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Police Department

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SENT VIA EMAIL TO: BrittanyFreeman@RMPBS.org

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RE: Summary of Internal Affairs (Goble)

Ms. Freeman,

Below is a summary of internal investigations and disciplinary actions involving former police officer Goble. These investigations involve in-uniform or on-duty conduct of a police officer related to specific, identifiable incidents of alleged misconduct involving a member of the public.

1) **Departmental Complaint 2019DC-012 Received September 9, 2019**

Findings: The following violations of policy were sustained;

Policy 342.1.1 Report Preparation

Policy 804.3 Property Handling

Policy 804.3.1 Property Booking Procedures

Policy 804.3.2 Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs

Policy 1004.25 Truthfulness

Results: Termination of employment from Lone Tree on January 2, 2020

Facts: The following facts were revealed during the investigation.

- Report Preparation allegations:

- Officer Goble wrote in multiple reports that he destroyed items of drug paraphernalia which had evidentiary value per departmental policy. Such items were not destroyed.
- In a corrected case report , Officer Goble wrote that he had placed items into evidence. Such items were not placed into evidence.
- Property Handling allegations:
 - In two separate cases, Officer Goble left the evidentiary items in a temporary locker for at least eight days, leaving the key in his mailbox, and eventually losing the items associated to one of the cases.
- Property Booking Procedure and Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs allegations
 - Officer Goble was told to book into evidence items from a case. Officer Goble retrieved the evidentiary items from the trash, placed them in a temporary locker, but did not book them into evidence.
 - On February 15, 2019, in a separate caes, Officer Goble destroyed the two "tuber" straws he gathered as evidence and later issued a summons related to their possession.
 - On February 28, 2019, in a separate case, Officer Goble destroyed three pipes he gathered as evidence and later issued a summons related to their possession.
 - On April 3, 2019, in a separate case, Officer Goble placed THC cartridges into a temporary locker and sent an email to CSOs to have items booked as evidence. He was informed that CSOs could not log drugs or paraphernalia and he subsequently requested that other officers log his evidence.
 - On June 13, 2019, in a separate case, Officer Goble destroyed a mirror and two metal spoons. All three items contained an oily brown residue believed to be drug-related. He gathered these three items as evidence and later issued a summons related to their possession.
 - On June 22, 2019, in a separate case, Officer Goble destroyed "tuber" straws he gathered as evidence and later issued a summons related to their possession.
- Truthfulness allegations:

- Officer Goble made the following untrue statements regarding the same case (the corrected report case, as mentioned above):
 - Statement in his corrected report that he booked the evidence into the BEAST; and
 - Statement in an email that the evidence for was handled.
 - In Officer Goble's September 6, 2019 email as to where the missing evidentiary items for the case might be, Officer Goble responded, "...I dug into this as much as I could tonight, reviewing reports, etc, and I have absolutely no idea. / clearly wrote that I logged it in for destruction, and / list it in the evidence section, but as for something weird that might have happened to it, I have no idea." However, during this investigation it became clear that Officer Goble was fully aware of the unusual manner in which this evidence was handled.
 - On October 7, 2019, during a formal interview, Officer Goble stated that it was not his practice to throw evidence away and attributed the behavior to being tired. This was a departure from the truth as we learned through the investigation he began "destroying" evidentiary drug paraphernalia in February 2019 and did so multiple times leading up to the case.
 - During this same interview, Officer Goble claimed the practice of using temporary lockers to house evidence and then asking CSOs to book the items is commonplace on the graveyard shift. The investigation revealed that this was not accurate. The only officer who has followed this practice is Officer Goble.
 - During the same interview, Officer Goble stated he was allowed by policy to destroy paraphernalia evidence after photographing it when he worked for the Arvada Police Department. Investigation into this statement revealed that Officer Goble did not do this in Arvada and that it was not allowed per Arvada policy.

2) Departmental Complaint 2019DC-010 Received July 31,2019

Findings: The following violations of policy were sustained.

Policy 1004.3 Treatment of the public

Results: Written Reprimand on October 7, 2019

Facts: The following facts were revealed during the investigation:

- Treatment of the public allegations
 - A defendant had contacted an attorney and asked his attorney to look at the case. The attorney reviewed the case and the body camera footage and reached out to the municipal prosecutor to let her know about the officer's demeanor in case she had not yet seen the footage. Once the prosecutor saw the footage she was very concerned about Officer Goble's behavior, so that is why she called Lone Tree Police Department. Once the police department made me aware of the footage, the police department also reviewed the footage. Officer Goble was inappropriate and came across as unprofessional and belittling. Officer Goble seems to take a defensive tone with the driver immediately. He asked the driver if he knows why he was being pulled over. The driver states he doesn't. Officer Goble proceeds to ask him if he remembers going around a work truck. The driver states what he did and felt it wasn't unsafe. Officer Goble, in an argumentative tone, then explains what he observed and tells the driver he's not going to get into an argument over it and that they can go argue about it in court. The driver then says he's not going to go to court just give him his ticket and he will pay it.
 - Officer Goble's argumentative approach continues and he tells the driver that if he wants to sit there with his, "obstinate attitude" then he will just be cited and have to go to court. Officer Goble then states that he can tell the driver is the type of person who doesn't take accountability for his own actions so he can just sit there while he goes back to his vehicle and writes him a ticket for careless driving.
 - Before going back to his vehicle, Officer Goble tells the party that he can sit there and talk to himself all he wants to try to justify his behavior but that's not going to change things. Officer Goble then tells the driver that he, Officer Goble, is going to hold him accountable for his actions and write him a careless driving ticket and send him to court. You can then hear the driver trying to talk to Officer Goble and he talks over the top of him and asks the driver for his phone number two different times in a condescending tone.
 - A few minutes later, Officer Goble reappears at the driver's window with the ticket and continues to speak to him in the same unprofessional manner. He states that he looks forward to seeing the driver in court for the two charges of both careless driving and an unsafe lane change. He then asks the driver if he has any questions and the driver asks him if he would like a piece of advice. The driver is speaking to Officer Goble in

what I deem a reasonable tone and is trying to have a conversation after Officer Goble asked him on two different occasions if he had any questions. Officer Goble quickly dismisses the conversation and states he's not going to sit there and argue with him and tells him to have a good day and starts to walk away.

- The driver said something about going to court and Officer Goble then responds that he gets paid overtime to go to court and he looks forward to it and says thank you very much to the driver. Again, it's all said in a very unprofessional tone. Officer Goble then takes the opportunity to tell the driver that he has a terrible attitude and that he will look forward to seeing him in court on May 2nd.
- Officer Goble's attitude was less than professional and certainly not in keeping with the tenants and policies of the Lone Tree Police Department.

3) Citizen Complaint 2018CC-008 Received July 3, 2018

Findings: The following policy violations were sustained;

Policy 900.7 Personal Property

Results: Verbal counselling on September 20, 2018

Facts: The following facts were revealed during the investigation:

- Officer Goble had taken custody of a vehicle key for a suspect that was arrested. Officer Goble left the vehicle key on his patrol vehicle and drove off. The vehicle key was not recovered.

If you need additional information related to this matter, please contact Commander Ron Pinson at 720-509-1154.

Respectfully,

Ron Pinson

Ron Pinson
Commander