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Toni N. Harp
Mayor

Effective Date September 21, 2017

PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM
SERGEANT ROSE DELL

This discipline stems from an incident that occurred on June 10, 2017 at 1622 hours, and involved a serious motor vehicle accident in the Fair Haven district of New Haven. Sergeant Rose Turney was assigned as the B-squad Supervisor for the Fair Haven and East Shore Districts. Video footage was discovered and recorded on a department issued cellular telephone. As a member of the Accident Reconstruction Team Sergeant Rose Dell responded to the scene, and was informed that video footage was available. The footage was recorded on Sergeant Rose Turney's department issued cellular telephone. Both sergeants exchanged information and, Sergeant Dell asked Sergeant Turney to forward the recording to her work phone. Sergeant Turney stated that she would, but did not immediately respond. It was at this point that Sergeant Dell sent the footage to her department issued phone.

On June 22, 2017, Lieutenant Darcia Siclari, OIC (Officer in Charge) of the NHPD Records Unit received a FOI (Freedom of Information) request from an on line publication requesting the release of all video/photos related to the motor vehicle accident. Lieutenant Siclari contacted Sergeant Dell, believing that she was the Officer In charge of the Accident Reconstruction Team, and inquired about the video footage. Sergeant Dell stated that she was in possession of the video footage, and would message her a copy from her phone. When asked if the accident investigation was closed, Sergeant Dell replied, "There was not an investigation due to the dirt bike rider being at fault." As of that date no video evidence had been entered into the property room involving this case. Believing that the accident investigation was actually closed, an unofficial copy of the video was inadvertently released to the on line publication.

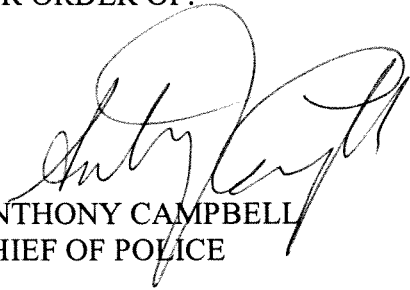
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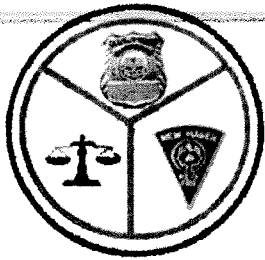
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ANTHONY CAMPBELL
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PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM
LIEUTENANT DARCIA SICLARI

Approximately on or about June 22, 2017, Lieutenant Darcia Siclari of the Records Unit (NHPD) received a FOI (Freedom of Information) request from an on line publication requesting all video footage and/or photos regarding a motor vehicle accident that occurred on June 10, 2017 in the Fair Haven District of New Haven. Believing that Sergeant Rose Dell was the OIC (Officer in Charge) of the Accident Reconstruction Team, Lieutenant Siclari contacted Sergeant Dell to inquire about the status of the investigation as well as any video evidence. Sergeant Dell advised Lieutenant Siclari that she was in possession of video footage, and would message her a copy from her phone. Lieutenant Siclari also stated that she asked if the accident investigation was closed and Sergeant Dell replied "there was not an investigation due to the dirt bike rider being at fault." Lieutenant Siclari stated that she interpreted this to mean the investigation was closed. Shortly afterwards, an unofficial copy of the video was inadvertently released to the new Haven Independent.

This discipline hearing was closed without any disciplinary action per Chief Anthony Campbell.

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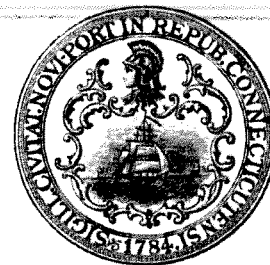
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PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM
LIEUTENANT MARK O'NEILL

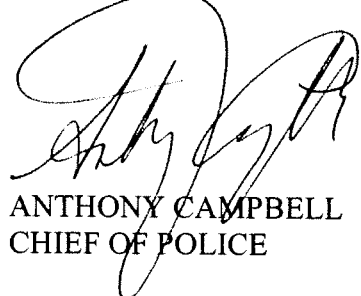
In March of 2017, in the absence of Lieutenant Robert Criscuolo, Lieutenant Mark O'Neill was placed in charge of the Accident Reconstruction Team. On July 3, 2017 Lieutenant Mark O'Neill was contacted by Lieutenant Herb Sharp, Patrol Supervisor, and asked to provide a complete memorandum outlining his observations specific to viewing a video presented by Sergeant Rose Dell involving a motor vehicle accident that occurred on June 10, 2017.

