



POLICE DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION



Date: February 3, 2022

Member: Officer Chris Valko

IA Number: 303IA2022-001

This matter has been assigned to: Sergeant Nick Eckmann

Information received by the Parker Police Department shows that you were or are a participant in an incident under current investigation. It is alleged that your actions in the matter may constitute violation(s) of the following policies:

To wit:

Town of Parker Personnel Manual - 8.1 Disciplinary Action.

- Failure to comply with established departmental policies, procedures and directives; including but not limited to the Town of Parker General Operations Manual.

Parker Police Department Manual - Professional Conduct and Responsibility: 6.4.3 A. 2

- Examples of unsatisfactory performance include: a lack of knowledge of the application of laws to be enforced; an unwillingness or inability to perform assigned tasks; the failure to conform to work standards established for the Department member's rank; grade or position; the failure to take appropriate action concerning a crime, disorder or other condition deserving police attention; absence without leave or habitual tardiness; or a violation of the above policy. These examples are illustrative rather than inclusive.

Parker Police Department Manual - Arrests and Warrants: 3.4.3 F. 1.

- If a commissioned officer wishes to arrest a suspect inside a residence and appropriate consent to enter the residence is not obtained or exigent circumstances do not exist, the commissioned officer must first obtain an arrest warrant. If the residence belongs to the suspect, only an arrest warrant is required. The commissioned officer must have clear and articulable facts that the suspect is inside his or her residence. If the dwelling belongs to someone else, the commissioned officer must obtain a search warrant as well.

Parker Police Department Manual - Standards of Conduct, Obedience to Orders, Polices and Laws: 6.2.4 S

- Department members shall obey all constitutional, criminal and civil laws, both on and off duty.

Parker Police Department Manual - Use of Physical Force: 3.2.4 E

- Each situation is unique. Sound judgment and the circumstances of each situation will dictate the level of force the enforcement member deems necessary. Depending on the circumstances, enforcement members may find it necessary to escalate or de-escalate the use of force. It is not the intent of this policy to require enforcement members to attempt to exhaust each lower level of force before moving to the next higher level, so long as the level of force used is reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances. Enforcement members are not required to retreat to avoid using force. However, commissioned officers, shall, when possible, apply nonviolent means before resorting to the use of physical force.

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It is important for the protection of the public, the Department and our employees that these matters be thoroughly investigated. Information from you will be important to that investigation.

You are ordered not to communicate with any person who may be directly or indirectly involved in this investigation by any means about this investigation, except by direct order of your supervisors and myself.

During this investigation you will be read a Garrity advisement that will outline your rights relative to this investigation.

If applicable, a review of available BWC and MVR footage and reports will be completed prior to the interview date. You will be updated on changes to this case.

Sincerely,



Commander Chris Peters
PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Attachment
cc: I.A. File