

COOK COUNTY SHERIFF S MERIT BOARD

**STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS:
COUNTY OF COOK)**

COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S MERIT BOARD HEARING

SHERIFF OF COOK COUNTY,

IN THE MATTER OF:

Petitioner,)	DOCKET NO. 1629
vs)	
Michael O. Campos Star 4107)	
Respondent.)	

THIS MATTER COMING ON to be heard pursuant to notice, the board finds as follows:

1. The Respondent, Michael O. Campos, hereinafter " Respondent", was appointed a correctional officer on July 7, 1997. Respondent's current position is as a Correctional Officer and involves duties and responsibilities to the public; and

2. Each member of the Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board, hereinafter "the Board", has been duly appointed to serve as a member of the board pursuant to confirmation by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, State of Illinois, to sit for a stated term; and

3. The Board has jurisdiction of the subject matter of the parties in accordance with Chapter 55 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes; and

4. The Respondent was personally served with a copy of the Complaint and notice of hearing and appeared before the Board to contest the charges contained in the compliant.

5. Dr. Byron Brazier was the hearing officer.

Background: By a complaint dated November 29, 2011, the Sheriff, sought the termination of Correctional Officer Michael O. Campos, Star number 4107. The complaint alleged that Ofc. Campos was arrested by the Chicago Police Department for acts that included driving under the influence of alcohol, striking and unattended motor vehicle, leaving the scene of a property damage incident and improper lane usage. Additionally Ofc. Campos was sentenced to a term of court supervision and a fine for the offense of driving under the influence of alcohol case number 10 C550813 for a November 6, 2010 incident. This current incident occurred during the time of his court ordered supervision.

Finally, the above actions violated the Rules and Regulations of the Cook County Department of Corrections, specifically:

Sheriff's order 4.1 section III A5, 17 and 18.

General Order 3.8 Section III A-1 and A4; D6.

Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board Rules and Regulations, Article X, paragraph B, section 1, 2, 3.

Issues Presented: Whether the respondent was driving under the influence of alcohol, striking several unattended motor vehicles, leaving the scene of a property damage incident and violated his DUI court supervision.

Resolution of Issues Presented: After review of all testimony and by the preponderance of evidence presented by the States Attorney and the Respondent's Attorney, the Merit Board finds that the respondent did violate:

Sheriff's order 4.1 section III A5, 17 and 18.

General Order 3.8 Section III A-1 and A4; D6.

Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board Rules and Regulations, Article X, paragraph B, section 1, 2, 3.

Findings of Fact: An evidentiary hearing in this matter began on December 10, 2014 and the charges and evidence was presented by the States Attorney and the Respondent was present and represented by counsel.

The testimony presented by Sheriff, and in the original complaint, explained that Michael O. Campos was driving his Dodge ram truck and stopped at Ricobene's restaurant, where he was identified by Jose Molina driving while intoxicated. Jose Molina called 911 to report his erratic driving behavior.

When the Chicago Police Department arrived, the officers interviewed Ofc. Campos and Jose Molina. Chicago Police Department then arrested Ofc. Campos. The Chicago police officers

testified, based on their experience, that Mr. Campos was intoxicated. And while taking him to the station, the Chicago police officers were flagged down by another resident to complain about several other cars being hit on another street. Evidence at the scene, presented by the States Attorney, verified that Ofc. Campos was responsible for the damage and during the direct examination of Mr. Campos, he verified that he hit at least four vehicles based on insurance claim information.

Under direct examination by counsel for the respondent, Ofc. Campos explained that he hit his head while putting a CD in the CD player of his truck and doesn't remember hitting any cars nor does he have much recollection of the event after he consumed four beers and the time he went to the home of a doctor to receive medical attention.

Conclusions of Law: Given that there was no evidence presented by counsel for the respondent that refuted any testimony of Jose Molina, or the Chicago Police Department, or the evidence presented in this case, the Merit Board finds that the respondent did violate Sheriff's order 4.1 section III A5, 17 and 18. General Order 3.8 Section III A-1 and A4; D6. And the Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board Rules and Regulations, Article X, paragraph B, section 1, 2, 3.

Order: Wherefore, based on the foregoing, it is hereby ordered that the respondent Ofc. Michael Campos be terminated from the Cook County Sheriff's Department effective November 29, 2011.

Michael O. Campos - Correctional Officer - Docket Number 1629

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