



City of Phoenix

To: Joseph G. Yahner
Executive Assistant Police Chief

Date: March 23, 2011

From: Blake A. McClelland, Assistant Chief *BAM*
Professional Standards Division

Subject: **INTERNAL INVESTIGATION - PSB 10-0116**

Internal Investigators:

Commander Dave Harvey
Lieutenant John Collins (Investigative Review)
Sergeant Crista McCarthy (Primary Investigator)
Sergeant Daren Wunderle (Interviews)

Allegation #1:

During the months of February through September 2010, Detective Sarah Gasper # 6703 entered false information into 20 departmental reports.

Findings:

Sustained

Employee/s Involved:

Detective Sarah Gasper # 6703
Division: Patrol Division North
Precinct: Cactus Park Precinct
Squad: 92B
Schedule: 0530-1530 W/Th/Fr
Date of Hire: 08/11/1997

Complainant:

Department Initiated

Witness Employees:

None

Civilian Witnesses:

None

Diagrams:

None

Photographs:

None

Attachments:

See Attachments Section

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:

During the months of February through September 2010, Detective Sarah Gasper entered false information into 20 supplemental reports she authored in the course of her duties as a case carrying Domestic Violence Unit Detective. These reports were assigned to Detective Gasper for follow up and cover various crimes such as aggravated assault, assault, criminal damage, interfering with judicial proceedings and custodial interference. Out of the 20 false reports; two supplemental reports list that she contacted the involved subjects, however, the involved subjects claim they were never contacted; 16 list that records checks were conducted on one or more parties, and PPD Computer Services records and DPS Access Integrity Unit records reflect that no record checks were completed; and two reports have both records check and contact with involved party conflicts.

Detective Gasper was assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit beginning January 2010 and had been a case carrying detective in the Child Crimes Unit prior to this transfer. The data/reports reviewed in this investigation are only a fraction of the reports assigned. Between January 1, 2010 and September 30, 2010, Detective Gasper was assigned 484 cases, 32 cases were reviewed for this investigation.

Detective Gasper acknowledged that it was her responsibility to be complete and accurate in her documentation and report writing, however, said due to a great deal of personal stress, she was unable to completely focus on her work. Detective Gasper was unable to provide any further explanation for the inaccurate reports.

The allegation that Detective Gasper made false reports or entered false information into 20 Departmental reports is sustained.