On June 10, 2017 the original downloaded version of the video footage was placed in the office mailbox of Lieutenant O'Neil. However, the DVD containing the video was not placed into evidence in the property room in a timely manner. On July 26, 2017, a DVD containing video footage of the motor vehicle was placed into property as evidence. A supplemental report documenting sworn personnel actions was not completed in a timely manner. Lieutenant O'Neill stated the release of the unofficial video was not authorized by him or the lead investigator.

This discipline hearing was closed without any disciplinary action per Chief Anthony Campbell.

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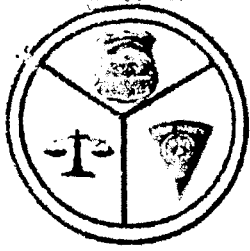


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To: Chief Anthony Campbell

From: Lieutenant Herbert Sharp 
Patrol Commander

Date: July 26, 2017

Re: Sergeant Rose DELL

Division: PATROL	
Allegation/Issue	1. The improper release of investigative video. 2. Violation of department General Order/Policy.
Type of Investigation	Internal Disciplinary Investigation
Name of employee under investigation	Sergeant Rose Dell
Name of complainant	Sergeant Rose Turney
Investigator	Lieutenant Herbert Sharp

Background:

On June 26, 2017 at approximately 1945 hours, I received an email from Sergeant Rose Turney outlining allegations that Sergeant Dell scrolled through her telephone contacts and forwarded a video from her department issued cellular telephone without permission. She further explained that on June 10, 2017, she was assigned as the B-squad Shift Supervisor for the Fair Haven and East Shore Districts.

At approximately 1622 hours Sergeant Turney and several officers were dispatched to a serious motor vehicle accident in the vicinity of Grand Apizza Restaurant, located at 111 Grand Avenue. Upon arrival, officers were directed to canvass the neighboring businesses to locate potential video footage of the accident. As a result, video footage was discovered at Apizza Restaurant that captured the accident; however, the store owner/designee was unfamiliar with the recording device and downloading of the video was not immediately possible. Therefore, concerned with preserving the evidence, Sergeant Turney recorded the footage onto her department issued cellular telephone.

Based on the injuries sustained by the motorcyclist, the Accident Reconstruction Team was activated and responded to the scene. The first team member to arrive was Sergeant Dell. Sergeant Turney met with Sergeant Dell and briefed her on the circumstances of the accident. Sergeant Dell was informed that a screenshot of the video footage was recorded onto her department cellular telephone. At some point Sergeant Turney allowed Sergeant Dell to take possession of her phone and view the video footage. The phone was unlocked and cued up for the video to be viewed. Sergeant Dell asked Sergeant Turney to forward the recording to her work phone. Sergeant Turney replied that she would, but did not immediately respond to Sergeant Dell's request. It's at this point that Sergeant Dell sent the footage to her department issued phone. Sergeant Turney wrote that she confronted Sergeant Dell and asked if she had gone into her contacts and sent the video to her work phone. Sergeant Dell acknowledged that she did in fact forward the video to her work phone.

On June 22, 2017, Lieutenant Siclari received a Freedom of Information request from Paul Bass of the New Haven Independent requesting the release of all video/ photos related to the motor vehicle accident at 111 Grand Avenue. Per Property Room staff, as of June 22, 2017, no video evidence was entered into property under case number 17-30412. Lieutenant Siclari telephoned Sergeant Dell, who she believed to be the Officer-in-Charge of the Accident Reconstruction Team, and inquired about the video footage. Sergeant Dell advised she was in possession of the video footage and would message her a copy from her phone. Lieutenant Siclari said she asked Sergeant Dell if the accident investigation was closed and she replied, "There was not an investigation due to the dirt bike rider being at fault." Lieutenant Siclari said she interpreted that to mean the investigation was closed. Shortly thereafter, Lieutenant Siclari released the video to the New Haven Independent.

