



EXCELLENCE IN POLICING INITIATIVE

Major Discipline Reporting

June 15, 2020 to December 31, 2020

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Major Discipline Reporting

June 15, 2020- December 31, 2020

AG Directive 2021-6 required all New Jersey law enforcement agencies to submit to the Attorney General their first "Major Discipline Reporting Form," which covered discipline imposed between June 15, 2020 and December 31, 2020. "Major discipline" is defined as terminations, reductions in rank, or suspension of more than five days.

Below is a listing of the reported major discipline for the second half of 2020, as reported by September 2, 2021 at 10:00am.

Agencies Without Major Discipline

Atlantic

Absecon City Police
Atlantic City Police
Atlantic County Sheriff's Office
Brigantine Police
Egg Harbor City Police
Egg Harbor Twp Police

Galloway Twp Police
Hamilton Twp Police
Hammonton Twp Police
Linwood City Police
Longport Police
Margate Police

Mullica Twp Police
Northfield Police
Pleasantville Police
Stockton University
Ventnor Police

Bergen

Alpine Police
Allendale Police
Bergen Co Prosecutor's Office
Bergenfield Police
Carlstadt Police
Cliffside Park Police
Closter Police
Cresskill Police
Demarest Police
Dumont Police
East Rutherford Police
Edgewater Police
Elmwood Park Police
Emerson Police
Englewood Cliffs Police
Fair Lawn Police
Fairview Police
Franklin Lakes Boro Police
Fort Lee Police
Garfield Police
Glen Rock Police

Hackensack Police
Harrington Park Police
Hasbrouck Heights Police
Haworth Police
Hillsdale Police
Ho-Ho-Kus Police
Little Ferry Police
Lodi Police
Lyndhurst Police
Mahwah Twp Police
Maywood Police
Midland Park Police
Moonachie Police
Montvale Police
New Milford Police
North Arlington Police
Northvale Police
Norwood Police
Old Tappan Police
Oradell Police
Paramus Police

Park Ridge Police
Ramsey Police
Ridgefield Boro Police
Ridgefield Park Police
River Edge Police
River Vale Police
Rochelle Park Police
Rutherford Police
Saddle Brook Police
Saddle River Police
South Hackensack Police
Teaneck Police
Tenafly Police
Upper Saddle River Police
Waldwick Police
Wallington Police
Washington Twp Police
Westwood Police
Woodcliff Lake Police
Wood-Ridge Police
Wyckoff Twp Police

Burlington

Beverly City Police
Bordentown City Police
Bordentown Twp Police
Burlington City Police
Burlington Co Prosecutor's
Office
Burlington Co Bridge
Commission
Burlington Co Sheriff's Office
Burlington Twp Police
Chesterfield Twp Police
Cinnaminson Police

Delanco Twp Police
Delran Police
Eastampton Twp Police
Edgewater Park Twp Police
Evesham Twp Police
Florence Twp Police
Lumberton Twp Police
Mansfield Twp Police
Maple Shade Police
Medford Twp Police
Medford Lakes Police
Moorestown Police

Mount Holly Police
Mount Laurel Police
New Hanover Twp Police
North Hanover Twp Police
Palmyra Boro Police
Pemberton Boro Police
Pemberton Twp Police
Riverside Police
Riverton Boro Police
Westampton Twp Police

Camden

Audubon Police
Barrington Police
Bellmawr Police
Berlin Boro Police
Berlin Twp Police
Brooklawn Police
Camden Co Prosecutor's Office
Cherry Hill Campus Police
Cherry Hill Twp Police
Chesilhurst Police
Clementon Boro Police
Collingswood Police
Delaware River Port Authority

Gibbsboro Police
Gloucester City Police
Haddon Heights Police
Haddon Twp Police
Haddonfield Police
Hi-Nella Police
Laurel Springs Police
Lawnside Boro Police
Lindenwold Boro Police
Magnolia Police
Merchantville Police
Mt. Ephraim Police
Oaklyn Boro Police

Pennsauken Twp Police
Pine Hill Police
Pine Valley Boro Police
Rowan University Police
Runnemede Police
Somerdale Police
Stratford Boro Police
Voorhees Twp Police
Waterford Twp Police
Winslow Twp Police
Woodlynne Police

Cape May

Avalon Boro Police
Cape May City Police
Cape May Co Prosecutor's
Office

Delaware River & Bay
Authority Police Department
North Wildwood City Police
Stone Harbor Boro Police

West Wildwood Boro Police
Wildwood Crest Boro Police

Cumberland

Bridgeton Police

Cumberland Co Prosecutor's
Office

Cumberland Co Sheriff's Dept
Millville Police

Essex

Belleville Police
Bloomfield Police
Caldwell Police
Cedar Grove Police
East Orange Police
Essex Co Prosecutor's Office
Essex Co Sheriff's Office

Essex County College Police
Essex Fells Police
Glen Ridge Police
Millburn Police
Montclair Police
Montclair State College Police
New Jersey Institute Of
Technology

North Caldwell Police
Nutley Police
Orange Police
Roseland Police
South Orange Police
Verona Police
West Caldwell Police

Gloucester

Deptford Twp Police
East Greenwich Twp Police
Elk Twp Police
Franklin Twp Police
Glassboro Police
Gloucester Co Prosecutor's
Office

Gloucester Co Sheriff's Dept
Greenwich Twp Police
Harrison Twp Police
Logan Twp Police
Mantua Twp Police
Monroe Twp Police
Paulsboro Police

