information which included his name, email, phone number, and if he had a valid Firearms Owner Identification card (FOID). KEANY did not remember the name of the shooting competition. KEANY stated he did not know what the Oath Keepers stood for but he knew that it was an organization. KEANY stated the Oath Keepers sent him a mini Constitution and some stickers.

KEANY stated he did not end up attending the shooting competition, and never paid any other fees to the Oath Keepers. KEANY stated he did not believe he was a member of the Oath Keepers, and he did not believe he was participating in an extremist or hate group. KEANY was unsure how he paid for the competition and for the Oath Keepers membership.

KEANY stated he has never been to an Oath Keeper event, sent or received emails, and has not received anything from the Oath Keepers apart from the initial registration.

KEANY stated he does have active social media accounts, and he referenced Facebook and Instagram. KEANY further stated he has never participated in any Oath Keepers chats, and has never made reference to the Oath Keepers on any of his social media accounts.

KEANY stated he has not had any involvement with the Oath Keepers after the shooting competition. KEANY reiterated that he did not attend the shooting competition due to family responsibilities. KEANY further stated he has not received any Oath Keeper material or information to his email, mailbox, or phone since the initial registration.

KEANY was shown the NPR/WBEZ news article identified as Exhibit 2. KEANY stated he was contacted by NPR/WBEZ but was unsure of who contacted him. KEANY stated he made it clear to NPR/WBEZ that he was not speaking on behalf of the Chicago Police Department. KEANY stated he did not consider himself a member of the Oath Keepers and only signed up for a shooting competition. KEANY stated he informed his supervisor Sergeant GONZALEZ about being contacted by NPR/WBEZ. KEANY stated he did not document NPR/WBEZ contacting him.

KEANY was asked if he ever disobeyed a direct order or was disciplined by a CPD Supervisor because it was in conflict with the Oath Keepers oath, and KEANY stated no.

SANTIAGO asked KEANY questions regarding the range instructors and what Unit was KEANY assigned. KEANY stated he was in the Mobile Strike Force Unit at the time. KEANY

informed SANTIAGO he never actively participated in anything involving the Oath Keepers organization.

The R/Sgt. gave KEANY a written and direct order to produce any material he had related to the Oath Keepers. GRACE stated they will acknowledge the order but stated on the record it was an illegal and improper order. GRACE stated KEANY had no documents pertaining to the Oath Keepers to produce.

KEANY lastly stated since 2009, he has cleared federal background checks for State Departments to receive dignitary protection training at their facility in Virginia which is a secured Federal facility. KEANY further stated he was vetted through a rigorous background check by the U.S. Marshals Service. KEANY stated he had access to federal databases in order to become a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal. KEANY stated he faithfully served as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal from 2012 to 2017, until he was promoted to Detective, and at no time was flagged by the U.S. Government.

This interview was subsequently ended at 1157 hours. KEANY was given an audio copy of his interview and he signed the receipt of formal statement. (**Attachments 23,24,25,26,27**)

#### **INTERVIEW OF ACCUSED OFFICER ALBERTO RETAMOZO**

On 01 February 2024, the R/Sgt along with Sergeant Tiffany SANTIAGO #1402, conducted the interview of RETAMOZO at the Chicago Police Department Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Bureau of Internal Affairs conference room at 1224 hours. Below is a summary and not verbatim, for the full transcript refer to the audio recorded statement.

RETAMOZO was represented by FOP Attorney Tim GRACE. Prior to the start of the recording, the R/Sgt. provided RETAMOZO with CPD form 44.140, the Audio recorded statement instructions/guidelines. RETAMOZO read, and initialed each of the guidelines of the Audio recorded statement. RETAMOZO was asked if he had any questions about the audio recorded statement which he related he did not. The R/Sgt asked RETAMOZO if he was notified of his charges/allegations and RETAMOZO stated he was. RETAMOZO related that his date of appointment is 30 November 1998. RETAMOZO related he is assigned to the 017th District. RETAMOZO stated he has been assigned to the 017th District for five years.

Prior to RETAMOZO reading his preamble, GRACE objected to the claim the Oath Keepers are a domestic terrorist organization. GRACE stated he was not aware of any law enforcement or Federal Agency that listed the Oath Keepers as a domestic terrorist organization. GRACE objected to a member's rights to join an organization, stating there was no Department order against members joining an organization, if it did not interfere with their actions as Police Officers. GRACE stated there were First Amendment implications here, there's freedom of assembly, freedom of speech issues here as well as off duty actions, that does not affect this Officer but could affect other Officers. Lastly, GRACE stated it appeared the initiation came from a news organization. GRACE further explained that we do not initiate CR'S, or disciplinary proceedings against Officers based on allegations made from the media. RETAMOZO then read his preamble.

The R/Sgt. showed RETAMOZO the email from the Anti-Defamation League that was sent to First Deputy CARTER, identified as Exhibit 1. The R/Sgt. directed RETAMOZO to page three and asked RETAMOZO if his information was included in the email. RETAMOZO stated his information was included in the email but incorrect. RETAMOZO stated his address has changed and the email listed was an old email address he used. RETAMOZO stated he is not currently a member of the Oath Keepers. RETAMOZO stated he had just retired from the Military and learned about the Oath Keepers from someone he knew. RETAMOZO further stated he was told the Oath Keepers protect the Second Amendment. Believing this to be a good organization RETAMOZO joined the Oath Keepers and the Illinois State Rifle Association. RETAMOZO was unsure of the dates he joined both groups, but stated it was approximately 2009 thru 2012.

RETAMOZO stated he believed he paid \$50.00 dollars a month for each organization. RETAMOZO stated he made a few payments and then stopped paying. RETAMOZO stated at the time he believed the Oath Keepers were a good organization because the website said it protected the Second Amendment. RETAMOZO reiterated he believed in the Second Amendment and protecting it. RETAMOZO did not believe he was participating with a hate or extremist group.

RETAMOZO stated he didn't remember what kind of membership he signed up for and stopped making payments after a couple of months. RETAMOZO stated he did not see any progress being made and thought it was a waste of money. The R/Sgt. asked RETAMOZO what email address did he use, RETAMOZO believed it was [REDACTED].

RETAMOZO stated he did not participate in any Oath Keeper events, and did not receive Oath Keepers emails. RETAMOZO further stated he paid for the membership with a credit or debit card. RETAMOZO was asked what type of information did he provide for a membership. RETAMOZO stated his name, address, email, and phone number.

RETAMOZO stated he does not have any social media accounts, and has never participated in the Oath Keepers private chat rooms. RETAMOZO stated after he stopped paying for the membership he did not have any involvement in the Oath Keepers. RETAMOZO stated he initially received a pocket-sized Constitution and a copy of the Bill of Rights.

RETAMOZO stated he did not believe he still had any involvement with the Oath Keepers after he stopped paying, and was never contacted by anyone from the Oath Keepers to renew his membership.

RETAMOZO was shown the NPR/WBEZ news article, identified as Exhibit 2. RETAMOZO stated he was contacted by NPR/WBEZ but was unsure of who contacted him. RETAMOZO stated he answered questions about his involvement with the Oath Keepers but did not speak on behalf of the Chicago Police Department. RETAMOZO further stated he told NPR/WBEZ he had joined the Oath Keepers because the Second Amendment was under attack.

RETAMOZO was asked if he ever disobeyed a direct order or was disciplined by a CPD Supervisor because it was in conflict with the Oath Keepers oath, and RETAMOZO stated no. RETAMOZO stated he never notified a supervisor about NPR/WBEZ reaching out to him.



