

Annual Major Discipline Reporting Form
Internal Affairs Policy & Procedures | Appendix L

Pursuant to Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive No. 2022-14, every state, county, and local law enforcement agency in New Jersey is required to submit to the Attorney General and the County Prosecutor, and publish on the agency's public website, a brief synopsis of all complaints where a termination, reduction in rank or grade, and/or suspension of more than five days, as well as sustained

Time period
County
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January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023
Passaic
Passaic Co Sheriffs Dept

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No.	Disciplined Officer			Sanction			Resigned, retired, or transferred	Specify other sanction type, if applicable	Sustained Charge	Synopsis	
	Rank	First Name	Last Name	Terminated	Demoted	Suspended?				Description	
1	Sgt.	Brian	Weitzman	No	No	No	Yes		2c:20-3A	On or about February 19, 2022, Officer Weitzman unlawfully took another person's cell phone while on duty. Officer Weitzman entered PFI without a plea and forfeited his position in law enforcement by N.J.S.A. 2C:51-2. On April 1, 2023, 31-B (Final Notice of Disciplinary Action) and 31-C (Final Notice Of Disciplinary Action For Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Removal) were served on Mr. Weitzman documenting forfeiture.	
2	CPO	Ryan	Rios	No	No	Yes	60	No	4A:2-2.3(a) Conduct Unbecoming a Public Employee, 4A:2-3(a)(1) 1.4 Failure to recognize and satisfy duties negatively affects the department, 4A:2-2.3 (a) 1.1.16 Conduct unbecoming of good order and the discipline of the department, 4A:2-2.3(A)	On October 8, 2021, Bedminster Police reported Officer Rios attempted to report "D.C." to the police for harassment but repeatedly denied knowing "D.C." even after Bedminster Police found documentation showing they were husband and wife. Officer Rios then reported his car as stolen, the Bedminster police searched and found that the car was registered only to "D.C." Officer Rios was untruthful in his interview during the investigation.	
3	CPO	Ryan	Rios	No	No	Yes	10	No	4A:2-2.3(a) 4. Chronic or excessive absenteeism or lateness, 4A:2-2.3(a) 1.1.7 Excessive Absenteeism, 4A:2-2.3 (a) 1.1.15	March 31, 2023, a Final Notice of Disciplinary Action (31-B) and a 10-day suspension, was sent certified to Officer Rios. The cause for suspension was excessive and patterned absenteeism	
4	CPO	Marqus	Morel	No	No	Yes		Yes	4A:2-2.3(a) Truthfulness	While assigned to the booking area at Passaic County Jail, CPO Morel was advised of a complaint of pain while booking an inmate. CPO morel failed to take proper steps to assist and document the complaint and later was untruthful about being advised of this complaint during his interview with Internal Affairs. Correctional Police Officer Morel resigned from the department effective July 2023.	
5	Officer	Matthew	Baskinger	No	No	No		Yes	Attorney General Guidelines Core Principle 2 - Force as a Last Resort and Duty to De-escalate, 2.3 Force as a last resort, 2.3 De-escalation, 2.3 Warning and opportunity to comply, Core Principle 3 - Duty to Use	In August of 2022 Officer Baskinger, while assigned to the Patrol Division violated several use-of-force core principles in the attempt to arrest a suspect wanted in a stolen motor vehicle investigation. In the course of attempting to gain control of the subject Officer Baskinger struck the subject in the head several times with a closed fist. Officer Baskinger resigned from the Department effective August 2023.	
6	Officer	Mujahed	Deeb	No	No	Yes	1	No	Core Principle 2- Force as a Last Resort and Duty to De-escalate, 2.2 Prohibitions on certain force, 2.3 De-escalation, Y1. Unauthorized Uses of Conducted Energy Devices, VII. Deployment Technique	In August of 2022 Officer Deeb, while assigned to the Patrol Division violated several use-of-force core principles in the attempt to arrest a suspect wanted in a stolen motor vehicle investigation. Officer Deeb also violated policies related to the deployment of his department issued Conducted Energy Device during the arrest. During the deployment Officer Deeb mishandled the device, he dropped it exposing risk to himself and the other officers involved. Once the subject was placed in handcuffs Officer Deeb continued threats to use the device.	
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For Sustained Charge(s), regardless of the type or severity of discipline imposed, please use A SHORT HAND description like the below, rather than a statute or ordinance:

- **Discrimination or bias:** Discrimination or Bias against any person b/c of the individual's actual or perceived race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, genetic information, sex, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality, familial status, or any other protected characteristic under N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.
- **Excessive Force:** Officer utilized excessive force
- **Untruthful/Candor:** Officer was untruthful or has demonstrated a lack of candor
- **False Report:** Officer has filed a false report or submitted a false certification in any criminal, administrative, employment, financial, or insurance matter in their professional or personal life
- **Improper Search, Seizure, Arrest:** Officer intentionally conducted an improper search, seizure or arrest
- **Evidence Mishandling:** Officer intentionally mishandled or destroyed evidence
- **Domestic Violence:** Domestic violence, as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:25-19
- **Indictable Offense:** Officer was charged with any indictable crime under New Jersey or an equivalent offense under federal law or the law of another jurisdiction related to the complaint

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