Remit Of The Investigation (What specific allegations)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sergeant Dell accessing Sergeant Turney's cellular telephone without authorization • Sergeant Dell was alleged to have released investigative material (video) to the media • Violations of department General Orders/Policies |
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Investigation Process (Description of method(s) used to gather information)
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtained memorandums relative to the allegations set forth. • Telephonic interviews |
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Witnesses

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lieutenant Darci Siclari (Officer in Charge of Record's Division) • Sergeant Mark O'Neil (Officer in Charge of Accident Reconstruction Team) • Sergeant Nick Katz (Member of Accident Reconstruction Team) • Sergeant Derek Werner (Member of Accident Reconstruction Team) • Officer Robert DuPont (Member of Accident Reconstruction Team) • Officer David Hartman (Media Liaison) |
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Findings of Facts

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On or about June 23, 2017, Sergeant Turney learned through department personnel that the video she downloaded onto her phone was currently an attachment to an article in the New Haven Independent. • On June 26, 2017, I received an email authored by Sergeant Turney alleging Sergeant Dell released an unofficial copy of an investigative video to the New Haven Independent. It was further claimed that Sergeant Dell accessed her department issued cellular telephone, thus downloading the video, and releasing an unofficial copy. Sergeant Turney spoke with Sergeant Mark O'Neill regarding her concerns about the video being released to the New Haven Independent. Based on that conversation, Sergeant Turney assumed that Sergeant Dell released the video to the media. • On June 26, 2017, I was instructed by Assistant Chief Reyes to obtain a memorandum from Sergeant Turney and initiate a finding of facts. • On June 26, 2017, Sergeant Katz, of the Accident Reconstruction Team, entered into property one surveillance video/DVD of the non-fatal motor vehicle accident from 111 Grand Avenue. • On June 28, 2017, I was directed by Chief Anthony Campbell to initiate an internal investigation into the allegations. |
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- On June 28, 2017, I spoke with and obtained a memorandum from Lieutenant Siclari, Officer in Charge of Record's Division, describing the manner in which she obtained and released the unofficial video. Lieutenant Siclari explained in her memorandum that on or about June 22, 2017, the Record's Division received a Freedom of Information request from Paul Bass of the New Haven Independent for all video and/or photos obtained of the motor vehicle accident that occurring at 111 Grand Avenue. Lieutenant Siclari checked with Property Room staff and it was concluded that no video was entered into property as evidence.

Believing that Sergeant Dell was the Officer-in-Charge of the Accident Reconstruction Team, Lieutenant Siclari telephoned Sergeant Dell and inquired about the status of the investigation as well as any video evidence. Sergeant Dell confirmed that she was in possession of a video and would message it to Lieutenant Siclari's department issued phone. When questioned about the status of the investigation, Sergeant Dell reportedly stated, "There was not an investigation due to the dirt bike rider being at fault." Lieutenant Siclari interpreted this response to mean, "The investigation was closed." Upon receipt of the video, Lieutenant Siclari watched the content of the recordings, and proceeded to telephone Officer David Hartman, Media Liaison and Public Information Officer, to ask his opinion on the appropriateness of releasing the footage to Paul Bass. Based on the consensus, Lieutenant Siclari released the video.

- On June 28, 2017, I telephoned Sergeant Dell and ordered her into work to provide a memorandum explaining her version of events.
- On June 29, 2017, I spoke with Sergeant Katz, member of the Accident Reconstruction Team, and ordered him to complete a memorandum outlining his observations specific to viewing the video presented by Sergeant Dell. The memorandum was completed and turned in as directed. Sergeant Katz confirmed that he viewed the video of the motorcycle accident from a cellular telephone in the possession of Sergeant Dell. He was unsure as to who owned the phone. This was the extent of Sergeant Katz's knowledge specific to the allegations.
- On June 30, 2017, Sergeant Dell delivered her memorandum to my office and placed it in my office door mailbox. Sergeant Dell explained in her memorandum that on June 10, 2017, she responded to the scene of a motor vehicle accident at 111 Grand Avenue and East Pearl Street. Upon arrival to the scene, she and Sergeant Turney met and discussed a video, which Sergeant Turney had recorded with her department issued cellular telephone. Sergeant Turney allowed Sergeant Dell to take possession of the phone and view the video. At some point while Sergeant Dell was viewing the video, she inquired if Sergeant Turney could forward the video to her cell phone. After viewing the video, Sergeant Dell forwarded the video to her phone by way of messaging. Sergeant Dell said she sought the advice of Union Representatives who directed her to be brief in her documentation of the events under investigation. I offered Sergeant Dell the option of speaking with me on a later date to provide additional information and/or clarification. As of August 14, 2017, Sergeant Dell and I haven't met.