SANTIAGO asked RETAMOZO what was his Unit of assignment during the time he joined the Oath Keepers, RETAMOZO stated the Mobile Strike Force Unit or teaching NATO. RETAMOZO further stated someone mentioned the Oath Keepers to him, and after looking at their website he felt it was a good organization. RETAMOZO stated he stopped the membership because it didn't seem like they were doing anything. RETAMOZO was unsure if the Oath Keepers were a Federal 501-C-3 Charitable organization.

The R/Sgt. gave RETAMOZO a written and direct order to produce any material he had related to the Oath Keepers. GRACE stated they will acknowledge the order, but stated on the record it was an illegal order. GRACE stated RETAMOZO will comply with the order but had no documents pertaining to the Oath Keepers to produce.

This interview was subsequently ended at 1241 hours. RETAMOZO was given an audio copy of his interview and he signed the receipt of formal statement. **(Attachments 28,29,30,31,32)**

### **INTERVIEW OF ACCUSED OFFICER DENNIS MACK**

On 01 February 2024, the R/Sgt along with Sergeant Tiffany SANTIAGO #1402, conducted the interview of MACK at the Chicago Police Department Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Bureau of Internal Affairs conference room at 1310 hours. Below is a summary and not verbatim, for the full transcript refer to the audio recorded statement.

MACK was represented by FOP Attorney Tim GRACE. Prior to the start of the recording, the R/Sgt. provided MACK with CPD form 44.140, the Audio recorded statement instructions/guidelines. MACK read, and initialed each of the guidelines of the Audio recorded statement. MACK was asked if he had any questions about the audio recorded statement which he stated no. The R/Sgt asked MACK if he was notified of his charges/allegations and MACK stated he was. MACK related his date of appointment was 29 October 2007. MACK related he is assigned to Unit 701. MACK related he has been assigned to Unit 701 for ten or eleven years.

Prior to MACK reading his preamble, GRACE stated he wanted to put the following objections on the record. GRACE objected to the claim the Oath Keepers are a domestic terrorist organization. GRACE stated he was not aware of any law enforcement or Federal Agency that listed the Oath Keepers as a domestic terrorist organization. GRACE objected to a members rights to join an organization, stating there was no Department order against members joining an organization if it did not interfere with their actions as Police Officers. GRACE stated there were First Amendment implications here, there's freedom of assembly, freedom of speech issues here as well as off duty actions, that does not affect this Officer but could affect other Officers. Lastly, GRACE stated it appeared the initiation came from a news organization. GRACE further explained that we do not initiate CR'S, or disciplinary proceedings against Officers based on allegations made from the media. MACK then read his preamble.

The R/Sgt. showed MACK the email from the Anti-Defamation League that was sent to First Deputy CARTER, identified as Exhibit 1. The R/Sgt. directed MACK to page three and asked MACK if his information was included in the email. MACK stated the name was correct but the address, email and phone number were not his current address, email and phone number. The

R/Sgt. asked MACK if the information listed in Exhibit 1 were correct at some point and MACK stated yes.

MACK was asked if he is currently a member of the Oath Keepers and MACK stated no. MACK further stated at one point he believed he paid a one-time due. MACK could not recall the one time amount he paid and stated it was approximately ten to twelve years ago. The R/Sgt. asked MACK if he was a member before or after Chicago's handgun ban, MACK stated that it was probably after.

MACK was asked how did he get involved with the Oath Keepers. MACK stated to the best of his recollection, he was solicited online. MACK could not remember who solicited him online via his social media account. MACK could not provide any information on who solicited him, but added he was military. MACK further stated he has been out of the military for twenty plus years. MACK could not remember what kind of Oath Keepers membership he paid for or the amount. MACK stated he received a sticker in the mail for his membership, but never displayed it and threw it out. MACK stated he never maintained the membership and only paid once.

MACK stated at the time he joined he knew the Oath Keepers were a pro Second Amendment group that had no political radicalization. MACK stated he never thought he was participating in a hate or extreme group. MACK compared his one-time payment to the Oath Keepers as being equivalent to a one-time donation. The R/Sgt. asked MACK if he tried to write off the one-time payment on his taxes, MACK stated he never has. MACK could not recall what kind of membership he received.

MACK could not recall how he paid for the membership and could not recall if he paid anything related to the Oath Keepers with his credit card or Paypal. The R/Sgt. asked MACK if his credit card information would have been in the leaked documents associated with the Oath Keepers and MACK could not recall. MACK stated when he paid for the Oath Keepers membership he provided his name, address, email, and phone number. MACK further stated he provided this information on-line. MACK stated he never attended an Oath Keeper event.

MACK was asked if he had any social media accounts and MACK stated he does not have any current social media accounts, but he did have Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn accounts at one point. MACK stated he never referenced anything from the Oath Keepers or their events on any of his social media platforms. MACK stated he remembered getting emails from the Oath Keepers but flagged them years ago, and all of the Oath Keepers emails went into his junk email folder. MACK further stated he never really opened the emails and doesn't go through his junk mail. MACK stated he never sent emails to the Oath Keepers.

MACK could not recall if he ever received anything in the mail from the Oath Keepers. MACK stated he never received texts or phone calls from the Oath Keepers. The R/Sgt. asked MACK what, did he know about the Oath Keepers as of now. MACK stated only the information that has been provided by the media.

MACK was shown the NPR/WBEZ news article, identified as Exhibit 2. MACK stated [REDACTED] called him and left a message. MACK stated he did not return [REDACTED] call and he

did not make any statements. MACK further stated he wanted to clear it through the Department first, and he contacted the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 7. MACK stated he spoke with Fernando at the lodge. MACK stated he never notified a supervisor or generated any reports after he was contacted by [REDACTED]

SANTIAGO asked MACK how did he hear about the Oath Keepers. MACK stated he heard about the Oath Keepers on line through one of his social media accounts however, he could not remember a lot of details. SANTIAGO asked MACK about his membership and what he expected to get out of the membership. MACK stated it was a one-time contribution and he wanted to ensure the protection of all people rights. MACK further stated the email address used to sign up for the Oath Keepers is a joint account with his wife. MACK stated he never paid the Oath Keepers again, because he wanted to stay neutral from contributing to political causes.

SANTIAGO asked MACK if he ever disobeyed a direct order or was disciplined by a CPD Supervisor because it was in conflict with the Oath Keepers oath, and MACK stated never. SANTIAGO asked MACK if he has ever been disciplined for not complying with an order given by a CPD supervisor because it was in contrast with what the Oath Keepers believe, and MACK stated never. SANTIAGO lastly, asked MACK when was the last time he received an email from the Oath Keepers. MACK stated he could not recall. R/Sgt. asked MACK if he has checked his junk email after being notified of this allegation, MACK stated he has not.

The R/Sgt. gave MACK a written and direct order to produce any material he had related to the Oath Keepers. GRACE stated they will acknowledge the order, but stated it was an illegal order and it should not be given. GRACE stated MACK does not have any documents, pamphlets, or any information from the Oath Keepers. GRACE further stated, MACK will look through his junk email to ensure he does not have any emails. GRACE stated if he does not respond to the R/Sgt, it's because MACK did not find any Oath Keepers emails. GRACE, lastly stated MACK had no documents pertaining to the Oath Keepers at all to produce.

MACK stated he didn't have anything relative that he wished to add to his statement, the interview was subsequently ended at 1338 hours. MACK was given an audio copy of his interview and he signed the receipt of formal statement. **(Attachments 33,34,35,36,37)**

### **INTERVIEW OF ACCUSED DETECTIVE ALEXANDER KIM**

On 01 February 2024, the R/Sgt along with Sergeant Tiffany SANTIAGO #1402, conducted the interview of KIM at the Chicago Police Department Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Bureau of Internal Affairs Conference room at 1713 hours. Below is a summary and not verbatim, for the full transcript refer to the audio recorded statement.

