

October 28, 2008

Senior Patrolman [REDACTED]
Little Compton Police Department
60 Simmons Road
Little Compton, RI 02837

Ref: Internal Investigation; theft of department equipment

Patrolman [REDACTED]

On October 27, 2008 Lt. Antone Marion III; submitted a memo and attached documentation to me, concerning departmental issued equipment which was your responsibility to maintain and assure for its safe keeping, which had been stolen from your person vehicle in Portsmouth, RI.

Synopsis of facts as determined by Lt Antone Marion; Internal investigating officer:

On October 21, 2008 at approximately 1200hrs you reported to Chief Wordell via cell phone that your loaded service weapon along with ballistic vest, uniforms, badge, sam brown duty belt and all supporting equipment were stolen from your vehicle which was parked in your doorway.

You explained your equipment had been placed in your vehicle the night before after having been called for an overtime shift. After consulting with your wife you realized you were not able to fill the open shift and called the department to cancel from the shift.

Subsequently you forgot about the equipment in your vehicle and failed to secure your duty weapon and previously noted equipment, allowing them to be in your unlocked vehicle in the driveway of your home from approximately 1730hrs on October 20th until 1200hrs on October 22nd.

Based on the reports submitted by you and Lt. Marion, I find that you acted negligently and failed to take proper care of your assigned equipment which resulted in your loaded service weapon and ammo being stolen.

I find that you have violated the Policies and Procedures of the Little Compton Police Department under:

Firearms: subsection 7;

“All officers will be responsible for the safe handling of their firearms at all times and must properly secure their firearms when they are not under their direct control.”

Disciplinary Action:

Under the provisions of 42-28.6-13. I am imposing a suspension for four (4) days, without pay.

A six (6) month probationary status effective October 28, 2008

A twelve (12) month departmental evaluation and if satisfactory with no other incidents, this report will be removed from your permanent personnel file.

Sidney Wordell
Chief of Police

Received: _____ Date _____

Witnessed: _____ Date _____

Cc: 

March 29, 2012

Sergeant [REDACTED]
Little Compton Police Department
60 Simmons Road
Little Compton, RI 02837

Ref: Internal Investigation; Improper use of Official Position
[REDACTED]

On March 12, 2012 I received an email from your wife, [REDACTED] in which she makes a claim that you have used your position as a police officer to obtain information which would not otherwise be available to the public. "running plates of cars parked outside my house."

Synopsis of facts as determined by Lt Antone Marion; Internal investigating officer:

Lt. Marion acknowledged that you and your wife have had a strained marriage for a number of years. Your wife filed for divorce sometime in January 2011 and subsequently moved out of the residence taking both of your children with her. You have indicated "it was an emotional time for all of us" as noted in your memo concerning this investigation.

You indicated that at some point during this time you had noticed email correspondences between your wife and an individual named [REDACTED]. You further stated that you were unsure of their relationship however you were concerned if this individual had been introduced to your children. You stated you used a public search engine "Google" to research this individual where you then learned his last name.

You then used departmental equipment, specifically "Cross Agency Checks" to query if any other department had contact with this individual. You have acknowledged that this was a violation of Department Policy and the RILETS User Agreement. You indicated you did not act upon this information and did not divulge it to anyone else.

Based on the reports submitted by you and Lt. Marion, I find that you acted unprofessionally and violated **The RILETS User Rules of Behavior**, specifically subsection 2: "I acknowledge my responsibility to use the network only for official law enforcement business".

Disciplinary Action:

Under the provisions of 42-28.6-13. I am imposing a suspension for four (3) days, without pay.

A six (6) month probationary status effective March 29, 2012

A twelve (12) month departmental evaluation and if satisfactory with no other incidents, this report will be removed from your permanent personnel file.

Retraining and certification on RILETS User Rules of Behavior.

Sidney Wordell
Chief of Police

Received: _____ Date _____

Witnessed: _____ Date _____

Cc: 