



City of Phoenix

To: Jack F. Harris
Public Safety Manager

Date: January 14, 2010

From: Blake A. McClelland
Professional Standards Division

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Subject: INTERNAL INVESTIGATION - PSB08-0156

Internal Investigators:

Commander Jeffery Hynes
Lieutenant Ben Henry (Investigative Review)
Sergeant Robert Griffin (Primary Investigator)
Sergeant Gabe Lopez (Interviews)
Sergeant Eric Pagone (Interviews)
Sergeant William Schmidt (Interviews)

Allegation #1:

On November 19, 2008, at approximately 8:30 a.m., Officer John Friday #7770 displayed unprofessional conduct when he stole approximately \$750 from the hotel room of a deceased person at 807 North 1st Street.

Findings:

Unresolved

Allegation #2:

Between June 1, 2008, and June 31, 2009, Officer John Friday #7770 neglected his duty when he failed to complete 22 departmental reports prior to the end of his shift/s, and failed to take/complete nine departmental reports, causing major impact to the department.

Findings:

Sustained

Allegation #3:

On August 4, 2009, Officer John Friday #7770 made false, incomplete, or misleading statements, or willful omissions during an internal investigation.

Findings:

Sustained

Employee/s Involved:

Officer John Friday #7770
Division: Patrol Operations South
Precinct: Central City
Squad: 51A
Schedule: 0530-1530 F,S,S

Date of Hire: 8-19-02

Complainant:

Department Initiated

Witness Employees:

See Witness Employee section

Civilian Witnesses:

See Civilian Witness section

Photographs:

See Photograph section

Departmental Reports:

See Departmental Report section

Attachments:

See Attachment section

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:

On November 19, 2008, Officer John Friday #7770 responded to a call of a dead body at the Coronado Hotel, 807 North 1st Street. The death appeared natural so the Office of the Medical Examiner (OME) was called to conduct the investigation. OME investigators took photographs of the hotel room and then removed the body. Officer Friday said he left the hotel room at that time and contacted his supervisor, Sergeant Gregory Stansberry #5854, so he could find out what should be done with the personal effects of the deceased. Officer Friday said he was instructed to take the identification and leave behind the personal effects for next of kin.

Officer Friday said when he returned to the hotel room, Mike Sinu, the manager, was inside cleaning, placing items in a garbage can. He said the identification and an unknown amount of cash that was on the bed was no longer there. Officer Friday said Mr. Sinu did not know where the identification was so he (Friday) searched through the garbage and found it. He said he did not inquire about the money with Sergeant Stansberry or Mr. Sinu because he did not "think about it at the time" and it was not "pertinent." According to Mr. Sinu, Officer Friday removed a pair of pants from the garbage and showed him money that he found in the pants pocket. Mr. Sinu said Officer Friday counted out \$750 and placed it in one of his pockets. Officer Friday denied that he stole any money from the hotel room. A criminal investigation was conducted but since there were no witnesses, physical evidence, or admission from Officer Friday that he took the money, the case was documented only by memorandum.

Between June 1, 2008, and June 31, 2009, PSB investigators determined that Officer Friday failed to complete 22 departmental reports by the end of his assigned shifts. During this same

time frame, Officer Friday failed to take/complete nine departmental reports on radio calls he was assigned. One of these calls was a sexual abuse of a 17-year-old female at a school. A criminal investigation was conducted for Officer Friday's failure to report a sexual abuse, a class 6 felony. The case was submitted for review to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office but was turned down by prosecutors, citing no likelihood of conviction. Furthermore, during the internal investigation, Officer Friday made untruthful statements regarding two incidents where he failed to take a departmental report.

Based on a lack of independent witnesses, the allegation that Officer Friday stole money from the hotel room is unresolved. Officer Friday failed to complete 22 departmental reports prior to the end of his shifts, and failed to take/complete nine departmental reports so the allegation of neglect of duty is sustained. Officer Friday made untruthful statements during an internal investigation, so the allegation is sustained.