KIM was represented by FOP Attorney Tim GRACE. Prior to the start of the recording, the R/Sgt. provided KIM with CPD form 44.140, the Audio recorded statement instructions/guidelines. KIM read, and initialed each of the guidelines of the Audio recorded statement. KIM was asked if he had any questions about the audio recorded statement which he related he did not. The R/Sgt asked KIM if he was notified of his charges/allegations and KIM stated he was. KIM related his date of appointment was 26 April 2004. KIM related he is

assigned to Unit 630. KIM related he has been in Unit 630 since 2023. KIM was asked if he was ready to give his statement and he stated he was.

Prior to KIM reading his preamble, GRACE objected to the claim the Oath Keepers are a domestic terrorist organization. GRACE stated he was not aware of any law enforcement or Federal Agency that listed the Oath Keepers as a domestic terrorist organization. GRACE objected to a members right to join an organization. GRACE stated there was no Department order against members joining an organization if it did not interfere with their actions as Police Officers. GRACE stated there were First Amendment implications here, there's freedom of assembly, freedom of speech issues here, as well as off duty actions, that does not affect this Officer but could affect other Officers. Lastly, GRACE stated it appeared the initiation came from a news organization. GRACE further explained that we do not initiate CR'S, or disciplinary proceedings against Officers based upon allegations made from the media. KIM then read his preamble.

The R/Sgt. showed KIM the email from the Anti-Defamation League that was sent to First Deputy CARTER, identified as Exhibit 1. The R/Sgt. directed KIM to page three and asked KIM if his information was included in the email. KIM stated yes and confirmed the information listed was current and correct.

KIM was asked if he is currently a member of the Oath Keepers, and KIM stated no. When asked if KIM was ever a member of the Oath Keepers, KIM stated in the past he was. KIM further stated approximately 15 years ago, he signed up for the Oath Keepers Organization. KIM stated he signed up because the organization believed in upholding the Bill of Rights in the Constitution, mostly the Second Amendment. KIM stated he signed up for the Oath Keepers membership on-line by filling out a form. KIM did not remember how much the membership cost. KIM stated he received emails, brochures and pamphlets but could not remember what was in those emails, brochures and pamphlets. The R/Sgt. asked KIM what he knew about the Oath Keepers when he signed up. KIM stated it was an organization comprised of current and former military and police. KIM did not believe he was participating in a hate group or extremist group.

KIM stated he signed up for the Oath Keepers membership prior to Chicago's handgun ban being lifted in 2009. KIM stated he heard about the Oath Keepers from some people assigned to his unit. KIM further stated he was assigned to the Mobile Strike Force Unit at the time. KIM stated Chicago Police Officer Chris HOFFMAN, was one of the main proponents for the Oath Keepers Organization.

KIM stated he received pamphlets, literature, stickers, a pocket Constitution, discounts to companies that sold gear and access to discounted training opportunities with his Oath Keepers membership. KIM was unsure how long he kept the membership because he completely forgot about the organization. KIM stated he was never active in the Oath Keepers Organization, and that he never participated in anything. KIM was unable to provide the amount of years he was a member, but he stated it was a long time ago when he received emails from the Oath Keepers. KIM was also unable to remember how many times he has paid for the membership or what the fee breakdown was.

KIM stated he never participated in any Oath Keepers events and has never attended any Oath Keepers sponsored training. The R/Sgt. asked KIM if he ever met with any Oath Keepers. KIM asked for a break to meet with his Attorney. When KIM returned, he stated he is friends with people that are included on Exhibit 1, and he has worked with them in the past. KIM stated he has known some of these guys for many years, and has met with them, but never for the purpose of talking about the Oath Keepers. KIM stated he has never met with any Oath Keepers outside of the guys he knows from the Chicago Police Department.

KIM stated he did not remember how he paid for the membership but thought it could have been with a credit card. KIM stated he received emails from the Oath Keepers, but did not recall if he received any literature in the mail. KIM further stated the emails were sent to KIM'S email address [REDACTED] KIM stated he has had this email address for approximately twenty years. KIM stated he still has this email account, but does not receive emails from the Oath Keepers.

KIM stated when he signed up for the Oath Keepers membership he provided his demographical information which included his name, address, email, phone number and that he was law enforcement.

KIM stated he utilizes the following social media platforms: Instagram, X, formerly Twitter, and LinkedIn. KIM stated he has never participated in any Oath Keepers private chat rooms, and did not reference any Oath Keepers events on his social media platforms.

KIM related he did not remember exactly how long he was a member of the Oath Keepers, but he stated it was no more than a few years. KIM further related he had no involvement with the group. The R/Sgt asked KIM if he ever disobeyed a direct order or was disciplined by a CPD Supervisor because it was in conflict with the Oath Keepers oath, and KIM stated no. The R/Sgt. asked KIM if he has ever been disciplined for not complying with an order given by a CPD supervisor because it was in contrast with what the Oath Keepers believe, and KIM stated no.

The R/Sgt. asked KIM what did he know about the Oath Keepers today. KIM stated from what he has seen on the news, the Oath Keepers have become some sort of right-wing militia who had a role in the January 6th incident. KIM stated he knew in the past, the Oath Keepers had "call of actions" which included protesting or keeping the peace. KIM explained an Oath Keepers call to action was when the Oath Keepers ask the membership to come together for an event to provide security. KIM stated he never participated in any Oath Keepers call to action.

KIM was shown the NPR/WBEZ article, identified as Exhibit 2. KIM stated NPR/WBEZ called him and left a message. KIM further stated he did not return the call, and he did not make any statements. KIM related he told his supervisor about NPR/WBEZ reaching out to him but he did not document it.

SANTIAGO asked KIM to clarify his statement about his involvement with the Oath Keepers. KIM stated for approximately three years he was an "actively inactive" member of the Oath Keepers. KIM clarified the statement to SANTIAGO, and stated yes he paid for a membership and received emails, but he did not participate in any events or training. SANTIAGO lastly,

asked KIM about HOFFMAN. KIM stated, HOFFMAN told him about the Oath Keepers and discounts that were available by joining the group. KIM stated he never utilized any discounts associated with the Oath Keepers.

The R/Sgt. gave KIM a written and direct order to produce any material that he had related to the Oath Keepers. GRACE objected to the order and stated they will acknowledge the order, but he felt it was an illegal order. GRACE stated KIM does not have any pamphlets, any stickers, or anything from the Oath Keepers to produce.

KIM stated he did not have anything relative to add to this statement. This interview was subsequently ended at 1747 hours. KIM was given an audio copy of his interview and signed the receipt of formal statement. (Attachments 38,39,40,41,42)

### **INTERVIEW OF ACCUSED SERGEANT MICHAEL NOWACKI**

On 02 February 2024, the R/Sgt along with Lieutenant Johnny TATE #687, conducted the interview of NOWACKI at the Chicago Police Department Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Bureau of Internal Affairs conference room at 1600 hours. Below is a summary and not verbatim, for the full transcript refer to the audio recorded statement.