Pitman Police
Rowan University Of NJ
Westville Police
Woodbury City Police
Woodbury Heights Police
Woolwich Twp Police

Hudson

Bayonne Police
Harrison Police
Hudson Co Prosecutor's Office

Kearny Police
North Bergen Police
Secaucus Police

Stevens Institute Of Technology
Weehawken Police

Hunterdon

Clinton Town Police
Clinton Twp Police
Delaware Twp Police
Flemington Police
Franklin Twp Police
Frenchtown Boro Police

High Bridge Boro Police
Holland Twp Police
Hunterdon Co Prosecutor Office
Hunterdon Co Sheriffs Dept
Lambertville City Police
Lebanon Twp Police

Raritan Twp Police
Readington Police
Tewksbury Twp Police
West Amwell Twp Police

Mercer

College Of New Jersey
East Windsor Twp Police
Ewing Twp Police
Hightstown Police

Hopewell Twp Police
Lawrence Twp Police
Mercer Co Prosecutor's Office
Pennington Boro Police

Princeton University Police
Robbinsville Township Police
West Windsor Twp Police

Middlesex

Carteret Police
Cranbury Twp Police
Dunellen Police
East Brunswick Twp Police
Edison Twp Police
Highland Park Police
Jamesburg Police

Metuchen Police
Middlesex Boro Police
Middlesex Co College Police
Middlesex Co Prosecutor's
Office
Milltown Police
Monroe Twp Police
North Brunswick Twp Police

Old Bridge Twp Police
Perth Amboy Police
Sayreville Police
South Amboy Police
South Plainfield Police
South River Police
Spotswood Police

Monmouth

Aberdeen Twp Police
Allenhurst Police
Allentown Boro Police
Atlantic Highlands Police
Avon-By-The-Sea Police
Belmar Police
Bradley Beach Police
Brookdale College Police
Colts Neck Police
Eatontown Police
Englishtown Police
Fair Haven Police
Freehold Boro Police
Freehold Twp Police

Hazlet Twp Police
Holmdel Police
Howell Twp Police
Keansburg Police
Keyport Police
Little Silver Police
Manalapan Twp Police
Marlboro Twp Police
Middletown Police
Monmouth Beach Police
Monmouth Co Prosecutor's
Office
Monmouth Co Sheriff's Dept
Monmouth University Police

Neptune Twp Police
Ocean Twp Police
Oceanport Police
Red Bank Police
Rumson Police
Sea Bright Police
Shrewsbury Police
Spring Lake Heights Police
Spring Lake Police
Tinton Falls Police
Union Beach Police
Wall Twp Police
West Long Branch Police

Morris

Boonton Police	Long Hill Twp Police	Mountain Lakes Police
Boonton Twp Police	Madison Police	Netcong Boro Police
Butler Boro Police	Mendham Boro Police	Parsippany-Troy Hills Police
Chatham Boro Police	Mendham Twp Police	Pequannock Police
Chester Police	Montville Twp Police	Randolph Twp Police
Denville Police	Morris Co Prosecutor's Office	Riverdale Police
Dover Police	Morris County Park Police	Rockaway Boro Police
Florham Park Police	Morris Plains Police	Rockaway Twp Police
Harding Twp Police	Morris Twp Police	Roxbury Twp Police
Jefferson Twp Police	Morristown Police	Washington Twp Police
Kinnelon Boro Police	Mount Arlington Boro Police	Wharton Boro Police
Lincoln Park Police	Mount Olive Twp Police	

Ocean

Bayhead Boro Police	Long Beach Twp Police	Point Pleasant Beach Police
Beach Haven Police	Manchester Twp Police	Point Pleasant Boro Police
Beachwood Boro Police	Mantoloking Boro Police	Seaside Heights Police
Berkeley Twp Police	Ocean Co Prosecutor's Office	Seaside Park Police
Brick Twp Police	Ocean Co Sheriff's Dept	Ship Bottom Boro Police
Harvey Cedars Boro Police	Ocean Twp Police	South Toms River Police
Jackson Twp Police	Oceangate Boro Police	Stafford Twp Police
Lacey Twp Police	Island Heights Boro Police	Surf City Police
Lakehurst Boro Police	Ocean County Dept of	Toms River Township
Lakewood Police	Corrections	Tuckerton Boro Police
Lavallette Police	Pine Beach Boro Police	
Little Egg Harbor Twp Police	Plumsted Twp Police	

Statewide or Regional Agencies

Division of Taxation	NJ Division Of Fish & Wildlife	NJ Department Of Human Services
NJ Division Criminal Justice	NJ Transit	Park Police

Passaic

Bloomington Boro Police
Clifton Police
Hawthorne Police
Little Falls Police
North Haledon Police

Passaic Co Prosecutor's Office
Passaic Police
Pompton Lakes Boro Police
Prospect Park Boro Police
Ringwood Boro Police

Totowa Boro Police
Wanaque Boro Police
Wayne Police
West Milford Police
Woodland Park Boro Police

Salem

Carneys Point Police
Delaware River & Bay Authority
Police Department

Elmer Boro Police
Penns Grove Police
Pennsville Police

Salem Co Prosecutor's Office
Salem Police
Woodstown Boro Police

Somerset

Bedminster Twp Police
Bernardsville Police
Bound Brook Police
Branchburg Twp Police
Far Hills Police
Franklin Twp Police

Green Brook Police
Hillsborough Twp Police
Manville Police
Montgomery Twp Police
Peapack-Gladstone Police
Raritan Police

