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Mr. Christian Kervick
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Dear Mr. Kervick:

The enclosed document is the Delaware Criminal Justice Council 11 Del. C §9210 Authorized Disclosures for the investigation involving Delaware State Police Cpl Michael R. Joie and TFC Ryan A. Jones.

The Department of Justice concluded their investigation and notified Delaware State Police on Thursday December 15, 2025.

Sincerely,

Colonel William D. Crotty
Superintendent

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Delaware Criminal Justice Council

11 Del. C. §9210 Authorized Disclosures

Agency Information

Law Enforcement Agency: Delaware State Police

Date of Incident: December 29, 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:

On Sunday, December 29, 2024, TFC Ryan Jones (DSP2-Patrol) initiated a motor vehicle pursuit on a stolen motor vehicle. Approximately three minutes into the pursuit, the suspect vehicle disregarded a red traffic control signal at the intersection of N. Dupont Highway and School Lane, New Castle, Delaware. As a result, the suspect vehicle struck another vehicle, and the operator exited the vehicle and fled on foot.

At the same time, TFC. Jones patrol vehicle was several feet behind the fleeing vehicle. After the suspect's vehicle came to rest, TFC. Jones attempted to place his patrol vehicle in "Park" prior to exiting the vehicle, however, his patrol vehicle remained in "Drive." Moments later after he exited his vehicle, TFC Jones' vehicle slowly traveled forward and came to rest after striking the rear of Cpl. Joie's (DSP2-Patrol) patrol vehicle, which was positioned directly in front of TFC Jones' vehicle. The low-impact collision resulted in minor damage to both patrol vehicles.

After the suspects were apprehended and secured, TFC Jones observed his vehicle had traveled into the rear bumper of Cpl. Joie's patrol vehicle. Moments later, TFC Jones entered his vehicle and backed it away from Cpl. Joie's patrol vehicle. As the on-scene investigation continued, both Cpl. Joie and TFC Jones are observed on Mobile Video Recording (MVR), later with the use of a flashlight, inspecting the rear hatch / liftgate (Cpl. Joie's patrol vehicle) then the right front bumper of TFC Jones' patrol vehicle. Both troopers' attention appeared drawn to the location / area where the contact damage occurred. After their inspection, the phrases "hundred thousand miles," "never happened," and "nope" were captured on MVR. After departing the scene, TFC Jones responded to Troop 2 and completed paperwork at which time he viewed the video of the incident.

Shortly after arriving on January 1, 2025, TFC Jones contacted his shift assistant. TFC Jones reported to the shift assistant that his vehicle drifted into Cpl. Joie's vehicle on Sunday night but did not cause damage to either vehicle. TFC Jones testified that he believed his statements to be true at the time. He said he would have reported damage if he knew of it. The shift assistant told TFC Jones a report was unnecessary in the absence of damage.

On January 2, 2025, a review of TFC Jones' pursuit was conducted by his first line supervisor and it was observed that TFC Jones unoccupied vehicle traveled into the rear of Cpl. Joie's patrol vehicle. TFC Jones' Sergeant called TFC Jones while he was on a traffic stop. She asked him if he was aware of the collision, and he responded that he was aware of the collision from watching the video and that he reported to the shift assistant the previous day. TFC Jones communicated to his Sergeant, based on the information he shared with the shift assistant, he was advised that a report would not be needed due to there being no damage.

Soon after, Cpl. Joie was contacted by the Sergeant, and she inquired about the damage observed to the rear tailgate / hatch of his vehicle. In response, Cpl. Joie stated he discovered the damage earlier in the day, January 2, 2025, and it was his intent to report the damage to his supervisor during the evening shift. Cpl. Joie stated he did observe scuff marks to the rear of his vehicle on the night of the incident but did not see the dent until earlier in the day on January 2, 2025. During questioning, Cpl. Joie denied seeing the dent during a daylight SORT operation on December 30, 2024, or a daylight death investigation that occurred on January 1, 2025.

On January 5, 2025, the Sergeant completed the review of the videos associated with the incident and heard the discussion between Cpl. Joie and TFC Jones in which the phrases “hundred thousand miles,” “never happened,” and “nope” were captured on MVR.

II. Investigatory Steps:

An internal administrative investigation was conducted which included a review of available video evidence, witness interviews and associated LEISS reports.

III. Evidence Collected:

Body worn and in-car camera footage, recorded witness interviews, and associated LEISS reports.

IV. Conclusions Reached:

On April 30, 2025, a Divisional Trial Board was held against Cpl. Michael Joie and TFC Ryan Jones in which they were each charged with one count of violation of Rule and Regulation #1 (Compliance with Laws, Rules, Regulations, Orders) and one count of violation of Rule and Regulation #15 (False Statement).

At the conclusion of the Trial Board, the following recommendations were made:

Cpl. Michael Joie:

Rules and Regulations #1 (Compliance with Laws, Rules, Regulations, Orders) - 8 hours with the option to forfeit accrued leave time

Rules and Regulations #15 (False Statement) - Termination

TFC Ryan Jones:

Rules and Regulations #1 (Compliance with Laws, Rules, Regulations, Orders) - 8 hours with the option to forfeit accrued leave time

Rules and Regulations #15 (False Statement) - Termination

Effective June 10, 2025, Cpl. Michael Joie and TFC Ryan Jones were suspended with pay and benefits.

On October 1, 2025, Colonel Crotty upheld the Trial Board’s recommendation to Terminate. Effective that day, both Cpl. Michael Joie and TFC Ryan Jones’ employment status was changed to suspended without pay and benefits with the intent to terminate.

On October 9, 2025, Cpl. Michael Joie and TFC Ryan Jones appealed their termination to the Department of Safety and Homeland Security Secretary Joshua Bushweller. On November 20, 2025, an appeal hearing was held before Secretary Bushweller.

On December 8, 2025, Secretary Bushweller upheld the termination of Cpl. Michael Joie and TFC Ryan Jones.

V. The names of officers involved for whom misconduct was substantiated:

Cpl. Michael Joie was substantiated for the following violations of Delaware State Police Policy:

Rules and Regulations #1 (Compliance with Laws, Rules, Regulations, Orders)

Rules and Regulations #15 (False Statement)

TFC Ryan Jones was substantiated for the following violations of Delaware State Police Policy:

Rules and Regulations #1 (Compliance with Laws, Rules, Regulations, Orders)

Rules and Regulations #15 (False Statement)

VI. Any Discipline Assigned in Connection with the Incident:

On October 1, 2025, Colonel Crotty upheld the Trial Board's recommendation to Terminate. Effective immediately, both Cpl. Michael Joie and TFC Ryan Jones' employment status was changed to suspended without pay and benefits with the intent to terminate.

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VII. The Employment Status of Disciplined Officers:

Terminated