NOWACKI was represented by PBPA Attorney Donna DOWD. Prior to the start of the recording, the R/Sgt. provided NOWACKI with CPD form 44.140, the Audio recorded statement instructions/guidelines. NOWACKI read, and initialed each of the guidelines of the Audio recorded statement. NOWACKI was asked if he had any questions about the audio recorded statement which he related he did not. The R/Sgt asked NOWACKI if he was notified of his charges/allegations and NOWACKI stated he was. NOWACKI stated his date of appointment was 19 June 2000. NOWACKI stated he is assigned to the 014th District, and has been in his current assignment since August 2023.

Prior to NOWACKI reading his preamble, DOWD stated she wanted to put the following objections on the record. DOWD'S first objection was there was not a sworn affidavit obtained, and that the department was using Sergeant FRIERSON as the complainant to avoid and circumvent the Collective Bargaining Agreement, and the requirement of a sworn affidavit. DOWD'S second objection was the allegation itself, stating it is not specific to NOWACKI, and the date, time, and location of the misconduct as required by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. NOWACKI then read his preamble.

The R/Sgt. showed NOWACKI the email from the Anti-Defamation League that was sent to First Deputy CARTER, identified as Exhibit 1. The R/Sgt. directed NOWACKI to page three and asked NOWACKI if his information was listed correctly. NOWACKI stated yes and confirmed the information listed was current and correct. The R/Sgt. asked NOWACKI if the phone number 312-██████████ is a City phone number, and NOWACKI stated it appeared to be.

The R/Sgt. asked NOWACKI if he was currently a member of the Oath Keepers, and NOWACKI stated no. The R/Sgt. asked NOWACKI if he has ever been a member of the Oath Keepers. NOWACKI stated as far as he was concerned, no. The R/Sgt. asked NOWACKI to explain, and

NOWACKI stated he was not consciously aware of any membership forms, dues paid, and any association with this group. The R/Sgt. asked NOWACKI what he meant by consciously aware, at which point DOWD asked for a break. After a short break, NOWACKI returned and stated on the record he never considered himself a member of the Oath Keepers, and he had no idea how his information got into the leaked Oath Keepers documents.

NOWACKI stated he provided "this" information to a lot of different places, but did not recall providing anything specifically to anything called the Oath Keepers. NOWACKI stated he participated in training outside the department which was sponsored by the SWAT team and not the Oath Keepers.

NOWACKI was asked about his knowledge of the Oath Keepers. NOWACKI referred to medical procedures he endured, which resulted in loss of memory both short and long term memory issues.

NOWACKI could not remember paying dues, and did not consider himself having a membership with the Oath Keepers, or being part of the organization. The R/Sgt. asked NOWACKI if he paid for anything related to the Oath Keepers with his credit card, and NOWACKI stated no. The R/Sgt. asked NOWACKI if there would be any reason his credit card information would have been associated with the Oath Keepers leaked information. NOWACKI stated he had no idea.

The R/Sgt. asked NOWACKI why did his name, address, and phone number appear on the Oath Keepers leaked information, and NOWACKI stated something about a hacker. The R/Sgt. explained the hacked and leaked rosters, and asked NOWACKI why his information would be associated with the leaked rosters. NOWACKI stated he had no idea.

The R/Sgt. asked NOWACKI what social media platforms does he currently use, and NOWACKI stated none. The R/Sgt. asked NOWACKI if he ever used any social media platform, and NOWACKI stated Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn. NOWACKI stated he never participated in any of the Oath Keepers private chat rooms, or in any Oath Keepers activities. NOWACKI stated he did not recall getting any Oath Keepers material.

NOWACKI stated he remembered receiving emails involving the Oath Keepers dated back from 2016 thru 2018. NOWACKI further stated after the NPR/WBEZ article came out he checked his email spam folder and found emails. NOWACKI stated he was not aware of the emails because he did not check his spam email folder. NOWACKI stated he did not know what the emails entailed because he did not really look through them. NOWACKI stated the emails were about politics and he does not follow any of that. NOWACKI stated the junk emails were in his email address: [REDACTED] NOWACKI confirmed he still has that email address. NOWACKI further stated he has had his gmail account since Google came out.

NOWACKI stated he never promoted the Oath Keepers at work and he did not recruit other officers to join the Oath Keepers.

NOWACKI was shown the NPR/WBEZ article identified as Exhibit 2. NOWACKI stated someone named Dan from NPR/WBEZ called him. NOWACKI stated he did not return Dan's

call or make any statements. NOWACKI stated he did not notify any supervisor or document the call from NPR/WBEZ.

The R/Sgt. showed NOWACKI General Order 08-01 titled Complaint and Disciplinary System, page four which states; Officers will cooperate with any ongoing administrative log investigation and provide all requested documents and evidence under the Department members custody and control. The R/Sgt. asked NOWACKI to provide the emails he received regarding the Oath Keepers as part of this administrative investigation. NOWACKI stated there were several hundred emails and he would attempt to give them to the R/Sgt. in a week. NOWACKI did not remember signing up for the Oath Keepers, and did not remember any training related to the Oath Keepers.

NOWACKI was asked if he had anything relative to add to his statement. NOWACKI stated this allegation has made him extremely upset because whoever composed it used the words terrorist group. NOWACKI further stated since he was seventeen he has served this country on active duty in the reserves. NOWACKI stated that he served in Operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi freedom in several different countries including Bagdad and Iraq. NOWACKI stated he lost two friends in Iraq and has served this City for nearly twenty-four years, and it makes him sick to his stomach for all intents and purpose to be called a terrorist.

The R/Sgt. asked NOWACKI if he ever heard of the Oath Keepers while he was in the military, and NOWACKI stated never. The R/Sgt. asked NOWACKI if he remembered other members of the military being part of the Oath Keepers. NOWACKI stated no, and that he has been out of the military since 2006.

This interview was subsequently ended at 1624 hours. NOWACKI was given an audio copy of his interview and he signed the receipt of formal statement. **(Attachments 43,44,45,46,47)**

#### **INTERVIEW OF ACCUSED OFFICER JOHN NICEZYPORUK**

On 07 February 2024, The R/Sgt along with Sergeant Tiffany SANTIAGO #1402, conducted the interview of NICEZYPORUK at the Chicago Police Department Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Bureau of Internal Affairs conference room at 1205 hours. Below is a summary and not verbatim, for the full transcript refer to the audio recorded statement.

NICEZYPORUK was represented by FOP Attorney Tim GRACE. Prior to the start of the recording the R/Sgt. provided NICEZYPORUK with CPD form 44.140, the Audio recorded statement instructions/guidelines. NICEZYPORUK read, and initialed each of the guidelines of the Audio recorded statement. NICEZYPORUK was asked if he had any questions about the audio recorded statement which he related he did not. The R/Sgt asked NICEZYPORUK if he was notified of his charges/allegations and NICEZYPORUK stated he was. NICEZYPORUK related his date of appointment was 25 August 2003. NICEZYPORUK related he is assigned to Unit 124. NICEZYPORUK related he has been assigned to his current Unit for approximately five years.



Prior to NICEZYPORUK reading his preamble, GRACE stated he wanted to put the following objections on the record. GRACE'S first objection was that the Oath Keepers, have never been deemed to be a domestic terrorist organization by any law enforcement agency. GRACE'S second objection was there is no General Order against joining an organization as long as Officers weren't involved in some type of criminal activity. GRACE stated there were First Amendment implications here, there's freedom of assembly, and freedom of speech. Lastly, GRACE stated it appeared the initiation came from hacked and illegal information. GRACE stated it appears there is no concrete evidence that the Officer was involved in any type of illicit activities with respect to the Oath Keepers. NICEZYPORUK then read his preamble.

The R/Sgt. showed NICEZYPORUK the email from the Anti-Defamation League that was sent to First Deputy Carter, identified as Exhibit 1. NICEZYPORUK stated he was never contacted by the Anti-Defamation League.

