

Delaware Criminal Justice Council

11 Del. C. §9210 Authorized Disclosures

Agency Information

Law Enforcement Agency: Bethany Beach PD

Date of Incident: 1/26/2024

Incident Details

Law Enforcement Officer has discharged a firearm at a person. Yes | No

Law Enforcement Officer's use of force that results in serious physical injury. Yes | No

An investigation that results in a sustained finding that a Law Enforcement Officer engaged in a sexual assault or sexual harassment. For purposes of this paragraph, "sexual assault" means the commission or attempted initiation of a sexual act by means of force, threat, coercion, extortion, or offer or implication of leniency or official favor, under the color of authority. Propositioning sex or commission of a sexual act while an officer is on duty is deemed a "sexual assault." Yes | No

An investigation that results in a sustained finding that a Law Enforcement Officer engaged in dishonest conduct. This includes, but is not limited to sustained findings of perjury, false statements, filing false reports, witness tampering, and destruction, falsification, or concealment of evidence. Yes | No

A sustained finding of domestic violence by a Law Enforcement Officer. Yes | No

Detailed Narrative

Please include a detailed narrative of the incident. A "detailed narrative" means a complete description of the facts, steps taken to further an investigation, evidence collected, conclusions reached, the names of officers involved for whom misconduct was substantiated, any discipline assigned in connection with the event, and the employment status of disciplined officers. 11 Del. C. § 9200(b)(1).

The detailed narrative may not reveal the name or any personal identifying information of a victim or witness. In a domestic violence case where revealing the name of the officer would also allow identification of the victim, the officer's name may be redacted.

The Criminal Justice Council shall post the narratives they receive under this paragraph on their website within 30 calendar days of receipt.

I. **Complete Description of the Facts:** Chief Michael Redmon and Captain Darin Cathell were terminated by the Town of Bethany Beach Administration on January 26, 2024. An investigation was conducted through the Town, which found the 2 administrative officers to be involved with misuse of federal and state funds. The Town immediately notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who is actively investigating the case.

II. **Investigatory Steps:** The Town Manager's Office relayed the findings to the Town Solicitor. The matter was immediately referred to the FBI for investigative reasons, at their request. This is an active investigation.

III. **Evidence Collected:** Overtime sheets, payroll, and other administrative documents.

IV. **Conclusions Reached:** Chief Michael Redmon and Captain Darin Cathell were found to have misused federal and state funds, specifically regarding the use of overtime through allocated grants. All sworn PD personnel were interviewed, which further discovered this was an isolated occurrence to the 2 administrative officers mentioned.

V. **The names of officers involved for whom misconduct was substantiated:** Chief Michael Redmon & Captain Darin Cathell.

VI. **Any Discipline Assigned in Connection with the Incident:** Both administrative officers were terminated by Town Administration.

VII. **The Employment Status of Disciplined Officers:** Terminated.