

**PRESS RELEASE** – On Monday, September 4, 2018, the Trinidad Police Department received statements regarding misconduct by Officer Austin Proctor.

Per department policy, Proctor was placed on paid administrative leave during the investigation. The investigation concluded Thursday, September 13, 2018 and at approximately 3:00 p.m., Trinidad Police Department officers arrested Proctor on a warrant.

Proctor was transported to the Huerfano County Jail on a \$5,000 cash or surety bond. He has since posted bond. He faces charges of Stalking, a class 5 felony; and harassment, a class 3 misdemeanor.



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To: Officer Proctor

From: Deputy Chief Harrison

Reference: Complaint review.

Date: 05/14/2018

After receiving and reviewing all the information regarding the complaint against you. I have determined you spent at least 2 hours in the control room of the Las Animas County Jail on 01/23/18 at approximately 0200 hours. During this time you engaged in conversation which sexual in nature and which was lewd and indecent. (Policy 405 II (a) (b) of General code of conduct). This behavior is unprofessional and tarnishes the badge of the Trinidad Police Department.

August of 2017 you received 3 days off for a violating this same policy. These violations occurred in less than one year. Due to there being another violation in less than one year you are ordered 5 days of unpaid suspension.

Any more violations of department or city policy will result in further disciplinary action including termination.

Officer Proctor: \_\_\_\_\_

Sgt. Barry: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Chief Harrison: \_\_\_\_\_



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To: Officer Austin Proctor

This letter serves as the notice of contemplated disciplinary action for the incident occurring at the hospital while you were working the security detail. You pointed your Taser at nurses placing your laser dot on them.

In that regard, this is to inform you that there will be a pre-disciplinary meeting on 09-19-17 at 1800 hrs in the Deputy Chiefs office at the Police Department to discuss this issue.

As such, this misconduct is in direct violation of Policy 405, Code of Conduct. Because of the severity of the incident the City is contemplating Suspension.

The pre-disciplinary meeting schedule is intended to allow you to present any information as to why the disciplinary action contemplated should not be taken; to present any mitigating information and to allow you to correct any alleged errors or facts relating to the purpose of the disciplinary action.

You are entitled to representation by a disinterested union steward or AFSCME Representative at the meeting, not including an attorney.

Sincerely,

Chief Charles Glorioso  
Deputy Chief Jay Harrison

Cc: Greg Sund, City Manager  
Dona Valencich, Human Resources  
Lee Hadaway, AFSCME Local 1074 President  
Ray Garcia