Somerset Co Prosecutor's Office
Somerset Co Sheriffs Dept
Somerville Police
Warren Twp Police

Sussex

Andover Twp Police
Franklin Boro Police
Hamburg Police
Hardyston Twp Police Dept

Hopatcong Police
Newton Police
Ogdensburg Police
Stanhope Police

Sussex Co Prosecutor's Office
Sussex Co Sheriff's Dept
Vernon Twp Police

Union

Berkeley Heights Police
Clark Police
Cranford Police
Elizabeth Police
Fanwood Police
Garwood Police
Hillside Police

Kean University Police
Kenilworth Police
Linden Police Department
New Providence Police
Plainfield Police
Rahway Police
Roselle Park Police

Scotch Plains Police
Springfield Twp Police
Summit Police
Union Co Prosecutor's Office
Union Co Sheriff's Office
Westfield Police
Winfield Police

Warren

Belvidere Police
Blairstown Twp Police
Greenwich Twp Police
Hackettstown Police

Independence Twp Police
Lopatcong Twp Police
Mansfield Twp Police
Phillipsburg Police

Pohatcong Police
Warren County Prosecutor's Office
Washington Twp Police

Agences with Major Discipline

Atlantic

Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office

Detective Jason Dorn

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 25

Description: Det. Dorn was suspended for 25 days for an off-duty domestic incident.

Detective Lawrence Achey

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Det. Achey was not cleared for his fitness of duty examination and agreed to resign in lieu of a involuntary seperation.

Atlantic County Public Safety Division of Adult Detention

Officer Tina DeCicco

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 6

Description: Officer Tina DeCicco was suspended for 6 days after incurriung a 4th occurrence of an unauthorized absence within six month period.

Sergeant Charles Gill

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 6

Description: Sergeant Charles Gill was suspended for 6 days after he failed to properly secure and report a piece of evidence during an incident.

Sergeant Charles Gill

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Sergeant Charles Gill was suspended for 20 days after he failed to take appropriate action during an incident where an inmate reported that he feared for his safety.

Officer Joeseph Kranich

Terminated: No

Demoted: Yes

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 6

Description: Officer Joseph Kranich was suspended for 6 days after incurriung a 4th occurrence of an unauthorized absence within six month period.

Officer Ronnie Lane

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 6

Description: Officer Ronnie Lane was suspended for 6 days after incurring a 4th occurrence of an unauthorized absence within six month period.

Sergeant Scott Medio

Terminated: No

Demoted: Yes

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Sergeant Scott Medio was demoted after he fabricated completing disciplinary investigations and falsely documented official facility documents.

Officer Luis Mercado

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Officer Luis Mercado was terminated after using his position as a County Correctional Police Officer to smuggle contraband into the facility and drop it at various locations within the jail for retrieval and use by an inmate(s).

Officer Peter Wawrzonkiewicz

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 45

Description: Officer Peter Wawrzonkiewicz was suspended 45 days for failing to take proper action after being notified that a high security inmate had tampered with his cell door locking mechanism.

Somers Point

Capt Michael Sweeney

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended:

of Days Suspended:30

Description: Capt Sweeney was suspended for 30 days for Non Performance Of Duty specifically by not properly handling inter departmental reports.

Bergen

Bergen County Sheriff

Officer Steve Boudaher

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 75

Description: Officer Boudaher was suspended for 75 days for violating departmental policies and procedures of his post assignment while on duty.

Officer David Poposki

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: Officer Poposki was suspended for 30 days for violating the departmental social media policy.

Bogota Police

Ptl. Michael Laferrera

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 180

Description: Officer Michael Laferrera was suspended for 180 days for neglect of duty, failure to comply with standards of conduct, performance of duty and obedience to laws and regulations.

Englewood City Police

PO Mark Van Womer

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 8

Description: Charged with Neglect of Duty and Failure to comply with orders/directives

Leonia Police

SLEO II Steve Oxnard

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 64

Description: SLEO II Oxnard was suspended for 64 days for violations of the Department's Rules & Regulations, specifically Neglect of Duty and Conduct Unbecoming an Employee.

Oakland Police

Officer Andrew Vecchione

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 82

Description: Officer Vecchione was suspended for a Rules and Regulations violation. He failed to report a motor vehicle accident with his police vehicle to his immediate supervisor.

Palisades Park Police

Sergeant Christopher Sambogna

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 90

Description: Sgt. Sambogna was charged criminally with theft. Charges were dismissed by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office and was handled administratively. He received 90 days suspension for violation of Standards of Conduct Policy

Ridgewood Village Police

Officer Peter Youngberg

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: Officer P. Youngberg was suspended 30 days for his actions stemming from an off duty verbal altercation and some administrative issues that were discovered during the investigation.

Burlington

Springfield Twp Police

Officer Michael Walker

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 14

Description: The subject officer was suspended for 14 days, for Conduct unbecoming a Police Officer, Negligent or Willful damage to Public Property or waste of Public Supplies, and Obedience to laws, regulations and orders.

Willingboro Police

Officer Jeffrey Exavier

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Officer Exavier was suspended for 20 days as a result of an off duty DUI in which the motor vehicle charges were dismissed in court.

