



Completed Internal Investigation Summary

Colorado State Patrol

Date of alleged misconduct: 7/16/2021

Title and name of the subject of the investigation: Trooper Christopher Beaverson

Name of the complainant: [REDACTED]

Investigator(s): Sergeant Sean Schlessman

Blue Team Case Number: L12021-040

Completed by Appointing Authority: Major Mark Mason

Date Completed: 2/23/2022

Allegation(s)(Check all that apply):

- (Discourteous/Rude/Unprofessional/Inappropriate) Behavior or Comments
- (Failure/Neglected/Incompetent) to Perform Duties
- Abuse of Authority
- Biased Policing
- Civil Rights Violation (Arrest)
- Civil Rights Violation (Search)
- Civil Rights Violation (Other)
- Discrimination
- Excessive Use of Force
- Harassment
- Improper Use of Weapon
- Lying/Dishonesty
- Member Arrested/Charged
- Off-Duty Misconduct
- Sexual Harassment
- Sexual Misconduct
- Theft
- Workplace Violence

Summary of the Allegation(s):

██████████ reported an allegation of misconduct against Trooper Christopher Beaverson. The allegation was related to written communications between Trooper Beaverson and ██████████ ██████████ which occurred between May 2021 and July 2021 and written communication between ██████████ ██████████ and Trooper Beaverson which occurred on July 25, 2021. The allegations also included a meeting between ██████████ ██████████ and Trooper Beaverson which occurred on July 28, 2021. Both ██████████ ██████████ alleged Trooper Beaverson lied to them during those communications.

Statement of Fact(s) and the Investigative Process:

On August 2, 2021 ██████████ ██████████ reported an allegation of misconduct against Trooper Christopher Beaverson. The allegation was related to written and in person communications between Trooper Beaverson ██████████ ██████████ alleged Trooper Beaverson lied to them during those communications.

Due to the serious nature of the allegations, Major Mark Mason requested that the Professional Services Section (PSS) conduct an administrative investigation. Sergeant Sean Schlessman was assigned to investigate the allegations.

On June 20, 2021, Trooper Beaverson requested to attend an Advanced Post-Blast Investigative Techniques (PBIT) course in Alabama through his supervisor at the time ██████████. Trooper Beaverson applied for that course but was informed there was a prerequisite set by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) that Trooper Beaverson did not meet ██████████ informed Trooper Beaverson that out of state travel requests need to be approved 30 days prior to travel, so Trooper Beaverson might not be able to make the August 9, 2021 class.

On July 16, 2021, Trooper Beaverson sent an email to ██████████ saying, "I have spoken with the ATF training program manager and, since this was the last class they were offering for the rest of the year, they have put me on the wait list for training in 2022." Trooper Beaverson admitted that statement was a lie and stated, "I think I was so angry and frustrated that I didn't think about that logically, like, it didn't matter that I didn't qualify for the class. I was still angry th ██████████ had mishandled the out of state training application." All evidence indicated ██████████ handling of the out-of-state training request was not relevant to the ATF's declination of Trooper Beaverson's request since Trooper Beaverson was aware of the ATF's reasoning prior to making that statement t ██████████

On July 20, 2021, Trooper Beaverson emailed ██████████ stating, "You already told me that there was no way that it would be approved, so I asked the ATF to disregard my application and put me on the waiting list for the next class, which they did." Trooper Beaverson admitted that this statement was also a lie, "Just because I was angry."

On July 25, 2021, Trooper Beaverson sent an email to ██████████ saying he believed ██████████ ██████████ lack of attention cost Trooper Beaverson the training opportunity. In that email, Trooper Beaverson outlined the statement he had previously made to ██████████ regarding the ATF adding Trooper Beaverson to a waitlist for the course. That reassertion constituted another lie. In the same email, Trooper Beaverson tol ██████████ Recently, I felt like this communication issue and ██████████ ██████████ lack of interest cost me the opportunity to attend training that I was prevails (sic) told I would be

able to attend, and was looking forward to going to.” Trooper Beaverson admitted that this statement was a lie and reiterated that he was so angry that he was not making logical choices.

