

Discovery Review: Y N

Dishonesty, integrity, bias, moral turpitude

Reviewed by: SOH BAPL

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City of Phoenix

To: Jack F. Harris
Public Safety Manager

Date: March 9, 2009

From: James A. Piña, Assistant Chief
Professional Standards Division

Subject: INTERNAL INVESTIGATION - PSB09-0012

Internal Investigators:

Commander Kim R. Humphrey (Investigative Review)
Lieutenant Joseph E. Tomory (Investigative Review)
Sergeant Matthew L. Siekmann (Primary Investigator)
Sergeant Kenneth E. Mentzer (Interviews)

Allegation #1:

On February 3, 2009, at approximately 11:30 a.m., Officer Alvin Jackson #3743 and Officer Marysol Larrison #7827 engaged in unprofessional conduct by committing an act which constituted the misdemeanor offense of Theft (A.R.S. § 13-1802.A.1 and A.R.S. § 13-1802.A.4). The Theft occurred while on-duty during their investigation of an open door call for service and involved the removal of forty-four baseball cards from a foreclosed residential home at 1242 East Almeria Road.

Findings:

Sustained

Employee/s Involved:

- 1) Officer Alvin L. Jackson #3743
 Division: Patrol Operations South
 Precinct: Central City Precinct
 Squad: 52A
 Schedule: 5:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. SSM
 Date of Hire: October 15, 1979

- 2) Officer Marysol O. Larrison #7827
 Division: Patrol Operations South
 Precinct: Central City Precinct
 Squad: 52A
 Schedule: 5:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. SSM
 Date of Hire: December 2, 2002

Complainant:

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Witness Employee:

Officer Mark J. Crozier #4489
Division: Patrol Operations South
Precinct: Central City Precinct
Squad: 52A
Schedule: 5:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. SSM

Civilian Witnesses:

- 1) Ms. Amalis Pourarin (Trustee Elite Premier)
- 2) Mr. David Cole (Property Custodian)
- 3) Mr. David Smith (Owner of Dave's Card Shop)

Attachments:

See Attachment section

Summary of the Investigation:

On February 3, 2009, at 11:53 a.m., Officer Alvin Jackson #3743 and Officer Marysol Larrison #7827 were on duty, in full police uniform, when they were dispatched on an open door radio call at 1242 East Almeria Road. The caller reported a back door of the foreclosed property appeared to have been kicked open by unknown persons. Officer Mark Crozier #4489 also responded on the open door call.

After Officer Jackson and Officer Larrison searched the interior of the residence, they discovered sixty vintage baseball cards glued to a door in the bedroom. Officer Jackson and Officer Larrison discussed the value before removing forty-four of the baseball cards from the door using their pocket knives. This conduct was witnessed by Officer Crozier, who informed his supervisor of the unlawful actions of Officer Jackson and Officer Larrison on February 5, 2009.

PSB investigators conducted interviews with Officer Jackson and Officer Larrison who admitted to the theft of the baseball cards. Officers Jackson and Larrison told investigators that they removed the forty-four baseball cards from the residence believing the baseball cards were valuable. Officers Jackson and Larrison admitted to checking the monetary value of the baseball cards that same day they removed them from the house. Officer Larrison stated she probably would have sold the baseball cards on eBay if their value was higher, and openly discussed the sale of the baseball cards on eBay with Officer Jackson.

PSB investigators contacted the trustee for the property who declined prosecution since there was not supposed to be any personal property inside the residence.

The allegations that Officer Jackson and Officer Larrison converted property they acquired on-duty to their own use is sustained.