Camden

Camden County Corrections

Sergeant Jennifer Westcott

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Failure to properly supervise

Sergeant Theron Sharper

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 15

Description: Failure to maintain confidentiality

Sergeant Theron Sharper

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 12

Description: Failed to properly supervise staff

Officer Ryan McKeever

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 15

Description: Absent Without Leave

Officer Edgardo Mendez

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Violation of Post Orders

Officer Milagros Gonzalez

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Absent without leave

Officer Keith Crawford

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 6

Description: Failed to conduct clinic run in timely manner

Sergeant Joseph Coleman

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 6

Description: Failed to inspect incoming Mail properly

Sergeant Theron Sharper

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 45

Description: Failed to properly supervise

Officer Sean DeWalt

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 25

Description: Excessive Latenesses

Officer Isaiah Sonnebeyatta

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 6

Description: Excessive Latenesses

Officer Milagros Gonzalez

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Absent without leave

Officer Jessica Finlayson

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 6

Description: Failed to conduct initial headcounts and cell inspections

Camden County Police

Sergeant Angel Nieves

Terminated: No

Demoted: Yes

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Failed to manage a critical incident

Officer Andrew Smith

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Officer fell asleep while on duty

Camden County Sheriff

Officer Alexandria Raio

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: S/O Raio was suspended for 30 days for conduct unbecoming a public employee. The Officer was involved in a domestic dispute.

Sergeant Robert Raio

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 12

Description: Sergeant Raio was suspended for twelve days for violating sick policy. He called out sick and left his residence to attend a party.

Gloucester Twp Police

Patrolman Steven Lenker

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 60

Description: Officer was suspended for a rule violation, specifically for being involved in a motor vehicle crash and receiving a wreckless driving summons.

Detective Matthew DiCamillo

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Officer was suspended for a rule violation, specifically for failing to properly care for assigned equipment.

Cape May

Cape May County Sheriff

Officer Gary Erdmann

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Officer Erdman was suspended for 10 days for unauthorized and inappropriate use of the Cape May County email system

Lower Twp Police

Officer Robert Fessler

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 35

Description: Conduct unbecoming a public employee

Officer Robert Fessler

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Domestic dispute

Middle Twp Police

Corporal Phillip Johnson

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 45

Description: Cpl. Johnson while off duty was charged with driving while intoxicated out of state and plead guilty.

Sergeant Joshua Byran

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 45

Description: Sgt. Bryan was invovled in a Domestic Violence situation in the City of Wildwood where personal property was damaged.

Ocean City Police

Patrolman Christopher Vivarelli

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 40

Description: Officer suspended for domestic violence incident from 2019 and separate harassment invest. from 2020.

Wildwood Police

PtIm. Joseph Grundlock

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 25

Description: Motor vehicle accident with extensive damage to vehicles involved

Cumberland

Vineland Police

Officer Paul Cifuentes

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended:

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Prohibited conduct while on duty.

Essex

Essex County Corrections

Officer Elie Chalet

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Officer Chalet was terminated from employment for Conduct Unbecoming. Officer Chalet pleaded guilty to charges of Terroristic threats, Aggravated assault and Possession of Prohibited Weapon.

Officer Malikah Spencer

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Officer Spencer was terminated from employment for Conduct Unbecoming. The Officer was found to have used the Federal Family Leave Act (FMLA) fraudulently.

Fairfield Police

Sergeant Christopher Niemiec

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Sgt. Niemiec was suspended for 20 days for mishandling his department issued service weapon.

Irvington Police

Sergeant Leah Edrington

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Sgt. Edrington was suspended immediately after failing a random drug test and subsequently terminated for the police dept.

Sergeant Walter Williams

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Sgt Williams was suspended for 10 days for exhibiting a sick pattern.

Sergeant Ajah Dobson

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: Sgt Dobson was suspended for 30 days for exhibiting a sick pattern.

Sergeant Albern Jean-Simon

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: Sgt Jean-Simon was suspended 30 days for failure to generate a DV report/review or collect evidence/Conduct towards the public/neglect of duty

Livingston Police

Officer Christopher Wagner

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 35

Description: Conduct Unbecoming/ Submersive to good order. Failure to Comply with Chief's orders. Fighting/Quarreling with other Members of The Department. Removing Documents without permission.

Maplewood Police

Sgt. James DeFazio

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 26

Description: Sgt. DeFazio was suspended for 26 days for misconduct. Sgt. DeFazio attempted to interfere in a township investigation.

Officer William Isetts

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 12

Description: Officer Isetts was suspended for 12 days for failure to de-escalate an arrest incident. Officer was not in compliance with Dept. uniform policy. Officer Isetts also received a Performance Notice.

Newark Police

PO Maurice McKelvin

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: P/O McKelvin failed to take a police action while witnessing an off-duty police officer involved in a physical altercation.

PO Sean Lake

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 15

Description: P/O Lake conducted a motor vehicle stop in which he acted unprofessional and issued the driver five summonses

PO Yves Zogba

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: P/O Zogba failed to obtain consent of search from a home owner during a recovery of a weapon used in an assault.

PO James Allen

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: P/O Allen failed to take a police action while witnessing an off-duty police officer involved in a physical altercation

PO Kerwin Lovo

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 6

Description: P/O Lovo struck a fire hydrant with a marked patrol unit during an accident

PO Richard Pacelli

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: Officer Pacelli discharged a chemical agent against a prisoner inside the emergency room of a hospital

West Orange Police

Officer Daniel Carroll

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 85

Description: Officer was charged with Conduct Unbecoming in regards to violating agency directives. Specifically by displaying improper demeanor towards a civilian and issuing a summons in retaliation.

Gloucester

Washington Twp Police

Officer Dan Cote

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Ofc. Cote was suspended for 20 days after pleading guilty to the Reckless Driving of his personal vehicle while off-duty.