NICEZYPORUK was asked if he is currently a member of the Oath Keepers, and NICEZYPORUK stated no. NICEZYPORUK further stated he was unsure if he was ever a member of the Oath Keepers. NICEZYPORUK stated he was on a gun forum and the Oath Keepers group came up. NICEZYPORUK stated he was led to believe the Oath Keepers were a Second Amendment group, and being a gun enthusiast, he joined the group. NICEZYPORUK stated he went to the Oath Keepers website and joined. NICEZYPORUK believed he received a packet which contained a certificate and a patch. NICEZYPORUK stated that was the extent of his involvement.

NICEZYPORUK stated it was approximately 2010, when he joined and he was unsure if he paid for a membership. NICEZYPORUK stated he knew the group stood up for the Second Amendment, similar to the NRA. NICEZYPORUK did not think he was participating in a white supremacy or hate group. The R/Sgt. asked NICEZYPORUK what membership meant to him, and he stated it would mean paying dues and participation. NICEZYPORUK was unsure of dues but said he believed there was an initial fee. NICEZYPORUK did not remember what the fee was and does not remember paying it more than once. NICEZYPORUK could not recall what type of membership he signed up for or how he paid for the initial fee.

NICEZYPORUK questioned the meaning of membership and reiterated paying a one-time fee versus participating on a full or part-time basis. NICEZYPORUK did not recall using his credit card, but stated it was a possibility and that is why it would be associated with the Oath Keepers leaked information. NICEZYPORUK further stated his information might be associated with the Oath Keepers based on signing up online and providing his information. The R/Sgt. asked NICEZYPORUK if he received a small Constitution in his packet, and NICEZYPORUK stated he did not remember if a small Constitution was included, but he remembered a patch and a certificate. NICEZYPORUK further stated he no longer has those items.

NICEZYPORUK was asked what social media platforms does he utilize, and NICEZYPORUK stated Instagram, and Reddit. NICEZYPORUK stated he did not participate in any of the Oath Keepers private chat rooms. NICEZYPORUK stated he did not reference the Oath Keepers on any of his social media platforms.

NICEZYPORUK stated he does not have any involvement with the Oath Keepers, after initially joining, and has not participated in any Oath Keepers events. NICEZYPORUK further stated he did not receive any material, brochures, pamphlets, or news articles after he received his initial packet. NICEZYPORUK stated he did not recall receiving emails, or text messages from the Oath Keepers. NICEZYPORUK stated he did not recruit other Officers for the Oath Keepers. NICEZYPORUK stated he was not recruited by other Officers to join the Oath Keepers.

The R/Sgt asked NICEZYPORUK if he ever disobeyed a direct order or was disciplined by a CPD Supervisor because it was in conflict with the Oath Keepers oath, and NICEZYPORUK stated no. The R/Sgt. asked NICEZYPORUK if he has ever been disciplined for not complying with an order given by a CPD supervisor because it was in contrast with what the Oath Keepers believe, and NICEZYPORUK stated no.

NICEZYPORUK was shown the NPR/WBEZ article identified as Exhibit 2. NICEZYPORUK stated NPR/WBEZ called him. NICEZYPORUK stated he did not return the call and did not make any statements. NICEZYPORUK stated the past incidents listed in the article did not have anything to do with his involvement with the Oath Keepers. NICEZYPORUK related he did not notify his supervisor about NPR/WBEZ reaching out to him and did not document it.

SANTIAGO asked NICEZYPORUK what District and watch was he assigned when he learned about the Oath Keepers. NICEZYPORUK stated the 015th District on first watch. SANTIAGO asked NICEZYPORUK what did he learn about the Oath Keepers in the gun forum. NICEZYPORUK stated the Oath Keepers seemed to be geared towards the Second Amendment because there were no concealed carry laws in Chicago, so he believed the Oath Keepers were more like a lobby group. NICEZYPORUK further stated he believed the Oath Keepers were going to be making efforts towards concealed carry for civilians who are legally able to obtain a concealed carry permit. NICEZYPORUK stated he did not receive any benefits or discounts that he was aware of because he was a part of the Oath Keepers.

SANTIAGO asked NICEZYPORUK if he was a member of the Oath Keepers now. NICEZYPORUK stated he did not believe so, but further stated he did not know if you are just considered a member for life. NICEZYPORUK related he did not recall if he received emails from the Oath Keepers, but may have when he first joined. NICEZYPORUK further stated whatever he received he would have deleted or put in a spam folder. NICEZYPORUK stated he utilized the email address which was listed in the NPR/WBEZ article. NICEZYPORUK informed SANTIAGO that NPR/WBEZ contacted him by email and asked for his side of the story. NICEZYPORUK stated he did not respond.

The R/Sgt. directed NICEZYPORUK to General Order G08-01, titled Complaint and Disciplinary systems page four which states; Officers will cooperate with any ongoing administrative log investigation and provide all requested documents and evidence under the Department members custody and control. GRACE objected stating the date of the order was not in place in 2010. The R/Sgt. asked NICEZYPORUK if he had any membership information, meeting dates, or material regarding the Oath Keepers, and NICEZYPORUK stated he does not.

The R/Sgt. gave NICEZYPORUK an oral and written order to produce any material that was related to the Oath Keepers. GRACE objected to the order, and stated it was an illegal order and Officers are not supposed to follow illegal orders. GRACE stated NICEZYPORUK does not have any such material.

NICEZYPORUK stated he did not have anything relative to add to this statement. This interview was subsequently ended at 1226 hours. NICEZYPORUK was given an audio copy of his interview and he signed the receipt of formal statement. **(Attachments 48,49,50,51,52)**

### **INTERVIEW OF ACCUSED OFFICER BIENVENIDO ACEVEDO**

On 07 February 2024, the R/Sgt along with Sergeant Tiffany SANTIAGO #1402, conducted the interview of ACEVEDO at the Chicago Police Department Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Bureau of Internal Affairs room 1 at 1250 hours. Below is a summary and not verbatim, for the full transcript refer to the audio recorded statement.

ACEVEDO was represented by FOP Attorney Tim GRACE. Prior to the start of the recording the R/Sgt. provided ACEVEDO with CPD form 44.140, the Audio recorded statement instructions/guidelines. ACEVEDO read, and initialed each of the guidelines of the Audio recorded statement. ACEVEDO was asked if he had any questions about the audio recorded statement which he related he did not. The R/Sgt asked ACEVEDO if he was notified of his charges/allegations and ACEVEDO stated he was. ACEVEDO stated his date of appointment was 08 March 1999. ACEVEDO stated he is assigned to the 024th District. ACEVEDO stated he has been assigned to the 024th District for approximately four years.

Prior to ACEVEDO reading his preamble, GRACE objected to the claim the Oath Keepers are a domestic terrorist organization. GRACE stated he was not aware of any law enforcement or Federal Agency that listed the Oath Keepers as a domestic terrorist organization. GRACE objected to a members right to join an organization. GRACE stated there was no Department order against members joining an organization, if it did not interfere with their actions as Police Officers. GRACE stated there were First Amendment implications here, there's freedom of assembly, freedom of speech issues here, as well as off duty actions that does not affect this Officer but could affect other Officers. Lastly, GRACE stated it appeared the initiation came from a news organization. GRACE further explained that we do not initiate CR'S, or disciplinary proceedings against Officers based on allegations made from the media. ACEVEDO then read his preamble.