- On June 30, 2017, I spoke with Sergeant Dereck Werner, member of the Accident Reconstruction Team, and ordered him to complete a memorandum outlining his observations specific to viewing the video presented by Sergeant Dell. The memorandum was completed and turned in as directed. Sergeant Werner explained in his memorandum that upon arrival to the accident scene, he met with fellow members of the Accident Reconstruction Team. During the briefing, Sergeant Dell produced a cellular telephone with a copy of a video depicting the events of the accident. The owner of the phone was unknown. This was the extent of Sergeant Werner's knowledge specific to the allegations.
- On June 30, 2017, I spoke with Sergeant Turney via telephone to obtain clarification on her statements outlined in her memorandum/email dated June, 26, 2017. Sergeant Turney informed me that she voluntarily permitted Sergeant Dell to have access to her department telephone, but did not give permission for her to forward the video from her device.
- On July 03, 2017, I spoke with Sergeant Mark O'Neill and directed him to complete a memorandum outlining his observations specific to viewing a video presented by Sergeant Dell at the accident scene located at 111 Grand Avenue. The memorandum was completed and delivered to my office. Sergeant O'Neill explained the release of the unofficial video was unauthorized by him or the lead investigator, Officer Robert DuPont. See memorandum for additional information and details.
- On July 21, 2017, I telephoned Officer Robert DuPont, member of the Accident Reconstruction Team, and ordered the completion of a memorandum outlining his observations specific to viewing of a video presented by Sergeant Dell or any relevant information that would assist in this investigation. Upon Officer DuPont's arrival at the accident scene he met with team members, to include Sergeant Dell, who was showing a video of the accident on a cellular telephone. Owner of phone was unknown. This was the extent of Officer DuPont's knowledge specific to the allegations.
- On August 10, 2017, I spoke with Sergeant Rose Turney who informed me that she placed the original downloaded version of the video footage in the office mailbox of Sergeant Mark O'Neill on June 10, 2017, at approximately 2200 hours.
- On August 10, 2017, I followed up with Sergeant Katz to further discuss the late submission of the DVD containing the video into property, as well as, his failure to complete a Supplemental Report documenting his actions. He explained that he placed the DVD into property the day it was received from a detective assigned to the Investigative Service Unit, but failed to complete a Supplemental Report documenting same. He was unsure of who the detective was that dropped off the DVD and apologized for not completing a Supplemental Report.

Conclusions

Based on the totality of the investigation and taking into account the balance of probabilities on whether there is evidence to support allegations made, I have concluded that only one of the two claims can be deemed a violation of Department Policy. The allegation that Sergeant Dell released the video is not in dispute, by her own admission, she forwarded the video to Lieutenant Siclari, who in turn released the recording to the New Haven Independent.

Sergeant Dell's decision to forward an unofficial recording to Lieutenant Siclari to fulfill the Freedom of Information request is a failure on her part to follow appropriate protocol as it relates to the release of investigative material on an open investigation. The mere fact that the lead investigator, Officer Robert DuPont, was not consulted on the status of the investigation or the release of the video, goes against common investigative practice.

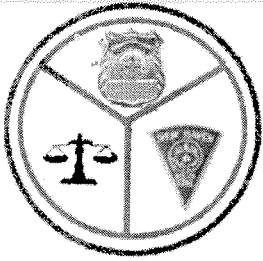
It's in my professional opinion, based on the facts presented, the unofficial video in question should have been destroyed immediately once the original version was securely downloaded onto a DVD. Therefore, culpability for the release of the video to the media can be attributed to both Sergeant Dell and Lieutenant Siclari. As it relates to the allegation of Sergeant Dell scrolling through Sergeant Turney's phone for the sole purpose of forwarding a video to herself, fails to rise to the level of a department violation.

