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Sedgwick County Sheriff's Civil Service Board
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SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2023

Members: Julia Craft, Chair
Sheryl Wohlford, Vice Chair
Jessica Beck
Alma Ann Jones
Roosevelt DeShazer - absent

Also Present: Milo Unruh, Board Attorney
Sheriff Jeff Easter
Laura Oblinger, Sheriff's Attorney
Captain Keith Allen
Captain Benjamin Blick
Lieutenant Tim Myers
Lieutenant Jason Gill, Grievant
Dorsha Kirksey, Civil Service Officer
Ariann Cooper, Employee Relations Specialist
Sheena Schmutz, Chief Human Resources Officer
Lynda Baker, County Manager's Office

I. Call Meeting to Order.

The July 12, 2023 meeting of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Civil Service Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Julia Craft, Chair.

II. Approve Minutes of April 19, 2023.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jessica Beck, seconded by Sheryl Wohlford. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Grievance Hearing for Lieutenant Jason Gill.

Lieutenant Jason Gill, the Grievant, represented himself and gave an opening statement. Laura Oblinger, representing the Sheriff's Office, gave an opening statement. The grievant testified on his own behalf and had no other witnesses. Laura Oblinger, Sheriff's Attorney, submitted into evidence Lieutenant Gill's suspension letter as Exhibit 1.

Ms. Oblinger called Captain Keith Allen as a witness and submitted into evidence Exhibit 2, Lieutenant Gill's Incident Report for Coaching; Exhibit 3, Lieutenant Gill's Performance Improvement Plan (PIP); Exhibit 4, General Order 26.3-Administrative Investigations; and Exhibit 5, General Order 41.2, flagging Item L on pursuits and pursuit reviews. Ms. Oblinger called Captain Benjamin Blick as a witness and submitted into evidence Exhibit 6, Captain Blick's email correspondence with Lieutenant Tim Myers regarding the number of blue teams assigned to Lieutenant Gill. Ms. Oblinger called Lieutenant Tim Myers as a witness regarding his fact-finding role in the Professional Standards Unit. Ms. Oblinger called Sheriff Jeff Easter as witnesses and explained his expectations of Sergeants and Lieutenants and how the 5-day suspension due to the 4 different violations was warranted for Lieutenant Gill. Both parties gave closing statements. The Board went into Executive Session at 11:55 a.m. and returned at 12:23 p.m.

The Board upheld the Sheriff's decision of suspension without pay for five shifts by a unanimous vote.

IV. Other business.

V. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting:

July 19, 2023

9:00 A.M.

Ark Valley Conference Room

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