West Deptford Police

Ptln Anthony Boatright

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 129

Description: Suspended and eventually terminated for improper use of police records and computer systems.

Hudson

East Newark Police

Patrolman Brian Aparicio

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: violation of chain of command/abandonment of post

Guttenberg Police

Sergeant Leonard Ramirez

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 494

Description: Currently still suspended with pay

Hoboken Police

Officer Matthew Isler

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 90

Description: The officer neglected to follow department policy regarding outside employment procedures.

Hudson County Corrections

Sergeant Stephen Gill

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 5

Description: Sgt. Gill failed to perform his duties and responsibilities by not properly supervising staff and failing to perform an inspection of another officer under his supervision for proper uniform and equipment. This officer entered the jail facility wearing his duty weapon compromising the safety and security of the jail.

Sergeant La-Toya Hobson

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Sgt. Hobson failed to perform her duties and responsibilities by not properly supervising staff and failing to perform an inspection of another officer for proper uniform and equipment. This officer entered the jail facility wearing his duty weapon compromising the safety and security of the jail.

Officer Niove Ramirez

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Officer Ramirez allowed inmates to exit their cells uncuffed, and enter a cell not assigned to them. Officer Ramirez also allowed inmates to stand behind her uncuffed. A further check revealed that Ramirez' log book contained missing entries and security checks that exceeded the thirty minute checks as required by General Housing policy.

Officer Aida Ortiz

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 133

Description: Officer Ortiz' driver's license was suspended during the following time periods: August 19, 2019 - March 29, 2016; June 3, 2016 - March 5 2018; April 27, 2018 - April 17, 2019; August 2019 - May 26, 2019. (This time period includes the entire year of 2017.) During these periods of time, Ortiz was assigned usage of a county vehicle 133 times.

Hudson County Sheriff

Officer Jose Gonzalez

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 15

Description: Officer Gonzalez was suspended for 15 days for failing to take police action.

Officer Victor Silva

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Officer Silva was suspended for 20 days for abuse of the sick leave policy.

Officer Nicole Buzinkai

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 90

Description: Officer Buzinkai was suspended for 90 days for abuse of the sick leave policy.

Investigator Paul Newman

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Investigator Newman was terminated for driving an agency vehicle on more than one occasion, while his driver's license was suspended.

Officer Jasmine Cruz

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 90

Description: Officer Cruz was suspended for 90 days for divulging the contents of a court proceeding to another party that was not present in the courtroom.

Officer Gabriela Burgos

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Officer Burgos was suspended for 10 days for being at fault for a Motor Vehicle Crash.

Officer Edward Franco

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Officer Franco was suspended for 10 days for abuse of the sick leave policy.

Jersey City Police

Police Officer Gicella Sanchez

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 109

Description: Police Officer Gicella Sanchez lost a total of 109 days for violating JCPD Rules and Regulations for; Criminal Acts and Conduct and was terminated. FNDA: Issue date 10/05/2020

Lieutenant Michael Timmins

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 90

Description: Lt. Timmins lost a total of 90 days for violating JCPD Rules and Regulations for ; Conduct, Mishandling of a Firearm, Intoxicants Off Duty. Lt. Timmins negligently discharged a firearm while off duty and on his personal property. FNDA: Issue date 06/15/20

Sergeant Tarance Bryant

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Sgt. Bryant lost a total of 20 days accrued time for violating JCPD Rules and Regulations for ; Equipment, Conduct and Traffic Laws. Sgt. Bryant was responding to a call for service traveling at a high rate of speed. FNDA : Issue date 08/25/2020

Police Officer Andrew Parra

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Police Office Andrew Parra lost a total of 20 days for violating JCPD Rules and Regulations for ; Obedience to Laws, Regulations and Orders and Conduct. P.O. Parra was involved in a Domestic Violence incident. FNDA: Issue date 09/08/2020

Police Officer Maria Decristofaro

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 122

Description: Police Officer Decristofaro lost a total of 122 Days for violating JCPD Rules and Regulations for; Conduct, Neglect of Duty and Truthfulness. FNDA: Issue date 09/16/2020. Resignation effective 09/17/2020.

Lieutenant Daniel Coyle

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Lt. Daniel Coyle lost a total of 20 days accrued time for violating JCPD Rules and Regulations for; Conduct and Intoxicants Off Duty . Lt. Coyle was arrested for DWI and other traffic violation. FNDA: Issue date 11/19/2020

Police Officer Michael O'Neill

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 25

Description: Police Officer Michael O'Neill lost a total of 25 days accrued time for violating JCPD Rules and Regulations for; Failure to Perform Duties and Conduct after failing to submit an MVA report as required. FNDA: Issue date 09/23/2020

Union City Police

SLEO II Onofrio Altizio

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 60

Description: SLEO Altizio took a police vehicle without authorization and struck a pedestrian. Altizio was deemed at fault in the accident due to his failure to maintain control of the vehicle.

Lieutenant Sergio DeRojas

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 8

Description: Lieutenant DeRojas utilized passcodes not belonging to him to modify a police incident report.

Mercer

Hamilton Police

Officer Richard Watkins

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 180

Description: Officer was suspended for 180 days for misuse of Division property and being AWOL from assigned post without authorization. The officer left his assigned post and used a police vehicle to transport his dog.