The R/Sgt. showed ACEVEDO the email from the Anti-Defamation League that was sent to First Deputy CARTER, identified as Exhibit 1. ACEVEDO stated he was not contacted by the Anti-Defamation League.

ACEVEDO was asked if he is currently a member of the Oath Keepers, and ACEVEDO stated no. ACEVEDO was asked if he has ever been a member of the Oath Keepers. ACEVEDO initially stated not that he recalls, however; around 2012, he remembered filling out an Oath Keepers pamphlet. ACEVEDO related the pamphlet stated the Oath Keepers were comprised of Military, First Responders, and those who swore an oath to the Constitution. ACEVEDO remembered being

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at the Chicago Police Department in-service training for the G8/Nato protests, and several officers who he could not remember were passing the Oath Keepers pamphlet around.

ACEVEDO could not remember how much he paid for the membership, but remembered using an old credit card. ACEVEDO stated he did not believe he was participating in any white supremacy or hate group, and further stated he was not white and was of Hispanic descent. ACEVEDO stated he never saw anything related to white supremacy in the pamphlet. ACEVEDO remembered a few other Officers saying they filled out the pamphlet but could not remember who.

ACEVEDO was asked what did the word membership mean to him. ACEVEDO stated full participation and continuous contact with representatives of the organization. ACEVEDO further stated he never had that. ACEVEDO could not remember what type of membership he signed up for, or the price.

ACEVEDO stated he did not think he was signing up for a life time membership, however; he did remember something pertaining to part-time and full-time membership. ACEVEDO was unsure of which one he selected. ACEVEDO stated he did not participate in any Oath Keepers events, and nor did he promote the Oath Keepers to other Officers.

ACEVEDO stated when he filled out the pamphlet he provided his name, what law enforcement agency he worked for, and his address. ACEVEDO did not remember providing an email.

ACEVEDO stated he did not use social media, but he had an old LinkedIn account that he has not logged into in years. ACEVEDO stated he never participated in any Oath Keepers chat rooms, or made reference to the Oath Keepers on any of his LinkedIn posts. ACEVEDO stated after he signed up through the pamphlet, he never received anything in the mail, e-mail, or text related to the Oath Keepers membership.

The R/Sgt asked ACEVEDO if he ever disobeyed a direct order or was disciplined by a CPD Supervisor because it was in conflict with the Oath Keepers oath, and ACEVEDO stated no. The R/Sgt. asked ACEVEDO if he has ever been disciplined for not complying with an order given by a CPD Supervisor because it was in contrast with what the Oath Keepers believe, and ACEVEDO stated no.

ACEVEDO was shown the NPR/WBEZ article identified as Exhibit 2. ACEVEDO stated NPR/WBEZ called him. ACEVEDO stated a reporter called him in regards to his name being on the leaked list. ACEVEDO further stated he remembered that day, because he was having a medical procedure and was in a lot of pain. ACEVEDO did not remember what the NPR/WBEZ reporter asked. The R/Sgt. asked ACEVEDO about comments documented in the NPR/WBEZ article. ACEVEDO stated he did not remember saying other department members pulled him into the Oath Keepers, but he was referencing when the pamphlet was being passed around. ACEVEDO stated he did not remember what officers were passing around the pamphlet because his unit moved around a lot.

ACEVEDO explained his comments about a down south kind of a guy, stating he was referencing groups of first responders from down south. ACEVEDO further explained comments about being alienated. ACEVEDO stated he did not use the word alienated, but he was just referencing not knowing anyone here or down south affiliated with the Oath Keepers. The R/Sgt. asked ACEVEDO about being pressured by anyone in the Chicago Police Department to join the Oath Keepers, and ACEVEDO stated he never felt intimidated, pressured, or forced to do anything. ACEVEDO related he was on the medical when he was contacted by NPR/WBEZ, and thought he might have notified his supervisor but was unsure. ACEVEDO stated he did not document it.

SANTIAGO asked ACEVEDO about his assignments, and ACEVEDO related he was detailed to the Chicago Police Academy's in-service training and was teaching crowd control. ACEVEDO further explained that he was still assigned to the 015th District after his previous unit Mobile Strike Force was dissolved. SANTIAGO asked ACEVEDO what made him want to become a member of the Oath Keepers. ACEVEDO stated he saw it as a Fraternal Organization, the Constitution, networking possibilities, and possible post retirement opportunities.

SANTIAGO asked ACEVEDO about the membership. ACEVEDO stated he was unsure of the type of membership he signed up for. ACEVEDO stated after his son was born with complications he focused all his attention on his family, work, and he did not have any further involvement with the Oath Keepers other than filling out the pamphlet. ACEVEDO stated he has not received any emails, mail, or information from the Oath Keepers.

The R/Sgt. directed ACEVEDO to General Order G08-01, titled Complaint and Disciplinary systems page four which states; Officers will cooperate with any ongoing administrative log investigation and provide all requested documents and evidence under the Department members custody and control. GRACE objected stating the date of the order was not in place in 2010. The R/Sgt. asked ACEVEDO if he had any membership information, meeting dates, or material regarding the Oath Keepers, and ACEVEDO stated he did not.

The R/Sgt. gave ACEVEDO an oral and written order to produce any material he had related to the Oath Keepers. GRACE acknowledged the order and stated he believed the order was an illegal order. GRACE stated ACEVEDO does not have any such material.

ACEVEDO stated he does not have any materials and had completely forgotten about the pamphlet once his children were born. This interview was subsequently ended at 1338 hours. ACEVEDO was given an audio copy of his interview and he signed the receipt of formal statement. **(Attachments 53,54,55,56,57,58)**

On 09 February 2024, the R/Sgt. received an email from PBPA Attorney Donna DOWD. DOWD stated in the email NOWACKI has countless emails, and attached three as an example. DOWD lastly stated the emails went to NOWACKI'S spam file and he was unaware of their existence for years. The R/Sgt. responded to DOWD'S email and stated that all of NOWACKI'S emails related to the Oath Keepers would need to be sent to the R/Sgt. for review. The R/Sgt. further stated to DOWD a second interview may be scheduled based on the emails. **(Attachment 59)**

On 26 February 2024, the R/Sgt. received an email from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Task Force Sergeant Trammell HENDERSON, stating the "Oath Keepers" are not designated as a hate group, but considered a militia group. HENDERSON further stated he was informed the FBI does not monitor groups, except those predicates.

In order to get further clarification, the R/Sgt. spoke with a member of the FBI whom specializes with Militia groups. The R/Sgt. was put in contact with the FBI specialist through HENDERSON. The specialist asked that her name be kept out of this report. The specialist stated the Oath Keepers are not designated as a terrorist group. The specialist further stated the FBI does not look at groups, they look at the actions of its members. The specialist lastly, explained that the FBI would look at members of a group if it's been labeled a terrorist group like ISIS. **(Attachment 60)**

On 08 and 09 March 2024, the R/Sgt. received numerous emails from PBPA Attorney Donna DOWD. These emails contained numerous attachments related to the Oath Keepers emails that were sent to NOWACKI. The R/Sgt. reviewed the emails sent to NOWACKI and noted they were from year ending in 2017. The emails were sent on behalf of the Oath Keepers from what appears to be the email marketing platform Constant Contact.

Constant Contact is an email marketing and digital marketing platform. This platform was created to help businesses create and deploy effective email campaigns.

