



NUNN POLICE DEPARTMENT

November 11, 2021

Notice of Administrative Leave and Investigation

TO: Officer Rickey Jackson

FROM: Chief Joel Smith

On 11/10/2021 Investigator Dana Chavez with the State of Colorado advised me of a current Criminal Investigation with you as the subject. The accusations include falsified Certified VIN Documents. As this is your main duty with the Nunn Police Department, I am notifying you that you are being placed on Administrative Leave effective immediately.

According to Policy 1009.8 - Administrative Leave

- You are required to relinquish your department Badge, ID, and any other equipment / monies that belong to the town.
- You are required to comply with all the policies and lawful orders of your supervisor.
- You are being temporarily assigned to training duties as assigned and you must remain available for contact, and will report as ordered.

According to Policy 1009.9 – Criminal Investigation

- A member of the Department accused of criminal conduct shall be provided with all the rights afforded to a civilian. The member should not be administratively ordered to provide information in the criminal investigation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel T. Smith', written over a horizontal line.

Joel T. Smith
Chief of Police



NUNN POLICE DEPARTMENT

November 30th, 2021

Notice of Termination of Employment

TO: Officer Rickey Jackson
FROM: Chief Joel Smith

Findings of External Criminal Investigation-

Investigator Joe Hurt with Colorado State Patrol Investigative Services Section conducted an investigation and below is his synopsis.

On June 10, 2021, I was contacted by the Department of Revenue about a dealership that was applying for a Rebuilt from Salvage Title from a Salvage Title on a 2010 Toyota RAV4 that was showing as an active stolen vehicle. The dealership was Lakewood Auto Sales at 6321 W Alameda in Lakewood.

I went to the dealership and contacted the owner of Lakewood Auto Sales Ba Van Ho. I found that the Toyota had been purchased by the dealership from Copart and had been picked up by someone else, which is why it was reported stolen. The person returned it and Copart had Ho come get it. It was never taken out of the system.

The Certified VIN Inspection had been done by Nunn Police Officer Rickey Jackson. Officer Jackson certified the inspection as roadworthy and noted in the comments that the repairs had been done. None of the repairs were done and the vehicle was far from roadworthy. Officer Jackson, also certified that the vehicle was clear NCIC / CCIC. The Toyota was listed as an active steal as of May 8th.

Upon inspection of the dealership, I found a total of eight vehicles on the lot that had inspections done by Officer Jackson. All of the eight vehicles had been inspected as roadworthy and that the repairs had been done. All eight were not repaired and none of them were roadworthy. None of them should have been authorized to have a Rebuilt from Salvage Title. One was on a frame machine with substantial damage to the front end and frame.

When I looked at the statement of facts on the eight vehicles, all of them listed in the officer comments "request for title, repair work done.". When compared to the Copart pictures, the repairs listed were not consistent with the damage actually sustained to the vehicle. All were listed as substantially less damaged. All of the statement of facts (DR2424) forms were signed off by Officer Jackson.

All eight of the vehicles were certified as clear NCIC / CCIC and none of them were cleared by Officer Jackson in NCIC / CCIC. One of the inspections certified that the VIN was okay, and it was completely removed from the vehicle.

After checking back with DOR, I found that Officer Jackson had performed 15 inspections for Lakewood Auto Sales and only cleared four of them in NCIC / CCIC.

Decision-

The findings of this investigation show your integrity to be severely lacking as well as several felony violations of Colorado Law. You are hereby Terminated from employment from the Nunn Police Department effective immediately. Your final paycheck will be mailed to you.

The District Attorney of 19th Judicial District will be notified of your termination due to untruthfulness. Colorado POST will also be advised of your termination for cause.



Joel Smith
Chief of Police