



Completed Internal Investigation Summary

Colorado State Patrol

Date of alleged misconduct: November 21, 2020

Title and name of the subject of the investigation: Trooper Scott Wermuth

Name of the complainant: [REDACTED]

Investigator(s): Sergeant Krebs

Blue Team Case Number: L22020-192

Completed by Appointing Authority: Major Copley

Allegation(s):

Discourteous / Rude / Behavior

Summary of the Allegation(s):

The complaint alleged the trooper was rude and condescending for citing him for traffic violations and retaining his driver's license during a traffic contact.

Statement of Fact(s) and the Investigative Process:

Trooper Wermuth contacted [REDACTED] for speeding 65 in a posted 55 speed zone. Upon contact Trooper Wermuth observed a child not properly secured in a child restraint with the shoulders unrestrained. The driver was determined to be cancelled in Colorado for an outstanding judgement which was confirmed with Department of Revenue via the Pueblo Regional Communications Center. This cancellation required Trooper Wermuth to seize the driver's license and appropriately issued a Proof of Service to [REDACTED]. Trooper Wermuth completed the traffic contact and returned to patrol. The entire contact was captured on the patrol car dash camera to include audio and video of the contact and interactions.

Finding(s):

Discourteous / Rude Behavior: Unfounded

Rationale for Finding(s):

After reviewing all reports and investigative documents, I find no evidence Trooper Wermuth was rude or discourteous during his contact with [REDACTED]. Additionally, Trooper Wermuth issued appropriate charges based upon evidence observed to make the stop and secondary violations discovered. The driver's license cancellation was confirmed by Department of Revenue by the Pueblo Regional Communications Center. All actions by Trooper Wermuth were within state law and agency policy. Dahn's camera video and audio confirmed his actions and behaviors were professional and appropriate for the situation.

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- [REDACTED]
- Member Trooper Wermuth
- Requestor
- Regional Commander LTC Barba
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