During the review of the emails sent to NOWACKI, the R/Sgt. noted the emails contained Oath Keepers general information and nothing specific to NOWACKI. The emails contained recent events, legislation, discounts, calls to action, and membership. The R/Sgt. is unable to determine if the emails were ever read or in NOWACKI'S junk file. **(Attachment 61,62)**

The R/Sgt. visited the Anti-Defamation League's website to obtain any information regarding the Oath Keepers. The Anti-Defamation League's definition of the Oath Keepers are as follows:

The Oath Keepers are a loosely organized group of right-wing anti-government extremists within the larger militia movement. While they allow anyone to join, the Oath Keepers explicitly focus on recruiting current and former military, law enforcement, and first responder personnel. The group was founded in 2009, by their current leader, Stewart Rhodes. The Oath Keepers gained notoriety for its armed participation in disputes between ranchers or miners and federal agencies in 2014 and 2015. They are also known for having provided vigilante-style "security" for local communities and businesses during Black Lives Matter protests in 2020. Members of the group have been arrested for a wide range of criminal activities, including various firearms violations, conspiracy to impede federal workers, possession of explosives and threatening public officials. Several Oath Keepers also played a prominent role in the January 6th storming of the Capitol building, and more than 20 have been arrested for their actions that day. **(Attachment 63)**

## **CONCLUSION:**

During the course of this investigation, the R/Sgt. attempted to work with external resources in order to conduct a thorough investigation. NPR/WBEZ, Organized Crime and the Corruption Reporting Project, were contacted and asked to provide any information or material linking

Chicago Police Department members to the Oath Keepers. Each of these organizations referred the R/Sgt. to the respective news article or Chicago Partners.

The Inspector General's office was contacted requesting assistance in order to properly collect any evidence needed to maximize the thoroughness of the investigation. The assistance requested was the Inspector General's subpoena power and resources. However due to not having a memorandum of understanding in place we were unable to jointly investigate the allegations.

An open source social media investigation was conducted for any connection of the accused to "The Oath Keepers". The search did not provide evidence of any relation to the Oath Keepers.

The R/Sgt. contacted Meriel COLEMAN from the Cook County State's Attorney's office in regards to the accused Officers being placed on the BRADY/GIGLIO list. COLEMAN stated the State's Attorney's office was investigating the claims and trying to obtain any evidence of the accused's involvement with the Oath Keepers. COLEMAN stated if they received evidence they would share it, but at this point could not provide any material evidence.

The R/Sgt. submitted requests for any and all emails with the key word search "Oath Keepers" for the accused. According to the Field Technology and Innovation Section none of the accused utilized their department emails in any email correspondence with the key word "Oath Keepers".

The R/Sgt. reviewed the information on the DDoSecrets website. The search revealed the following: Important: an individual's inclusion in the Oath Keepers database is not proof that they were or are still an Oath Keeper, that they hold or held all or some of Oath Keepers ideology or viewpoints, or that they ever actively participated in Oath Keepers activities. When reviewing this information, you should bear in mind the possibility that the individual misunderstood the nature of the Oath Keepers. Before taking any action based on this information, an individualized assessment of the individual must take place.

During the course of the accused's interviews, the R/Sgt. learned in essence from each of the accused officers that at some point each of them provided their information in order to gain more information or join a group called the Oath Keepers, which most of them thought was a Pro Second Amendment group, and supporters of the Constitution. The reasons given by the accused officers for joining the group were for discounts, training, and their belief that the Oath Keepers supported the Constitution and the Second Amendment. None of the accused officers believed they were joining a hate or white supremacy group. Some of the accused officers did pay for their involvement with the Oath Keepers, and it's unknown what type of membership each of them had, the amount they paid, how they paid, how long they paid, and time frame they were considered members. The other accused officers at some point provided their information but did not remember paying for the membership, receiving anything in the email, or being contacted.

All of the accused Officers and Sergeant stated they had no involvement with the Oath Keepers events, sponsored activities, or gatherings. Most of the accused Officers had very limited to no interaction with the Oath Keepers after the initial signup. All of the accused Officers and

Sergeant denied ever disobeying an order or being disciplined because of a conflict with what the Oath Keepers oath stood for. All of the accused officers were given an oral and written direct order to provide the R/Sgt. with any material they had related to the Oath Keepers. All of the accused Officers went on record stating they did not have any material related to the Oath Keepers. NOWACKI stated he remembered receiving emails involving the Oath Keepers. NOWACKI further stated he found emails in his spam file after the NPR/WBEZ article circulated and he subsequently sent them to the R/Sgt.

Police Officer Matthew BRACKEN, stated approximately twelve years ago he provided his information to his fellow military members prior to joining the Chicago Police Department. BRACKEN stated he never paid for a membership, and was never contacted after providing his initial information. BRACKEN stated he was never involved in the Oath Keepers, and did not participate in any Oath Keepers events. BRACKEN stated he never received or sent emails regarding the Oath Keepers.

Detective Anthony KEANY stated it was roughly 2008 or 2009, when CPD Range Instructors HOFFMAN and MCGUIRE, who were part of the Mobile Strike Force Unit, informed him of an opportunity to attend a shooting competition. KEANY was informed by HOFFMAN and MCGUIRE that the cost of the shooting class would be discounted if he joined a group call the Oath Keepers. KEANY stated he joined the group to receive the discounted entry fee for the shooting competition. KEANY further stated he did not attend the shooting competition and was unsure how he paid for the competition and membership. KEANY stated he received stickers and a mini constitution in the mail but did not receive anything else. KEANY stated he was never involved in the Oath Keepers, and did not participate in any Oath Keepers events. KEANY stated he never received or sent emails regarding the Oath Keepers.

KEANY lastly stated, since 2009 he has cleared federal background checks for State Departments to receive dignitary protection training at their secured Federal facility in Virginia. KEANY further stated he was vetted through a rigorous background check by the U.S. Marshals Service, which allowed him access to federal databases in order to become a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal. KEANY stated he faithfully served as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal from 2012 to 2017, until he was promoted to Detective. KEANY stated at no time was he flagged by the U.S. Government.

Police Officer Alberto RETAMOZO stated he had just retired from the Military and learned about the Oath Keepers from someone he knew. RETAMOZO was told the Oath Keepers protect the Second Amendment. Believing this to be a good organization RETAMOZO joined the Oath Keepers and the Illinois State Rifle Association. RETAMOZO was unsure of the dates but believed it was 2009 thru 2012. RETAMOZO believed he paid \$50.00 per month for each organization and only made a couple of payments. RETAMOZO stated he received a pocket sized Constitution and a copy of the Bill of Rights. RETAMOZO stated he did not participate in any Oath Keeper events, and did not get any Oath Keepers emails. RETAMOZO further stated he did



not believe he still had any involvement in the Oath Keepers after he stopped paying, and was never contacted by anyone from the Oath Keepers to renew his membership.

Police Officer Dennis MACK stated ten or twelve years ago he was solicited on-line to join the Oath Keepers. MACK further stated he could not remember who solicited him but remembered it was on his social media account. MACK stated he paid a one-time due/donation. MACK stated after signing up he received a sticker in the mail. MACK further stated he remembered getting emails from the Oath Keepers but flagged them years ago, and all the Oath Keepers emails went into his junk email folder. MACK related he never attended any Oath Keepers events, or received any texts or phone calls from the Oath Keepers. MACK stated [REDACTED] called and left him a message, and MACK stated he did not return [REDACTED] call.

Detective Alexander KIM stated approximately fifteen years ago he signed up for the Oath Keepers. KIM further stated he signed up because he believed in upholding the Bill of Rights in the Constitution, mostly the Second Amendment. KIM stated he heard about the Oath Keepers from some people assigned to his unit. KIM further stated he was assigned to the Mobile Strike Force Unit at the time. KIM stated Chicago Police Officer Chris HOFFMAN, was one of the main proponents for the Oath Keepers Organization.

