

Case Number: 2000040011
Date of Violation: 03/03/2000
Date Received: 04/05/2000
Date To Station:

How Received: Not Specified
Type of Complaint: Station
Date Back from D/C: 05/30/2000

Complainant(s):

	<u>BADGE</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>RR</u>	<u>OMS</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
1	82011	Improper Procedure - Preventable Accident Oral Reprimand	809		Sustained	Crimes Against Persons Bureau

**DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTER-DEPARTMENT
CORRESPONDENCE**

TO: Captain T. Leary, Commander, Crimes Against Persons Bureau

FROM: Captain Edward Bingham, Commander, Internal Affairs Bureau

DATE: March 15, 2000

**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF ACCIDENT INCIDENT REVIEW
CASE NUMBER: P-55**

The Internal Affairs Bureau received notice from the Traffic Investigation Bureau that **Detective D. Vecchi 82011** was involved in an accident. Please review attached documentation for complete details.

Upon complete review of the attached documentation, please make appropriate investigation into this incident. If you find that no violations of department rules or procedures occurred, please indicate in the appropriate space and return to the Internal Affairs Bureau. If, however, your investigation reveals a potential violation of rules and/or procedures, contact the Internal Affairs Bureau for a case number and complete the required investigation with your findings and recommendations.

CAPTAIN'S FINDINGS

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS FOUND:



I.A.B CASE # 2000 - 04 - 0011

Captain Timothy W. Leary

CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE/ DATE

DIVISION CHIEF'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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DIVISION CHIEF'S SIGNATURE/ DATE
5-30-2000

The completed investigation or finding of no violations must be returned to the Internal Affairs bureau within 45 days from the date of this notification. This case is due no later than **April 29, 2000.**

PICKED UP BY:
Print Name _____
Badge # _____
Date: _____

**DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTER-DEPARTMENT
CORRESPONDENCE**

TO: Captain Timothy Leary Commander, Crimes Against Persons Bureau

FROM: Lieutenant J.W. Priest 80018

DATE: May 24, 2000

SUBJECT: Case Number: 2000-04-0011
Complainant: Internal
Complaint: Improper Procedure-Preventable Accident

INCIDENT:

On March 3, 2000, Detective Donald Vecchi, #82011, was involved in a single vehicle accident where his vehicle struck a stationary pole on the B-1 level of the Police Administration Building.

COMPLAINT:

Detective Donald Vecchi, #82011, was backing his vehicle from a parking space on the B-1 level of the Police Administration building. During this operation he misjudged the distance between the pole and his vehicle, striking the pole causing minor damage.

INVESTIGATION:

On April 4, 2000 this case was assigned to Sergeant Michael Fetrow for follow-up investigation. Upon completion of his review, he obtained the Internal Affairs Bureau case number for this investigation. All related documentation has been reviewed and included within this case. Various documents have been synopsized herein and should be reviewed for total content.

INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT OFFICER

On March 3, 2000, Detective Vecchi completed a written statement detailing the event.

STATEMENT

Detective Vecchi related in his written statement that at approximately 2015 hrs on 3/3/00 he was working the night shift and that he was leaving the police building. While backing his police vehicle, unit #A7310 out of space #059, he sideswiped the pillar next to this space. Immediately after the collision he contacted Sergeant Pat Carver, supervisor of the night shift and Detective Tom Reed of the Accident Investigation Bureau. An accident report was completed and three (3) Polaroid photos were taken.

CONCLUSION

RR-102, Violation of any Department Rule, as it pertains to OMS 112.00 VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT

112.01 Care of Police Vehicles

- (1) All members of the Denver Police Department shall be held responsible for the proper use and care of all Department vehicular equipment. Cases of neglect, alteration or other misuse of equipment shall result in disciplinary action.

112.06 Vehicle Damage Responsibility

- (1) Accidents and Damage to Vehicles. Officers shall be held accountable for driving violations, which result in accidents. Officers shall be held strictly accountable for damage caused by abuse or careless handling, and failure to request necessary repairs shall be the liability and responsibility of the officer using the equipment.

Per the procedure outlined in **OMS 203.09 Accident Review**, (2) Accident Review Procedures, c. 3. (b) Primary Cause, this accident is found to be preventable with the primary cause one of *Careless Driving*. This finding carries a four- (4) point penalty. Detective Vecchi has no prior points accrued leaving him a total of 4 points.

In light of all the facts listed here, it is my recommendation that the complaint against Detective Donald Vecchi, #82011, be SUSTAINED.

Attached is the IAB form for recommendation and signature.

Respectfully submitted,



Lieutenant J.W. Priest 80018