

Excerpts from IA 26-000037 for Summary Ofc. D. Pino

SUMMARY OF INITIAL INVESTIGATION excerpts from Chief of Police Disposition of Discipline:

Sgt Masciotra began with a summary of the case, advising that, on 10/13/2025, you were dispatched to an address in reference to a family disturbance/possible menacing, which had occurred about 45 minutes prior to you being assigned the call. You made phone contact with a female party, who told you about an incident that happened earlier in the night. She told you her mother was holding a knife when she arrived at the residence...

...You told the victim/other involved that, due to domestic violence laws, you would write an arrest warrant. While you were at the house, you learned of an outstanding Misdemeanor traffic warrant, which involved female was arrested for. Ten days later, you completed only a warrant arrest report, and you wrote within that report that you completed a blue sheet (probable cause) affidavit for the (DV offender)'s arrest, which was sent to the DA's office.

You never completed, sent, or attached a blue sheet PC affidavit to the case. The initial report which you completed was for an outstanding traffic-related warrant arrest and was held for ten days, then submitted for approval on 10/23/2025 at 1610 hours. The report was denied on the same day at 2227 hours by Sgt Schneider. The report remained in your queue for 21 days until you resubmitted it on 11/13/2025 at 1603 hours. You then immediately approved your report yourself at 1604 hours, even though you were not in a step-up sergeant capacity, and there were two step-up sergeants and Sgt Schneider on duty this day...

...As sworn police officers, we are held to the highest standard of Service, Integrity, Character, and Excellence. I do not believe you are, or can be in the future, committed to these high standards. It is a core tenet of our profession that law enforcement officers do not lie, ever. Maintaining your employment after you have engaged in such misconduct would be untenable. This department has a strict "no tolerance" policy for untruthfulness that is unwavering and will not be compromised. I no longer have trust in you as a person of character, as a law enforcement officer, or as an employee of our department. Therefore, I determine that TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT is the only appropriate discipline in this matter.

Therefore, had you not resigned your position on April 24, 2026, before your pre-disciplinary hearing was held and I was able to consider a determination, termination would have been the only appropriate discipline in this matter and would have been the outcome. Your official personnel file in the Human Resources Department and your Internal Affairs file will reflect that you resigned in lieu of termination for cause.

As a result of this determination, per Colorado State Law and Department Policy, you are also advised that Colorado POST will be notified that you knowingly made an untruthful statement concerning a material fact in, and additionally knowingly omitted other material facts from, an official document. A Credibility Disclosure Notification will also be sent to the 10th Judicial District Attorney's Office."