



CITY of HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA



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Chadwick E. Wagner
Chief of Police

January 6, 2010

Officer Dewey Pressley #1930
3250 Hollywood Boulevard
Hollywood, Florida 33021

Internal Affairs Case Number IA2009-0003

Re: Notice of Intent to Discipline

Officer Pressley,

You are hereby notified that I intend to terminate your employment from the City of Hollywood Police Department. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement conducted an investigative review supporting the findings of this investigation. Additionally, the Broward County State Attorney's Office has been monitoring this investigation in anticipation of prosecutorial review. This disciplinary action is being taken as a result of your violation(s) of Florida State Statutes, Departmental Rules/Regulations and Policies/Procedures governing employees of the Hollywood Police Department:

DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS PART C: RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT [11.01]

Chapter 3 Members Responsibilities

3.2 Aid, incite or Violate a Written Directive:

3.2.1 Members will not violate, aid, abet, nor incite another Member to violate the written directives of the Department or City.

3.2.2 Members will not be induced nor induce or attempt to induce another Member in the service of the City of Hollywood to commit an unlawful act, or to act in violation of Lawful and reasonable Departmental or Official Regulation or Order.

3.3 Conduct Unbecoming or Detrimental:

3.3.1 Members will conduct themselves, on or off-duty, in a manner that reflects favorably on the Department. Conduct that is unbecoming or detrimental includes, but is not limited to:

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3.3.2 Acts that could be considered "Good Moral Character" violations as defined by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission.

3.3.3 A Violation of Law.

3.3.4 A Violation of Written Directive.

3.14 Integrity:

3.14.1 Members will not knowingly make false accusations of Law, Criminal Ordinance or traffic violation. This provision will not prohibit the use of deception during criminal investigations or interrogations as permitted under Law.

3.14.2 Members will truthfully, completely and impartially report, testify and present evidence, including exculpatory evidence, in all matters of an official nature.

3.14.4 Members will not intentionally omit information, create false or inaccurate written reports, records or make false verbal statements.

3.28 Professional Compliance:

3.28.1 Members will properly perform the duties and assume the responsibilities of their positions. Failure to maintain professional compliance may be demonstrated by the following:

3.28.4 Failure to take appropriate action on the occasion of a crime, disorder, or any condition deserving Police attention...

FLORIDA STATE STATUTES

FSS 838.022 (1)(a) Official Misconduct

(1) It is unlawful for a public servant, with corrupt intent to obtain a benefit for any person or to cause harm to another, to:

(a) Falsify, or cause another person to falsify, any official record or official document...

FSS 837.02 Perjury

..., whoever makes a false statement, which he or she does not believe to be true, under oath in an official proceeding in regard to any material matter, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

FSS 837.06 False Official Statement

Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

RELEVANT FACTS

On or about February 16, 2009, you were dispatched to an Officer-Involved Traffic Crash (R3309-05072) at or near the 2800 block of Sheridan Street.

As the Accident Investigator/DUI Investigator on scene at the traffic crash, you and other Members of the Hollywood Police Department are accused of committing deliberate acts to shift the primary culpability for the cause of an accident involving vehicles operated by Officer Joel Francisco and Ms. Alexandra Torrens-Vilas on the above referenced date. This altering of facts continued when you completed the Probable Cause Affidavit supporting the arrest of Ms. Alexandra Torrens-Vilas, the issuance of Florida Uniform Traffic Citations to Ms. Alexandra Torrens-Vilas and when you provided testimony in a deposition on July 9, 2009 that contained the deliberate altered facts of the above referenced vehicle crash.

An investigative review of witness statements, Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Reports, Telephone Records, Crime Scene Investigation photographs, various Departmental reports, court-related documents and an Accident Reconstructionist Analysis revealed significant evidence that your actions or omissions as the Accident Investigator/DUI Investigator regarding this incident violated Florida State Statutes, as well as Departmental Rules/Regulations and Policies/Procedures of Hollywood Police Department employees.

Based on the findings of the aforementioned investigation, this document shall serve as notice of my intention to terminate your employment with the City of Hollywood Police Department.

Sincerely,



CHADWICK E. WAGNER
Chief of Police

cc: Cameron Benson, City Manager
Jeffrey Sheffel, City Attorney
Gail Reinfeld, Director of Human Resources
Louis Granteed, Assistant Police Chief
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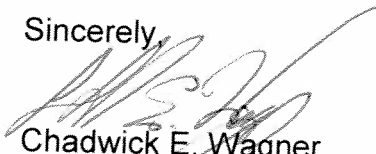
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Dear Officer Dewey Pressley:

Having been served with the notice of my intention to terminate your employment with the City of Hollywood, I have designated times on Thursday afternoon, January 7, 2010 and Friday afternoon, January 8, 2010 in which you and your counsel will have the opportunity to meet with me and discuss why the intended discipline should not be imposed. Please contact my assistant, Jeanne Piro at 954-967-4300, to schedule this Pre-Determination meeting during the above-referenced times provided. If you intend to waive this meeting opportunity, please indicate this as well by contacting my assistant.

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