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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF CONFORMANCE TO LAWS,

DEPARTMENT RECORDS AND CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER, ON THE PART OF TFC JIMMY ROGERS,

TROOP D

CASE #: 15-031

COMPLAINT SUMMARY

On October 8, 2015, Internal Affairs began an investigation into allegations that TFC Jimmy Rogers may have written citations on regular duty, and claimed that he wrote them on Local Agency Compensation Enforcement (LACE) overtime details.

As instructed by Col. Michael Edmonson, an administrative investigation was conducted into the allegations of Conformance to Laws, Department Records and Conduct Unbecoming an Officer on the part of TFC Jimmy Rogers.

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

On September 28, 2015, TFC Rogers was interviewed by investigators regarding a variety of potential policy violations committed by troopers at Troop D. One of the issues addressed in the interview pertained to improprieties while working LACE overtime details. All troopers at Troop D were questioned about this. During TFC Rogers interview, he denied that he had ever written citations on regular duty and claimed that he wrote them on LACE overtime. He also denied altering or falsifying dates/times on his citations for any reason, but related that there were times when he forgot to fill out information on a citation and had to go back and complete it. However, TFC Rogers said he has never intentionally falsified or altered a date or time on a citation. He also denied that he had ever claimed LACE overtime without actually working it.

Investigators conducted a review of TFC Rogers' 2015 LACE overtime, by comparing the accuracy of the dates and times listed on the LACE citations with the Mobile Video Recording (MVR) videos of the traffic stops and LLETS inquiries conducted by TFC Rogers on his Mobile Data Terminal (MDT).

After a review of TFC Rogers' 2015 LACE detail citations, it was discovered that on 15 days that TFC Rogers worked LACE details, he falsified 40 LACE citations by writing the wrong times on the citation. It was apparent that on the last two or three citations written on each LACE detail, TFC Rogers would claim that the violation occurred later than it actually had. The falsified times on the citations were between 23 minutes and three hours and 49 minutes past the actual time of the traffic stop. This gave the appearance that the citations were written throughout the course of the detail, instead of compressed in the first few hours of the detail.

Investigators used the MVR recordings from TFC Rogers unit to verify the accuracy of the dates and times on the citations. Additionally, it was discovered that whenever TFC Rogers falsified times on the citations, he failed to notify Troop D dispatch of the traffic stops. This was in direct contradiction to the traffic stops which he placed the proper time on the citations and notified Troop D dispatch.

Investigators then expanded the review of TFC Rogers' LACE activities to include 2013 and 2014. However, before reviewing those years, TFC Rogers resigned from the Louisiana State Police, effective November 6, 2015. The administrative investigation was then terminated.