

Findings

Based on the information provided by Sgt Hugh Harkin, Officer Trenton Gomez, Officer Josh Huey and my conversation with Evidence Tech Corey Gutierrez and the information I received from the Lens Lock Chain of Custody Audit Trail and the interview conducted with Noah Sartori and his written statement I find the following policy violations;

400 Conduct and Cannons of Police Ethics, (III) General Conduct;

A. Members shall not conduct themselves in an immoral, indecent, lewd or disorderly manner or in any manner that might be construed as immoral, indecent, lewd, or disorderly. **Sustained**

B. Employees will not engage in any activity or commit any act that would tend to bring discredit on the police department or the City of Trinidad. **Sustained**

VI. ADHERENCE TO THE TRUTH A. No member of the Trinidad Police Department shall willfully depart from the truth, either in giving testimony or in connection with any legal or official order received in their official duties. **Sustained**

X. COWARDICE A. No officer shall display any form of cowardice or fail to support their fellow officers in performing their duties in the face of danger. **Sustained**

I also find that Sartori did in fact; has **knowingly** made an untruthful statement concerning a material fact OR omitted a material fact:

- On an official criminal justice record – **Sustained**
- While testifying under oath.
- During an internal affairs (I.A.) investigation **OR – Sustained**
- During an administrative investigation and/or disciplinary process^[2]

Suggested Action

As Police Officers, we are entrusted by the community we serve and the governmental agency that hires us with great responsibility. I have observed that the majority of time; above training, experience, equipment or any other tools that are made accessible to police officers, the one thing we have, we need or can utilize is our honesty. Sometimes honesty is the only thing that can truly save anyone; police or citizen.

I fully recommend that Noah Sartori be terminated by the Trinidad Police Department and City of Trinidad and per Senate Bill 19-166 Notification of Untruthfulness a report be submitted to Colorado POST for decertification.

***On March 9, 2021 Noah Sartori submitted a resignation letter to the Chief of Police**

****all memos, written statements, evidence and recorded interviews are attached**

Investigation completed March 9, 2021



Captain Daniel T. Duran

Trinidad Police Department