Further findings of culpability extend to Lieutenant Siclari who should have utilized a higher degree of critical examination in verifying the legitimacy in releasing the video. Although Lieutenant Siclari made inquiries into the practicality of releasing the video, the inquiry failed to meet an adequate standard that would have prevented the premature release of an unofficial video to the New Haven Independent.

Lastly, due to the failure of the DVD/evidence not being submitted to the property room in a timely manner caused a detrimental ripple effect. On June 10, 2017, Sergeant Turney placed the DVD containing the footage of the motor vehicle accident in the mailbox of Sergeant O'Neill. On July 26, 2017, Sergeant Katz entered a DVD containing footage of the motor vehicle accident into property as evidence. The failure to promptly place the DVD into the property room is a violation of department policy.

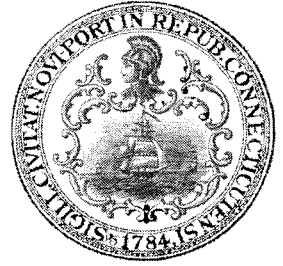
Recommendations:

- Based upon the evidence that has been collected, it is recommended that Chief Campbell consider a recommendation of disciplinary action against Sergeant Dell for violation of department General Order 1.03 Rules of Conduct, section 16: *No employee of the Department shall commit any act contrary to good order and discipline or constituting neglect of duty.*
- Based upon the evidence that has been collected, it is recommended that Chief Campbell consider a recommendation of disciplinary action for Lieutenant Darci Siclari for violation of department General Order 1.03 Rules of Conduct, section 16: *No employee of the Department shall commit any act contrary to good order and discipline or constituting neglect of duty.*
- Based upon the evidence that has been collected, it is recommended that Chief Campbell consider a recommendation of disciplinary action against Lieutenant Mark O'Neill violation of department General Order 8.07 Evidence, Found Property Storage and Handling, subsection 8.07.04 Property Handling: *Whenever any member of this Department, who during the course of their duty, takes possession of any evidence or property or property, they shall deliver it or cause it to be delivered to the Property Room in an expeditious manner. In the event the Property Room is closed, such evidence or property will be secured in the Property Room Annex in the proper locker safe.*



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Community Patrol Operations



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To: Lieutenant Herb Sharp
From: Lieutenant Mark O'Neill
Date: August 10, 2017
Re: Accident Call Out (Grand/E. Pearl)

On I was notified by the Shift Commander Lt. Hosey regarding an accident that occurred on Grand Ave by East Pearl St involving a dirt bike (motorcycle) and a passenger car. Lt. Hosey informed me that the motorcyclist was had no pulse on scene but EMS personnel were able to get a pulse before transporting. The operator of the motorcycle had a severe head injury along with other life threatening injuries. I notified PSAP to put out an Everbridge notification to the Crash Reconstruction Team.

Myself, Sgt. Werner, Sgt. Katz Sgt. Dell and Ofc. DuPont responded to the scene. Upon arrival at the scene I was briefed on the dynamics of the crash by Sgt. Rose Turney who was the district supervisor for Fair Haven. I also spoke to Ofc. Feliciano who was first on scene.

After being briefed we were shown a video of the crash on a cell phone, I believe the cell phone had a gold case. We viewed the video several times and then started to work the crash scene. I asked Sgt. Katz to take photographs, Sgt. Werner to complete a field sketch of the scene while Ofc. DuPont and I walked the scene. After walking the scene Ofc. DuPont and I started to mark the scene with paint and nail gun for future reference. We marked the scene for evidence and vehicle locations. Ofc. Dupont was assigned as lead investigator for the accident with support from the rest of the team.

Based on the video we saw it was determined that there were most likely not going to be charges on the driver of the car. The motorcycle operator appeared to be at fault for the accident based on the preliminary investigation. If the operator of the motorcycle survived, he would be charged with the motor vehicle charges as well as some drug charges that were found on his person at the hospital.