Mercer County Sheriff

Officer Christopher Gregg

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 6

Description: Officer Christopher Gregg received a six day suspension on, July 8, 2020, for failing to comply with procedures pertaining to a Mercer County Sheriff's Office order involving staff Reduction schedules and unauthorized tardiness.

Officer Christopher Gregg

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 12

Description: Officer Christopher Gregg received a twelve day suspension on, September 29, 2020, for failing to comply with procedures pertaining to a Mercer County Sheriff's Office order involving staff reduction schedules.

Princeton University Police

Sergeant Stephen Solovey

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: In June 2020, the employment of former campus police sergeant Stephen Solovey was terminated for failing to follow department policies and protocols for handling reports of intoxication of members of the University community.

Trenton Police

Sergeant David Ordille

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 180

Description: Sgt. Ordille was terminated for administrative charges, including Conduct Unbecoming, Neglect of Duty, and various violations of departmental rules and regulations. The termination was rescinded and he was reinstated after serving a 6 month suspension without pay.

Detective Thomas Brophy

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Detective Brophy (Ret.) received a 10 day suspension without pay for Neglect of Duty.

Officer William Mulryne

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 75

Description: Officer Mulryne (Ret.) received a 75 day suspension without pay for multiple administrative charges, including Conduct Unbecoming, Neglect of Duty, and various violations of departmental rules and regulations.

Officer William Sanchez-Mollnar

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 775

Description: Sanchez-Mollnar was suspended then terminated after an arrest and subsequent conviction of several felony offenses.

Middlesex County Corrections

CPO Jose Ortiz

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: County Correctional Police Officer Ortiz was terminated for abuse of time and leave requirements.

CPO Patrick Bonkowski

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: County Correctional Police Officer Bonkowski was terminated for abuse of time and leave requirements.

Middlesex

Middlesex County Sheriff

Recruit Mary Porter

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 0

Description: Inability To Perform Duties

Officer Edwin McLean

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Excessive Absenteeism

New Brunswick Police

Officer Ryan Daughton

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 12

Description: Officer Daughton was suspended 12 days for Neglect of Duty and Inefficiency for Failure to Perform Duties, specifically for failing to provide the appropriate response to an incident and failing to complete a police report in a timely manner.

Officer William Contreras

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 64

Description: Officer Contreras was suspended for 64 days for his Inability to Perform Duties and Conduct Unbecoming a Public Employee, specifically due to his conduct during on Off-Duty incident

Plainsboro Police

Patrolman Nicholas Fazio

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Neglect of Duty - Multiple occasions of idling while on duty

Corporal Thomas Newbon

Terminated: No

Demoted: Yes

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: Neglect of Duty - Multiple occasions of idling while on duty; Failure to Supervise - Allowing subordinates to idle while on duty

Patrolman Arthur Gant

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: Neglect of Duty - Multiple occasions of idling while on duty

South Brunswick Police

Officer Ricardo Moreira

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: "Officer Ricardo Moreira, a 9 year veteran was suspended for 30 days in 2020. An Internal Affairs Investigation determined that Officer Moreira violated Depart Rules. Specifically, Performance of Duty and Neglect of Duty for leaving a scheduled training assignment to attend an unauthorized meeting and for leaving work early without prior approval."

Woodbridge Police

Ofc Gary Hubbard

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 15

Description: Abuse of sick time

Monmouth

Asbury Park Police

Police Officer Christopher Leahy

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: PO C. Leahy was suspended 30 days for a body worn camera violation and inappropriate off-duty conduct.

Police Officer Scott Ritter

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 40

Description: PO Ritter was suspended 40 days for neglect of duty. PO Ritter was involved in a motor vehicle crash which he failed to report.

Brielle Police

Patrolman Michael Palmer Jr.

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Ptl. Palmer was terminated for committing multiple acts of theft.

Deal Police

Patrolman Joseph Ammaturo

Terminated: Yes

Demoted:

Suspended:

of Days Suspended:

Description: Patrolman Ammaturo was terminated for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and witness tampering.

Highlands Police

Patrolman Troy Hartsgrove

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: Rule Violations, Social Media

Long Branch Police

Patrolman Kevin Morris

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: Care of department property

Manasquan Police

Officer Tom Morton

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Officer charged with conduct unbecoming a public employee and failure to conduct one self to a high ethical standard on and/or off duty

Matawan Police

Ptl. Jennifer Paglia

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Ptl. Paglia was suspended for 20 days for improper response to emergency service calls. There were five incidents in which Ptl. Paglia improperly delayed her response by either yielding to other responding police vehicles, taking routes that increased her response time or not activating emergency lights when necessary.

Monmouth County Corrections

CCPO Thomas Ricchiuti

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 180

Description: Violation of departmental firearms policies and procedures

CCPO Stephanie Welch

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Left post early without being properly relieved

CCPO Douglas Facendo

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Left post early without being properly relieved

CCPO Brian Feirstein

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: Unauthorized use of cell phone in secured area

CCPO Warren Kocurek

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: Unauthorized use of cell phone in secured area

CCPO Paul Gaofola

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 180

Description: Unauthorized use of cell phone in secured area; supply misuse

CCPO Amanda Atkinson

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 60

Description: Improper communication with inmate; allowed horseplay

CCPO Amos Osborne

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: Time and attendance policy violations; unauthorized absence

Neptune City Police

Officer Damien Broschart

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: Not Provided

Description: Officer Broschart has been suspended without pay since October 27, 2020 for engaging in a conversation via text messages with a female he had just arrested. His pending charges are for Cyber Harassment & Hindering.

