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January 25, 2022

Personnel Order #02-2024

TO: Deputy Hope Meiberg  
FROM: Major Doug Cochran   
SUBJECT: Notice of Leave with Pay until further notice

This is to inform you that, effective immediately, you are placed on leave with pay, pending an Internal Affairs investigation into a complaint that you used excessive force on a individual that was in custody on 1/20/24.

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*30 Dec*  
January 31, 2024

TO: Deputy Hope Meiberg, UPD

FROM: Major Doug Cochran

SUBJECT: I/A Investigation # 24-002

This is to inform you on the findings of I/A#24-002 which goes back to case IC24-01-197. *198*

Employee is in violation of General Order #4.62 (c) Conductive Energy Weapons (Taser)

Employee is in violation of General Order #4.44 (E)

EXPLANATION: Refer to I/A 24-002

Is offense a violation of Policy, Rules and Regulations? (YES)

Has employee been made aware of Policy, Rules and Regulations? (YES)

EMPLOYEE COMMENTS:

### Conclusion

Taken into consideration that you were automatically disqualified for the Dare School, because of the pending I/A, you will be suspended for 1 day without pay and required along with other employees to attend refresher departmental training for Use of Force and Use of Conductive Energy Weapons in the near future.

You have 10 calendar days from 1-30-24 to appeal this finding with Sheriff Jarrard. Failure to respond to the Sheriff will result in a waiver of all further appeal rights

Supervisor *Megan De Cuda 2:00 PM* Employee *Refused to Sign*  
My signature is acknowledgement I received a copy of this notice of findings

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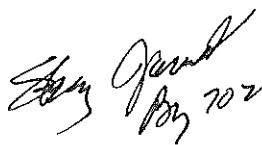
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February 7, 2024

TO: Deputy Hope Meiberg

From: Sheriff Stacy Jarrard



Subject: Your appeal process of I/A 24-002

As a result of our meeting this date, after review of all the tapes and evidence that were part of your investigation. I have decided that you will not be suspended without pay, but will receive additional training along with other employees that were at the scene and also all other employees in UPD and Detention will receive the refresher training. This form will not go into your personnel file, but will remain within the I/A file.

## CASE DISPOSITION

**UNFOUNDED:** \_\_\_\_\_

THE INVESTIGATION INDICATED THE ACT COMPLAINED OF DID NOT OCCUR OR INVOLVE OUR DEPARTMENT

**EXONERATED:** \_\_\_\_\_

ACTS DID OCCUR, BUT WERE JUSTIFIED, LAWFULLY AND PROPER

**NOT SUSTAINED** \_\_\_\_\_

INVESTIGATION FAILS TO DISCOVER SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO CLEARLY PROVE OR DISPROVE THE ALLEGATIONS MADE IN THE COMPLAINT

**SUSTAINED:** X

THE INVESTIGATION DOES DISCLOSE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO CLEARLY PROVE THE ALLEGATIONS MADE IN THE COMPLAINT

### FINDINGS / RECOMMENDATIONS:

*(Findings)*

- 1.) **DEPUTY HOPE MEIBURG WAS FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF GENERAL ORDERS 4.62C Conductive Energy Weapons (Taser) AND Use of Force 4.44E.**
  - Deputy Meiburg by Her words and actions escalated this incident.
  - Deputy Meiburg unnecessarily injected Herself into this incident (while there were already plenty of Officers present to handle the situation).