

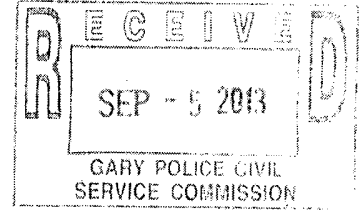
STATE OF INDIANA )  
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COUNTY OF LAKE )

BEFORE THE GARY POLICE  
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
GARY, INDIANA

CITY OF GARY, )  
Petitioner )

vs. ) Case No. 13-CSC-07

OFFICER ISIAH PRICE III, )  
Respondent. )



VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Comes now WADE INGRAM, CHIEF OF POLICE for the CITY OF GARY, STATE OF INDIANA, pursuant to the GARY POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS and ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARY POLICE DEPARTMENT, and represents that the above-named Respondent, OFFICER ISIAH PRICE III, violated the following rules as follows:

1. That on or about May 2, 2013, Officer Price was a duly sworn appointed Officer in the Gary Police Department.
2. On or about said date, Officer Price knowingly and intentional in a rude, insolent, or angry manner struck with a closed fist the stomach of a non-combative and cooperative juvenile, who was at the time complying with officers orders.
3. Officer Price had no reasonable justification for using any type of force on the juvenile at the time he was struck.
4. Officer Price failed to report this action to a supervisor either orally or in writing.
5. Officer Price failed to assess the juvenile for any medical needs potentially caused as a result of striking him.
6. Officer Price, when requested by the internal affairs unit to prepare an officer's report specifically related to addressing the above listed allegation, omitted any reference in his report to the alleged physical contact with the juvenile. Officer Price during two separate

administrative interviews conducted by the internal affairs unit, denied having any physical contact at all with the juvenile, and specifically denied striking the juvenile in the stomach.

7. Officer Price on August 8, 2013, did later report to Deputy Chief Larry McKinley that he was not truthful with the internal affairs division during their investigation of this matter. On August 8, 2013 at approximately 2:00 pm, Officer Price returned to the internal affairs office and admitted to the Internal Affairs Supervisor, Lt. Trevino that he lied, and then admitted to striking the juvenile without provocation or justification in the stomach with a closed fist.

8. As a result of Officer Price's conduct, he violated the following Standard Operating Procedures of the Gary Police Department:

a. CODE OF CONDUCT- Policy Number 1-17:

1. Moral Conduct-

- a. Truthfulness: Upon the order of the Chief of Police, or a superior officer, employees shall truthfully answer all questions specifically directed and narrowly related to the scope of employment and operations of the Department which may be asked of them.
- b. Use of Force: Employees shall not use or direct unjustified physical abuse, force, or intimidation against any person. Officers will only use that force necessary to affect an arrest or protect themselves from other persons from injury or death.

2. Professional Conduct-

- a. Professionalism: Employees shall conduct themselves in a professional manner interacting. Employees shall not unnecessarily inconvenience or demean any individual or otherwise act in a manner which brings discredit to the employee or the Police Department.

3. Performance of Duty-

- a. Conduct Unbecoming: Members shall conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect favorably upon the Department:
  - 1. Use of rude or insulting language or conduct offensive to the public
  - 2. Conduct unbecoming of the Department
  - 3. Involvement in the commission of a felony.
  - 4. Involvement in the commission of a Misdemeanor.
- b. False or Incomplete Reports
  - 1. No member shall, with intent to deceive, knowingly cause to be made or recorded any false or inaccurate reports, nor shall any member knowingly omit or cause to be omitted any information which is required to be recorded in any Department report.
  - 2. Knowingly making a false statement or entry in any departmental report, record, application.

interview, hearing or judicial proceeding.

b. GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 1-110

I. Use of Force-

- a. Unnecessary Force - Any amount of force that is used by an officer that does not fulfill a lawful objective or is needless or uncalled for.

9. Officer Price also violated Indiana Law: IC 35-42-2-1: BATTERY

Sec. 1. (a) A person who knowingly or intentionally touches another person in a rude, insolent, or angry manner commits battery, a Class B Misdemeanor.

10. Officer Price further violated the following Rules and Regulations of the Gary Police Civil Service Commission:

- a. GPCSC Rule #6- Failure to Treat Another Officer Politely and Courteously
- b. GPCSC Rule #7- Willful Mistreatment of Anyone
- c. GPCSC Rule #8- Making a False Report, Written or Verbal.
- d. GPCSC Rule #27- Conduct Unbecoming an Officer.

11. Sgt. Carter's investigative summary of the incident and the exhibits he gathered are attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

WHEREFORE, GIVEN OFFICER ISIAH PRICE III VIOLATION OF THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES OF THE GARY POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF STATE LAW AND THE GARY POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS AND FOR ALL THE REASONS STATED ABOVE, CHIEF WADE INGRAM OF THE GARY POLICE DEPARTMENT PRAYS THAT THE GARY POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION SUSPENDS OFFICER ISIAH PRICE III FOR 30 CALENDAR DAYS WITHOUT PAY AND FOR ALL OTHER RELIEF JUST AND PROPER IN THE

PREMISES.

Respectfully submitted.

*Wade Ingram*

WADE INGRAM, CHIEF OF POLICE  
GARY POLICE DEPARTMENT

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES AND AFFIRMS THAT, BASED ON INFORMATION AND BELIEF, THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HEREIN ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

*Wade Ingram*

WADE INGRAM, CHIEF OF POLICE  
GARY POLICE DEPARTMENT

STATE OF INDIANA )

COUNTY OF LAKE )

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public for Lake County, State of Indiana, personally appeared Chief Wade Ingram, and acknowledge the execution of this instrument this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

STAMP:

*Angela Brown*  
Notary Public