Sea Girt Police

SLEOII Zachary Macagnone

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Ofcr. Macagnone was terminated for a giving false or misleading information and giving false sworn information. The officer provided false and misleading information in a hiring background questionnaire and during the hiring background investigation.

Morris

Chatham Twp Police

Sergeant Dan Papa

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 60

Description: Sgt. Papa was suspended 60 days for Conduct Unbecoming a Police Officer in regard to an off-duty incident.

East Hanover Police

Sgt Jason Hawiszczak

Terminated: No

Demoted: Yes

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Sgt Hawiszczak was demoted for failure to supervise, failure to take police action and misuse of the CJIS database.

Hanover Police

Ptl. Marc Leggour

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Excessive Tardiness

Morris

Morris County Sheriff- Corrections

Sergeant Dominick Andico

Terminated: Yes

Demoted:

Suspended:

of Days Suspended:

Description: Forfeiture of Public Office/Employment subsequent to Accusation Guilty Plea.

Officer Albert Wyman

Terminated: Yes

Demoted:

Suspended:

of Days Suspended:

Description: Forfeiture of Public Office/Employment subsequent to Accusation Guilty Plea.

Officer Brian Rzucidlo

Terminated: Yes

Demoted:

Suspended:

of Days Suspended:

Description: Forfeiture of Public Office/Employment subsequent to Accusation Guilty Plea.

Officer Robert Busold

Terminated: Yes

Demoted:

Suspended:

of Days Suspended:

Description: Forfeiture of Public Office/Employment subsequent to Accusation Guilty Plea.

Morris County Sheriff- Law Enforcement

Officer Nicholas Ricciotti

Terminated: Yes

Demoted:

Suspended:

of Days Suspended:

Description: Forfeiture of Public Office/Employment subsequent to accusation guilty plea.

Ocean

Barnegat Police

Sergeant Richard Nowak

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 60

Description: Sergeant Nowak, while off duty, engaged in conduct that resulted in the damage of property at a business.

Passaic

Passaic County Sheriff

Officer Shayed Islam

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Inability to Perform Duties. Officer could not complete the necessary Training Academy required for employment.

Officer Kaitlyn Puch

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 68

Description: Conduct Unbecoming a Public Employee, Intoxication off duty, not in uniform, Officer was arrested and charged with DWI

Paterson Police

PtIm Jack Sanchez

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Suspended for untruthfulness on a report.

Salem

Lower Alloways Creek Police

Ptl Jared Adkins

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Officer was terminated for incidents of Insubordination and Neglect of Duty.

Salem County Sheriff

S/O Can Ozdemir

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 8

Description: Officer Ozdemir was suspended 8 days for Insubordination. (Prohibited Activity on Duty)

Somerset

Bernards Twp Police

Officer David Martin

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 55

Description: Violation of Bernards Township Police Department Policies and Procedures and Rules and Regulations. Officer was convicted of DWI while on duty. Officer has resigned from the Bernards Township Police Department.

Bridgewater Police

Officer Anne Alosi

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 180

Description: Officer Alosi was suspended for 6 months for Neglect of Duty and Truthfulness. The officer lied about an illness and failed to report for duty, causing overtime for the department.

North Plainfield Police

Patrolman Mikeedwar Jean-Baptiste

Terminated: Yes

Demoted:

Suspended:

of Days Suspended:

Description: Statutory Misconduct in Office, in violation of NJSA 40a:14-147

Somerset County Sheriff

Officer Raymond Thompson

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 25

Description: Violation of Sick Leave Policy

South Bound Brook Police

Sergeant Richard Meinsen

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 19

Description: Sgt. Meinsen was suspended for 19 days (228 hours of comp. time) for misuse of departmental computers.

Watchung Police

Officer Sean Bouchard

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 90

Description: Officer Bouchard was suspended for a period of 90 days after being arrested and charged with violations of N.J.S.A. 39:4-50, N.J.S.A. 39:4-96 and N.J.S.A. 39:4-50.2. Those charges were levied following Officer Bouchard's off-duty, single vehicle motor vehicle accident, where it was determined that he was DWI.

Sussex

Byram Twp Police

Patrolman William Underwood

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended:

Description: Inappropriate and derogatory comments made by subject officer on Facebook social media platform.

Sparta Police

Cpl. Craig Grauerholz

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 45

Description: Cpl. Grauerholz was involved in an altercation off-duty on the evening of 3.17.2020. As a result, he was charged by the Sussex County Prosecutors Office with one count of PDP Harassment. He pled guilty to a PDP offense on 8.19.2020 and the charge was expunged immediately.

Union

Roselle Police

Officer Anthony Obery

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 45

Description: Officer Obery was suspended for 45 days for insubordination, neglect of duty, and violations of the Roselle Police Department policies regarding outside employment and sick leave. He was working another job while utilizing sick leave.

Union County Police

Sgt Homero Almanzar

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 8

Description: BWC Policy Violation

Union Twp Police

Officer Danny Santos

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 60

Description: Officer Santos was suspended for 60 calendar days for conduct unbecoming a public employee and neglect of duty. Officer Santos failed to deploy his body worn camera while working a traffic detail as required. He was subsequently involved in a use of force incident. A review of his actions revealed that he used excessive force during the incident.