KIM stated he received pamphlets, literature, stickers, a pocket Constitution, discounts to companies that sold gear and access to discounted training opportunities with his Oath Keepers membership. KIM was unsure how long he kept the membership because he completely forgot about the organization. KIM stated he was never active in the Oath Keepers Organization, and that he never participated in anything.

NOWACKI stated he was not consciously aware of any membership, dues paid, or association with the Oath Keepers. NOWACKI further stated he did not consider himself a member of the Oath Keepers, and he had no idea how his information got into the leaked Oath Keepers documents. NOWACKI stated he never promoted the Oath Keepers at work to any Officers and nor did he recruit any Officers.

NOWACKI stated this allegation has made him extremely upset, because whoever composed it used the words terror group. NOWACKI further stated since he was seventeen he has served this country on active duty in the reserves. NOWACKI stated he served in Operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi freedom in several different countries including Bagdad and Iraq. NOWACKI stated he lost two friends in Iraq and has served this City for nearly twenty-four years, and it makes him sick to his stomach for all intents and purpose to be called a terrorist.

NICEZYPORUK further stated he is not a member of the Oath Keepers, and he's unsure if he was ever considered a member. NICEZYPORUK stated he was on a gun forum and the Oath Keepers organization came up. NICEZYPORUK stated he was led to believe the Oath Keepers were a Second Amendment group, and being a gun enthusiast, he joined the group. NICEZYPORUK stated he went to the Oath Keepers website and joined. NICEZYPORUK believed he received a

packet which contained a certificate and a patch. NICEZYPORUK stated that was the extent of his involvement.

NICEZYPORUK stated it was approximately 2010, and he was unsure if he paid for a membership. NICEZYPORUK stated he knew the group stood up for the Second Amendment, similar to the NRA.

NICEZYPORUK stated he does not have any involvement with the Oath Keepers, after initially joining, and has not participated in any Oath Keepers events. NICEZYPORUK further stated he did not receive any material, brochures, pamphlets, or news articles after he received his initial packet. NICEZYPORUK stated he did not recall receiving emails, or text messages from the Oath Keepers. NICEZYPORUK stated he did not recruit other Officers for the Oath Keepers and was not recruited by any other Officers to join the Oath Keepers.

ACEVEDO stated around 2012, he remembered filling out an Oath Keepers pamphlet. ACEVEDO related the pamphlet stated the Oath Keepers were comprised of Military, First Responders, and those who swore an oath to the Constitution and their profession. ACEVEDO remembered being at the Chicago Police Department in-service training for the G8/Nato protests and several officers who he could not remember were passing the Oath Keeper pamphlet around.

ACEVEDO stated he did not believe he was participating in any white supremacy or hate group and further stated he was not white and was of Hispanic descent.

ACEVEDO stated he did not think he was signing up for a lifetime membership. ACEVEDO remembered something about a part-time membership, and full-time membership. ACEVEDO was unsure of which one he selected. ACEVEDO stated he never participated in any of the Oath Keepers events or promoted the Oath Keepers to other Officers.

The members who made comments to the NPR/WBEZ journalist stated it was in regards to their article. Each member stated they were not speaking on behalf of the Chicago Police Department, and that they were attempting to clarify their involvement with this group, and the possible time frame.

The R/Sgt. was put in contact with the FBI specialist through HENDERSON, and the specialist asked the R/Sgt. not to use her name in this report. The specialist stated the Oath Keepers are not designated as a terrorist group. The FBI specialist further stated the FBI does not look at groups, but they do look at the actions of its members. The FBI stated they look at groups labeled terrorist groups such as ISIS.

During the review of the emails sent to NOWACKI, the R/Sgt. noted the emails contained the Oath Keepers general information and nothing specific to NOWACKI. The emails contained recent events, legislation, discounts, calls to action, and memberships. The R/Sgt. is unable to determine if the emails were ever read or in NOWACKI'S junk file.

Without actual records and logs, the R/Sgt. is unable to determine the timeframe in which the members were involved with the Oath Keepers. The R/Sgt. is unable to determine if they ever participated in and attended any events, or if they did anything more than join the group to receive email updates, discounts, or training.

During the investigation of Log number 2021-0004419, it was mentioned during a call with the Inspector General's Office and the Chicago Police Departments General Counsel that membership into organizations in itself is not a rule violation. During the time frame each accused stated they were members prior to any Chicago Police Department Order regarding Organizations and Groups.

The R/Sgt. recommends [REDACTED]

The R/Sgt. finds the following:

**FINDINGS:**

**Accused 1:** Michael S. NOWACKI, Star #2373, Employee [REDACTED], UOA: 014<sup>th</sup> District

**Allegation #1:** It is alleged by Sergeant FRIERSON that members of the Chicago Police Department are members of the far-right terror group "Oath Keepers" as documented in an email to First Deputy CARTER and numerous news articles by WBEZ.

**Finding:** Not Sustained

**Accused 2:** John NICEZYPORUK, Star #14461, Employee [REDACTED], UOA: Unit 124 (TSG)

**Allegation #1:** It is alleged by Sergeant FRIERSON that members of the Chicago Police Department are members of the far-right terror group "Oath Keepers" as documented in an email to First Deputy CARTER and numerous news articles by WBEZ.

**Finding:** Not Sustained

**Accused 3:** RETAMOZO, Alberto, Star #12815, Employee [REDACTED], UOA: 017<sup>th</sup> District

**Allegation #1:** It is alleged by Sergeant FRIERSON that members of the Chicago Police Department are members of the far-right terror group "Oath Keepers" as documented in an email to First Deputy CARTER and numerous news articles by WBEZ.

**Finding:** Not Sustained

**Accused 4:** Bienvenido ACEVEDO, Star #6380, Employee [REDACTED], UOA: 024<sup>th</sup> District

**Allegation #1:** It is alleged by Sergeant FRIERSON that members of the Chicago Police Department are members of the far-right terror group "Oath Keepers" as documented in an email to First Deputy CARTER and numerous news articles by WBEZ.

**Finding:** Not Sustained

**Accused 5:** Matthew BRACKEN, Star #13910, Employee [REDACTED], UOA: 015<sup>th</sup> District

**Allegation #1:** It is alleged by Sergeant FRIERSON that members of the Chicago Police Department are members of the far-right terror group "Oath Keepers" as documented in an email to First Deputy CARTER and numerous news articles by WBEZ.

**Finding:** Not Sustained

**Accused 6:** Dennis MACK, Star #4390, Employee [REDACTED], UOA: Unit 701 (PT)

**Allegation #1:** It is alleged by Sergeant FRIERSON that members of the Chicago Police Department are members of the far-right terror group "Oath Keepers" as documented in an email to First Deputy CARTER and numerous news articles by WBEZ.

**Finding:** Not Sustained

**Accused 7:** Anthony KEANY, Star #20934, Employee [REDACTED], UOA: Unit 604 (FCS)

**Allegation #1:** It is alleged by Sergeant FRIERSON that members of the Chicago Police Department are members of the far-right terror group "Oath Keepers" as documented in an email to First Deputy CARTER and numerous news articles by WBEZ.

**Finding:** Not Sustained

**Accused 8:** Alexander KIM, Star #20153, Employee [REDACTED], UOA: Unit 630 (Area 3)

**Allegation #1:** It is alleged by Sergeant FRIERSON that members of the Chicago Police Department are members of the far-right terror group "Oath Keepers" as documented in an email to First Deputy CARTER and numerous news articles by WBEZ.

**Finding:** Not Sustained

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