

Legislation Text

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CONGRATULATIONS TO 004^{Ib} POLICE DISTRICT PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, On October 12th, 2017, a resident of the South Chicago neighborhood was walking home from her place of employment in nearby Hammond, Indiana. As she walked home, she was approached by an unknown individual who forced the woman into a dark colored SUV; and

WHEREAS, While being forced into the vehicle, the woman struggled with the offender at which time he produced a handgun and pointed it at her head. During the struggle, witnesses to the incident attempted to assist, but were driven off when the offender turned the gun on them; and

WHEREAS, The offender proceeded to handcuff the woman and drove into a nearby alley in close proximity to the Eggers Grove Forest Preserve where he then assaulted her. After finishing these egregious acts, the offender then drove away from the scene of the crime and ordered the woman out of his vehicle at a nearby location; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after the incident, CPD Detectives Doherty #20438, Casillas #21031, Akinbusuyi #20033 and Uldrych #21140 were assigned the initial investigation of the crime. During their investigation, a number of private video surveillance videos were located and preserved; and

WHEREAS, While continuing their investigation, they were joined by 004th District personnel. On the morning of October 13th, 2017, under the direction of Commander Noel Sanchez #12 (since promoted to Chief) and Lieutenant Milmine #407 (since promoted to Captain #45), Sergeant Meador #1003 and Officers MacFarlane #13015 and Concialdi # 16971 (since promoted to Detective #20136) responded to the initial scene of the abduction and discovered key pieces of evidence; and

WHEREAS, Forensics personnel were requested and the items were photographed, cataloged and collected for prosecutorial need. During the review of the video, Detectives Doherty, Casillas, Akinbusyi and Uldrych found numerous instances on surveillance that showed the incident captured in time, including verification of the victims reportedly breaking off tan colored pieces of the SUV. The offender was subsequently identified, and additional witnesses were discovered.

WHEREAS, Community Alerts were posted and the investigation became one of a full press effort as to stop this vicious offender from preying on additional women. Approximately one week later, the offender was placed into custody; and

WHEREAS, Due to the number of witness interviews, the need for accurate and independent administration of photospreads and the importance of a concise interview of the offender, Detectives Cummings #21101, Rodenberg #21416, Moloney #20191 and LeVigne #20604 were assigned to the investigation. An exemplary job was performed by the aforementioned CPD members in the successful investigation of this case; and

WHEREAS, The facts of the case were presented to the Felony Review Unit of the Cook County States Attorney's Office. After careful consideration of these facts, the offender was charged with Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault with a weapon; and

WHEREAS, After being exposed to the mountain of hard physical evidence against him, as well as the careful and considerate testimony of witnesses, the offender plead guilty to the charges and was given a

minimum' 25 year sentence. Due to the thoroughness and attention to detail given by the members of the Chicago Police Department, a violent sexual predator will not be able to entrap and endanger the lives of the Citizens of Chicago. A complete account of the case and an accurate timeline of the investigation have been recorded under CPD#JA469206; and

WHEREAS, All of these officers of the Chicago Police Department deserve recognition and commendation for their dedication, skill and fine police work in apprehending this suspect; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty ninth day of May, 2019, do hereby commend, for their professionalism, dedication and exceptional cooperative efforts on behalf of the citizenry of Chicago, all of the named City of Chicago Police Officers, who were instrumental in being an integral part of solving this particularly horrific, vicious and egregious crime; and

SUSAN SADLOWSKI GAR7A Alderman, 10th Ward

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to each named member of the Chicago Police Department, 004th District personnel; Commander Noel Sanchez #12 (since promoted to Chief), and Lieutenant Milmine #407 (since promoted to Captain #45), Sergeant Meador #1003 and Officers MacFarlane #13015 and Concialdi # 16971 (since promoted to Detective #20136) and placed on permanent record in each of their personnel files, and to each named member of **■**•**■** the Chicago Police Department as a token of our appreciation and esteem.