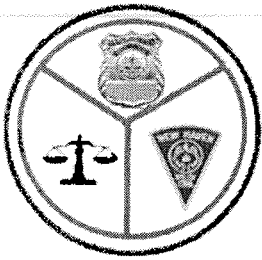
After marking and photographing the scene, we collected the evidence with Ofc. Borges and his OIT Gutierrez who were assigned to log in the evidence collected from the crash scene. The video of incident was to be collected later after it was downloaded.

A couple of days later Ofc. DuPont and Ofc. Mendez checked up on the motorcyclist in the hospital. He was still intubated and listed in critical condition with major head trauma and other injuries. They spoke to his mother who was accusing the police of chasing her son and stated that she had video of the police chasing him. After talking with her a little more she stated that the police did not have their lights or sirens on.

I spoke with PIO Ofc. Hartman regarding any press conference regarding the accident and asked that he not mention that there is a video of the incident. He agreed to not disclose any information regarding a video of the incident.

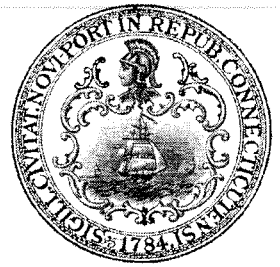
Approximately 8-10 days later I received a call from Lt. Siclari inquiring about the video from the accident. She stated that she had an FOI request for the video and the report. I informed that the case was still open and should not be released. She informed me that Sgt. Dell had already released the video and stated that the case was closed. I informed Lt. Siclari that Sgt. Dell was not the lead investigator and that we still did not know if the operator of the motorcycle was going to survive and that there were still charges pending if he does survive.

I was put in charge of the Accident Reconstruction Team in the absence of Lt. Criscuolo when he went out on injury back in March. I should have been notified as well as the lead investigator if any information regarding the investigation was being disseminated.



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To: Lt. Sharp

From: Lt. Darcia Siclari 

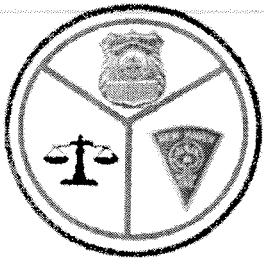
Date: June 28, 2017

Re: C/N 17-30412

On June 22, 2017 I received a freedom of information request for video and photos by Paul Bass of the New Haven Independent on a motor vehicle accident that occurred on Grand Ave. After researching the case number I read the report and read a case supplemental report that said video was received from Grand Apizza on the day of the accident. I then called property to obtain a copy of the video and was told it was not in evidence.

I then called Sgt. Rose Dell who I believed to be Officer in charge of accident reconstruction, she stated there is video. I then stated there was not a copy of evidence in the property room and I received a freedom of information request from Paul Bass of the New Haven Independent. She stated she would send me the copy she had on her phone. I asked if the investigation was ongoing and she stated there was not an investigation due to the dirt bike rider was at fault. I believed that to mean the investigation is closed.

I received the video, watched the video, and then contacted Officer Dave Hartman as the public information officer and asked if he thought the video would be ok to release and he agreed that yes it is public information. Video was then e-mailed to Paul Bass at the New Haven Independent.



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MEMO

Toni Harp
Mayor

To: Lieutenant H. Sharp
From: Sergeant D. Werner
Date: 7/6/2017
Subject: Crash Investigation

Sir,

On 6/10/2017, at approximately 1900 hours, I responded to the area of 111 Grand Avenue, as a member of the Crash Reconstruction Team, on a report of a motor vehicle crash involving severe injuries.

Upon arrival, I met with the following members of the crash team: Sgt Dell, Sgt Katz, Sgt O'Neill, and Officer Dupont. My assignment at the site of the crash was to complete a field sketch of the scene.

Prior to beginning the sketch, I met with Sgt Rose Dell who informed me she had a copy of a video that captured the crash. I viewed the video on Sgt Dell's cell phone. I do not know if the phone I viewed the video on was Sgt Dell's department issued cell phone or personal cell phone. I do not know where the video came from.

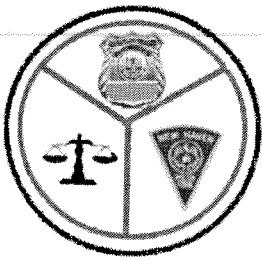
I then assisted in processing the scene and left the area without further incident.