On July 28, 2021 [REDACTED] called an in-person meeting with Trooper Beaverson and [REDACTED]. During the meeting [REDACTED] asked Trooper Beaverson if ATF let Trooper Beaverson know which class he would be attending. Trooper Beaverson responded, “I canceled before they could.” Trooper Beaverson admitted this was a lie, and that he said it “Because I had already said it once.” [REDACTED] asked Trooper Beaverson if there was a prerequisite for the course, and Trooper Beaverson said, “Not that I’m aware of.” This statement was also false. [REDACTED] challenged Trooper Beaverson on why Trooper Beaverson was waitlisted and asked if his statement was a mistruth, and Trooper Beaverson responded that it was. [REDACTED] asked Trooper Beaverson why he did not forward the emails from the ATF to him, and Trooper Beaverson said, “I forgot, it must have slipped my mind.” Trooper Beaverson admitted this was a lie, and that he did not forward the emails “Because it didn’t fit my narrative.” Trooper Beaverson said he wanted [REDACTED] to apologize to him for not getting him into the training. Trooper Beaverson further characterized it as not asking for an apology from [REDACTED], but rather that he wanted [REDACTED] to feel bad for him because he did not get to go to the training. When asked why Trooper Beaverson had then lied to [REDACTED] Trooper Beaverson responded, “It was to shift blame onto [REDACTED].”

Finding(s):

SUSTAINED: *The allegation is found to be factual and substantiated by competent evidence.*

NOT SUSTAINED: *Insufficient evidence exists to prove or disprove the allegation. This disposition shall also be assigned to any anonymous complaint which, after investigation, lacks corroborative information or evidence.*

UNFOUNDED: *The allegation is not supported by the facts, or is determined to be a false allegation.*

EXONERATED: *The allegation is factual and did occur, however, the member acted lawfully and properly within State Patrol policy and the scope of acceptable conduct.*

CLOSED: *Investigation of the allegation was terminated. The reason for closing the case file will be stated.*

(Discourteous/rude/unprofessional/inappropriate) behaviour or comments - SUSTAINED

Lying/dishonesty - SUSTAINED

Rationale for Finding(s):

- On June 20, 2021, Trooper Beaverson requested to attend an Advanced Post-Blast Investigative Techniques (PBIT) course in Alabama given by the ATF. Trooper Beaverson applied for that course and was informed that he needed to attend the Basic PBIT course before he could attend the Advanced PBIT course.
- The reason Trooper Beaverson was not able to attend the Advanced PBIT course was because he did not meet the prerequisite set by the ATF.
- Trooper Beaverson admitted to telling numerous lies related to this incident and the reasons Trooper Beaverson gave for telling these lies included: “I think I was so angry and frustrated that I didn’t think about that logically”, “Just because I was angry”, because of his anger caused by what he thought was a flippant response from [REDACTED], “Because I had already said it once”, “Because it didn’t fit my narrative”, “I did it in order for him to feel bad”, “it was to cover up the previous lies”, and “It was to shift blame onto [REDACTED].”
- Trooper Beaverson was initially told by the ATF that he did not qualify on July 16, which is the same day Trooper Beaverson told the initial lie to [REDACTED]. Trooper Beaverson had nine (9) days before

emailing [REDACTED] and twelve (12) days before his meeting with [REDACTED] to get his emotions under control and return to a logical thought pattern, but Trooper Beaverson failed to do so.

- Trooper Beaverson chose repeatedly to tell lies regarding the reason for him being waitlisted for the PBIT course in an attempt to get his supervisor in trouble and to gain sympathy for his own situation.
- Control and restraint are necessary qualities for a trooper.
- Trooper Beaverson admitted that he was embarrassed and disappointed that he destroyed his own integrity.
- Truthfulness is an essential quality of a trooper.
- Truthfulness is essential to being a credible witness in court, which is an essential job function of a trooper.
- Truthfulness is essential to holding a secret clearance, which is essential to troopers assigned to the Watch Center.
- Brady v. Maryland requires prosecutors to disclose any exculpatory evidence to the defense, including character evidence on the part of officers. This includes sustained acts of untruthfulness.



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