



Professional Standards Bureau
Discovery Review: Y N
Dishonesty, integrity, bias, moral turpitude
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To: Jack F. Harris
Public Safety Manager

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From: M. L. (Andy) Anderson, Assistant Chief
Professional Standards Division

Subject: INTERNAL INVESTIGATION PSB06-45

Internal Investigators:

Commander George Richards (Investigative Review)
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Sergeant Ben Leuschner (Primary Investigator)
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Allegation #1:

Between August 6, 2003, and April 27, 2006,
Communications Operator Mary Wooten #A3246
conducted CAD/DPS inquiries for personal use on 15
separate occasions in order to check information
related to her boyfriend.

Findings:

Sustained

Allegation #2:

On March 5, 2005, Officer Garrick Ward #6106
conducted a CAD/DPS inquiry for personal use on a
social acquaintance and her father.

Findings:

Sustained

Employees Involved:

Mary Wooten #A3246
Division: Technical Services
Bureau: Communications
Squad: B61
Hours: 0700-1500
N-Days: SS
Date of Hire: 2/3/92

Employees Involved (cont):

Officer Garrick Ward #6106
Division: Patrol Support
Bureau: Traffic
Squad: T28
Hours: Days
N-Days: SS
Date of Hire: 5/11/94

Complainant:

Department Initiated.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:

Between August of 2003 and April of 2006, Communications Operator Mary Wooten #A3246 worked at the Communications Bureau at 100 East Elwood Street in her capacity as a 9-1-1 operator and radio dispatcher. During this time frame, she ran the license plates and driver licenses of her boyfriend (Officer Garrick Ward #6106), his wife, and his new girlfriend. An off-line DPS audit revealed that the total number of improper inquiries was fifteen (15). Ms. Wooten was forthright about her actions and acknowledged that she was wrong for having run this information. In the course of this investigation, Ms. Wooten alleged that Officer Ward also ran his new girlfriend and his girlfriend's father for personal use. Another DPS/PACE audit revealed that Officer Ward did run these citizens. Although he attempted to justify his actions as being official because he met his girlfriend while working off-duty, the investigation has determined that Officer Ward knew his girlfriend at the time that he ran her, both on a personal and social level. The allegations of using the CAD/DPS system for personal use are sustained on both Mary Wooten and Officer Ward.

