



## City of Phoenix

**To:** Joseph G. Yahner  
Police Chief

**Date:** March 15, 2016

**From:** John Collins, Commander  
Professional Standards Bureau

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5-12-16*

**Subject:** INTERNAL INVESTIGATION – PSB15-0086

**Internal Investigators:** Lieutenant Steve Martos (Investigative Review)  
Sergeant Mark Kincannon (Primary Investigator)  
Sergeant William Schmidt (Secondary Investigator)

**Allegation #1:** On June 14, 2015, at approximately 5:11 p.m., Officers Anthony Deida #9242 and Jeannie Leonard #6330 displayed unprofessional conduct by cursing and issuing derogatory comments toward Mr. Levie Thomas during their investigation and Mr. Thomas' subsequent arrest.

**Findings:** Sustained

**Allegation #2:** On June 14, 2015, at approximately 5:11 p.m., Officer Anthony Deida #9242 neglected his duties as a Phoenix Police officer by failing to conduct a full and accurate investigation resulting in Mr. Levie Thomas receiving an additional aggravated assault charge.

**Findings:** Sustained

**Allegation #3:** On June 14, 2015, at approximately 5:11 p.m., Officer Anthony Deida #9242 used excessive force against Mr. Levie Thomas who was restrained by handcuffs and a RIPP restraint.

**Findings:** Unresolved

**Allegation #4:** On June 14, 2015, at approximately 5:11 p.m., Officer Jeannie Leonard #6330 forgot to wear her mandated Viewue PVR-LE2 during her contact with Mr. Levie Thomas.

**Findings:** Sustained

**Employee/s Involved:** Officer Anthony Deida #9242  
Maryvale Precinct / 82G Squad

Officer Jeannie Leonard #6330  
Maryvale Precinct / 82G Squad

**Complainant:** Department Initiated

**Attachments:** See Attachments Section

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**SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:**

On June 14, 2015, at approximately 5:11 p.m., Officer Anthony Deida #9242 and Officer Jeannie Leonard #6330 arrested Mr. Levie Thomas for domestic violence related charges while at [REDACTED]; he was compliant as he was handcuffed and placed in the rear prisoner compartment of the marked patrol vehicle. Officer Deida's Viewu camera captured Mr. Thomas being removed by the officers from the vehicle and restrained with a RIPP restraint. Both officers unsuccessfully attempted to place Mr. Thomas in the rear compartment prompting Officer Deida to enter the rear compartment to pull Mr. Thomas inside. The camera footage appeared to show Officer Deida striking Mr. Thomas with his right hand, delivering a knee strike, and then applying unnecessary pressure with his knee. Professional Standards Bureau (PSB) investigators could not determine Mr. Thomas' exact positioning in the rear compartment due to the positioning of the camera and the glare of the sun. The officers authored a departmental report containing inaccurate statements regarding the domestic violence criminal investigation. The camera captured inappropriate language and derogatory comments directed toward Mr. Thomas by both officers during their contact.

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