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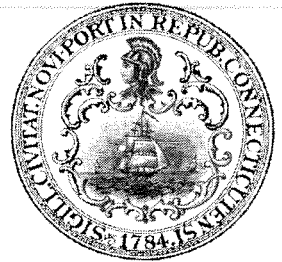
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To: Lieutenant H. Sharp
From: Sergeant N. Katz
Date: 06/30/17
RE: Crash Reconstruction Team Callout Grand Avenue/East Pearl Street

Lieutenant Sharp,

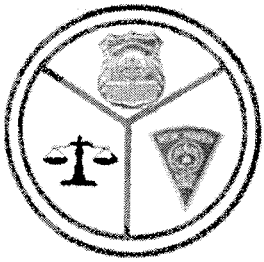
On 06/10/17 I responded with the Crash Reconstruction Team to a motor vehicle accident on Grand Avenue at East Pearl Street. While I was on scene at the crash, the on-scene crash investigators' including myself were shown a video of the crash on a cell phone. Both Sergeant Dell and Sergeant Turney were in the group watching the video. I do not remember who was holding the phone when I was shown the video and I do not know whose cell phone the video was on.

Sincerely,

Sergeant Nick Katz

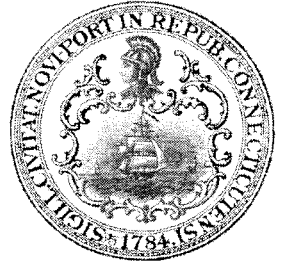
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To: Lieutenant H. Sharp
From: Sergeant R. Turney
Re: Video footage release of near fatal dirt bike accident- 111 Grand Ave.
Date: June 26, 2017

On June 10, 2017 I was assigned as the B Squad Supervisor for Districts 8 and 9. At approximately 1647 hours, Officer Martin Feliciano radioed dispatch with regard to a motor vehicle accident in front of 111 Grand Ave. involving a dirt bike and a vehicle. The dirt bike operator, later identified as Leron Stone sustained critical injury and the departments CRASH Team responded to investigate. While waiting for them to respond, myself and Officer DeCrescenzo went inside 111 Grand Ave., Grand Apizza to attempt to retrieve video footage from an outside camera facing Grand Ave. The camera is attached to the Grand Apizza building. The owner arrived but was not able to download the footage. ISU later responded to assist with the download, however in the meantime I had Officer DeCrescenzo screen shot the video footage so the CRASH team could view it temporarily until it was downloaded onto a disc.

The first CRASH team member to arrive was Sergeant Rose Dell. I advised Sgt. Dell of our finding thus far and explained that we screen shot video from inside Grand Apizza, however ISU was en route to download the footage onto a disc for their investigation. Sgt. Dell asked me to send her the video. Please note the video was shot on my work phone. I told her I would and turned momentarily to speak with someone, when I turned around I noticed that Sgt. Dell was using my department cell phone. I asked her if she had gone into my contacts and sent the video to herself. She replied that she had.

I understand that it is a work phone and used for those purposes, however even with those circumstances my privacy should have still been considered. Without asking Sgt. Dell went into my contacts, searched for her name and then sent the video to herself, all after I told her I would when she was done viewing the video. I feel her actions were inappropriate.

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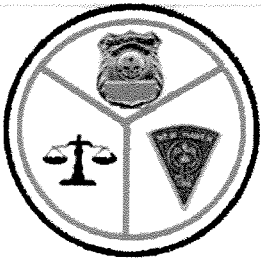
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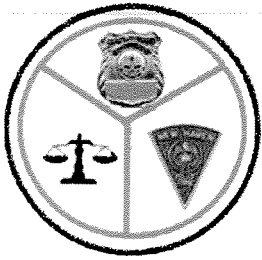
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To: Lieutenant Herb Sharp
From: Sergeant Rose J. Dell *egnd*
Date: Friday, June 30th, 2017
RE: Response Memo

LT.,

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On June 22nd, 2017, Lt. Siclari requested this video from me. I texted it to her.



