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Franklin Police Merit Board

City of Franklin
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Dear Board Members:

In accordance with the Merit Commission's Rules and Regulations and having fulfilled my duties of conducting a departmental investigation, I find that Officer Bryan Burton was involved in inappropriate conduct while employed as a police officer by the City of Franklin. Officer Burton is a sworn officer having the duty to protect life and property, and by, at the very least, his inappropriate conduct reflects discredit upon himself and the Department, in violation of Rules and Regulations of the City of Franklin Police Department, to wit:

I formally charge Officer Bryan Burton with the following counts of violations of the Department's Rules and Regulations:

I. Violation of Professional Code of Conduct and Misuse of Resources

Detective Burton improperly entered time in Kronos

II. Conduct Unbecoming

Detective Burton improperly equipped a female informant, Maggie Rector, with an electronic audio/visual recording device by placing the equipment in a private area without requesting a female officer be present and/or install the equipment for him.

III. Conduct Unbecoming

Detective Burton engaged in inappropriate, sexually suggestive conversations with Morgan Ruyle.

IV. Conduct Unbecoming

Detective Burton engaged in inappropriate, sexually suggestive conversations Randi Cowan

V. Conduct Unbecoming – Consuming Alcohol While On Duty

Detective Mears said in his interview #1 he witnessed Burton drink alcohol while on duty and that he felt he violated SOP's. Detective Mears said in his interview #2 that he and Burton were involved in a drug investigation where they were in a vehicle waiting for a CI to make a buy. He said Burton left their observation point, went in and bought a beer in the liquor store and began drinking it. Mears said it was common for Burton to be consuming alcohol while doing deals.

VI. Conduct Unbecoming – Furnishing Alcohol To Minors

Randi Cowan, in her interview, said Detective Burton provided her with beer. Morgan Ruyle, in her interview, said she knew Burton would get Randi drunk. Detective Mears, in his interview #1, said he heard Burton would consume alcohol with and around Seth Wasson. Michael Duarte, in his statement, said Burton provided alcohol to him before he was twenty-one (21).

VII. Conduct Unbecoming – Failure To Report Vehicle Accident

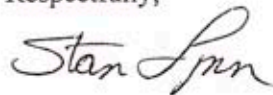
Reserve Officer Slightom, who was with Burton at the time of the accident, and the owner of the other vehicle, Melissa Smith, both stated Burton did not provide her with his information after the accident. Burton also failed to report the accident to the uniform OIC, or administrator on-call.

VIII. Violation Of Professional Code Of Conduct

In Burton's interview he was asked if a vehicle had been confiscated in a drug deal, but was not seized, was he allowed to use it? He replied, "No." He was asked if he had driven Daniel Glover's white Cadillac during an investigation even though it was not seized. He replied he did.

I formally submit the above violations to the merit board for disciplinary action.

Respectfully,



Stan Lynn
Chief of Police
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