Annual Major Discipline Reporting Form

Internal Affairs Policy & Procedures | Appendix L

Pursuant to Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive No. 2022-14, every state, county, and local law enforcement agency in New Jersey is required to submit to the Attorney General and the County Prosecutor, and publish on the agency's public website, a brief synopsis of all complaints where a termination, reduction in rank or grade, and/or suspension of more than five days, as well as sustained findings listed in the above directive, regardless of the type or severity of discipline imposed, was assessed to an agency member. For the purposes of this report, please include all major disciplines in which a plea agreement was reached or final sanction was imposed during the time period listed below. In addition, include all discipline from earlier years which was has been on appeal, the final appeal was resolved during 2023, and the discipline remains in one of the enumerated categories. Instructions for completing this form can be found on the "Instructions" tab of the Excel version of this document.

Time period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

County Union

Agency Springfield Twp PD

		Disciplined Officer		Sanction							Synopsis	
No.	Rank	First Name	Last Name	Terminated?	Demoted?	Suspended?	# Days Susp.	Resigned, retired, transferred, or	Specify other sanction type, if applicable	Sustained Charge	Description	
1	Corporal	Marc	McBratney	No	No	Yes	3	No	Loss of time	Untruthfulness; Conduct Unbecoming an Officer	On December 10, 2022, Corporal Marc McBratney was involved in an altercation at a restaurant in another jurisdiction. Police were dispatched to the restaurant and a civilian involved in the incident reported that they had video of a Springfield Officer assaulting them or someone else. An initial review of the restaurant's security footage and police BWC footage determined Cpl. McBratney was off-duty, was involved in a physical altercation, and possibly provided non-truthful statements to the responding officers. The matter was referred to Union County Prosecutor's Office for criminal review, but it was determined that no evidence of criminality existed. An administrative internal affairs investigation was completed and through witness/complainant statements, a review of police reports taken, and a thorough review of security footage and police BWC footage, it was determined that Cpl. McBratney was untruthful and withheld information in numerous statements he made to the responding officers while they were investigating the incident. In addition, it was found that Cpl. McBratney's actions had escalated the incident into a physical altercation which required the intervention of restaurant staff to separate the parties. This conduct, even though off-duty, was unbecoming of what would be expected of a police officer, and was in a manner that would bring disrepute to the department. Disciplinary action imposed: 3 day unpaid suspension; loss of time.	