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MEMO

TO: Lieutenant Herbert Sharp
FROM: Officer David Hartman
DATE: 9 August, 2017 | 12.40 PM
RE: Video release

Good afternoon Sir,

On or about 22 June, 2017, I was contacted by Lt. D Siclari regarding the release of a video that captured a dirt bike vs. automobile crash.

Such inquiries are normal practice as I do not entertain FOIA requests. They are made in case there's an investigative or sensitive issue matter that could justify not releasing such information, reports, video or audio recordings to the press pool.

I advised Lt. Siclari that I'd learned of nothing that would suggest holding the release of the footage in question.

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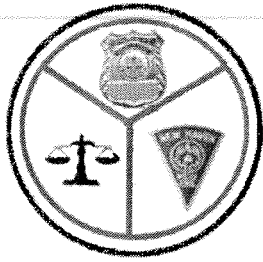
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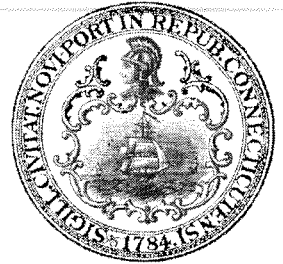
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To: Lieutenant H. Sharp
From: Officer Robert P. DuPont #262
Date: July 24, 2017
RE: Motor vehicle accident Grand Ave. C/N 17-030412

On June 10th 2017, I responded to a crash team call-out for a motor vehicle accident with injuries. This accident occurred at Grand Avenue near East Pearl Street, and was documented under case number #17-030412.

Upon meeting with Sergeant N. Katz at police headquarters we responded to the accident scene. Upon our arrival at the accident scene at 113 Grand Ave we met with the following crash team members; Sergeants M. O'Neill, R. Dell, N. Katz, D. Werner. Also present at this time were Sergeant R. Turney, and Officer M. Feliciano.

I was advised by Sergeant R. Turney of the dynamics of the vehicle collision, and was shown a video on a phone. I was unaware whose phone had the video that was shown to me.

Sergeant M. O'Neill and I then walked the accident scene and began to mark the scene with PK nails and marking paint. While we were walking and marking the scene, Sergeant N. Katz photographed the scene and Sergeant D. Werner made a field sketch of the scene.

Upon completion I was cleared from the scene by Sergeant O'Neill and left the scene with Sergeant N. Katz and returned to police headquarters where we returned the vehicle (146NH) and all accident recon equipment.

On 07/21/2017 I was asked to complete a memo with regard to the above listed incident. On 07/24/2017 I completed this memo and submitted a copy to Lieutenant H. Sharp.

Respectfully submitted,


Officer Robert P. DuPont #262

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Video footage of near fatal dirt bike accident-release - 111 Grand Ave.

Rose Turney

Mon 6/26/2017 19:45

To: Herb Sharp <HSharp@newhavenct.gov>;

Cc: Otoniel Reyes <OReyes@newhavenct.gov>; Anthony Campbell <ACampbel@newhavenct.gov>;

On June 10, 2017 I was assigned as the B Squad Supervisor for Districts 8 and 9. At approximately 1647 hours, Officer Martin Feliciano radioed dispatch with regard to a motor vehicle accident in front of 111 Grand Ave. involving a dirt bike and a vehicle. The dirt bike operator, later identified as Leron Stone sustained critical injury and the departments CRASH Team responded to investigate. While waiting for them to respond, myself and Officer DeCrescenzo went inside 111 Grand Ave., Grand Apizza to attempt to retrieve video footage from an outside camera facing Grand Ave. The camera is attached to the Grand Apizza building. The owner arrived but was not able to download the footage. ISU later responded to assist with the download, however in the meantime I had Officer DeCrescenzo screen shot the video footage so the CRASH team could view it temporarily until it was downloaded onto a disc.

The first CRASH team member to arrive was Sergeant Rose Dell. I advised Sgt. Dell of our finding thus far and explained that we screen shot video from inside Grand Apizza, however ISU was en route to download the footage onto a disc for their investigation. Sgt. Dell asked me to send her the video. Please note the video was shot on my work phone. I told her I would and turned momentarily to speak with someone, when I turned around I noticed that Sgt. Dell was using my department cell phone. I asked her if she had gone into my contacts and sent the video to herself. She replied that she had.

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