Statewide or Regional Agency

Department of Corrections- Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center

Lt Ernest Farley

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 0

Description: Roselle Park Police responded to a residence on July 24, 2020 in response to a complaint of Harassment (NJS 2c:22-4). Included in the complaint narrative of the Police Report was the following: the civilian wished to document an incident to prevent her having repercussions as her children also live in Toms River NJ. She also stated that due to you being in law enforcement officer who is armed she does not know what you are capable of doing. The investigation revealed that in an exchange on your social media account FB with a civilian you made the following statement: "Hey stupid, shut the fuck up and go kill yourself you ignorant sack of shit. You support a traitor and a coward and invoke Jesus name. Fuck you oh, by the way I am a police Supervisor and i don't want scum like you backing me." The civilian responded, "Good job for a LT. for the NJDOC." You admitted to identifying yourself as a CPL for the NJDOC on your public FB page.

SCPO Stanton Washington

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: An investigation by the Special Investigation Division (SID) revealed that you had an unauthorized personal locker. This locker contained items which could only be acquired via inmate commissary. You improperly handled this inmate contraband by storing it in your personal locker and failed to report same, in violation of policy. Additionally, you were untruthful in the interview with SID during the investigation in this matter.

SCPO Michael Cook

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 15

Description: Abused sick time

Sergeant Christopher Conti

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 0

Description: An investigation revealed that on June 3,2020 you transmitted an email expressing your disapproval of BLM

Department of Corrections- Bayside State Prison

Sergeant Robert Curry

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 90

Description: Sergeant Curry liked a post on Facebook which was reckless & inflammatory.

Department of Corrections- Central Office

Investigator John Meszaros

Terminated: Yes

Demoted:

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Compromised SID investigation

Department of Corrections- Central Reception and Assignment Facility

SCPO Michael Green

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 120

Description: Made false and misleading statements to SID (Transfer to GYCF)

Department of Corrections- East Jersey State Prison

SCPO Brian Collins

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 15

Description: On 10/12/20, SCPO Brian Collins called EJSP to request a sick number. A subsequent review revealed you utilized a sick day less than one (1) hr. prior to your start of your shift violates policies and procedures.

SCPO Jacqueline Bellamy

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: On 9/30/20 you, SCPO J Bellamy were instructed to contact (EJSP training Lt.) to discuss a prior phone call you made where you became irate and made derogatory statements towards his staff after you had requested training in temp screening. SCPO J Bellamy continued disruptive, belligerent and disrespectful behavior while the Lt attempted to explain when the training could possibly be completed.

Department of Corrections- Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women

SCPO SAMANTHA CHIRICHELLO

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 0

Description: Insensitive and distasteful social media posts

SCPO ANTHONY VARGAS

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 0

Description: Job Abandonment

Department of Corrections- Garden State Youth Correctional Facility

Sr. Correctional Police Officer Jonathan Perez

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 54

Description: SCPO Perez arrested for knowingly tampering with public records

Sr. Correctional Police Officer Arthur Bonitz

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: SCPO Bonitz was out of work unauthorized

Sr. Correctional Police Officer Rebecca O'Connor

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 35

Description: SCPO O'Connor received phone calls and shared personal information with inmates

Sr. Correctional Police Officer David Rosario

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 15

Description: SCPO Rosario suspended for excessive absenteeism

Sr. Correctional Police Officer Jerome Gunter

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: SCPO Gunter out of work unauthorized

Department of Corrections- New Jersey State Prison

SCPO Alan Houghton

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Failed to follow proper safety and security procedures

SCPO Derek Jovanovic

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Failed to searched inmate properly

SCPO Pietro Cupo

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Failed to follow proper safety and security procedures

SCPO Tyrell Martin

Terminated: Yes

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 100

Description: Conduct unbecoming a public employee

SCPO Lugo Michael

Terminated: Yes

Demoted:

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: DUI & Neglect of child

CPS Asya Wyche

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 15

Description: Attendance

SCPO Kevin Stanton

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Failed to follow proper safety and security procedures

SCPO Daniel Kaminsky

Terminated:

Demoted:

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Failed to follow proper safety and security procedures

Department of Corrections- Northern State Prison

SCPO Aizzizza Carter

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: on Sat., 7/18/20 you were observed and on video recording sleeping on your post.

SCPO Pedro Suarez-Cabrera

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 0

Description: On 9/14/20 based on an on-going investigation by SID you were arrested by the NJ Division of Criminal.

SCPO Ronald Gagum

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 0

Description: An investigation by the Special Investigation Division (SID), case 2020-06-12-001-NSP disclosed that while assigned as the Minimum Unit (MIN2) relief officer within the secured perimeter of Northern State Prison you were in possession, and used your personal cell phone multiple times during your scheduled shifts. During your interview with SID investigators, you stated you used the phone while working on the unit to make calls, text, and use facetime. Your possession of the electronic communication device while on duty, and the introduction of contraband within the secured perimeter was a violation of administrative procedures, involving safety and security.

SCPO Ricardo Santana

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: On Sat., 7/18/20 while on your post you were observed and recorded using your cellphone while supervising an inmate at the hospital.

SCPO Kaiden Jones

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Following an Administrative investigation it was determined that on Oct 20,2020 you were insubordinate to CPSGT Hernandez after he gave you an order to correct your uniform shirt discrepancies in order to be in compliance with the NJDOC uniform policy.

CPSGT Michael Floyd

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 0

Description: Following an investigation, it was determined that on 7/3/2020, you were involved in a physical altercation. When Vernon Township Police Department (VTPD) arrived to the scene you identified yourself as law enforcement and provided ID to confirm your employment as an NJ Corrections Officer at Norther State Prison. VTPD noted a strong odor of alcoholic beverage emanating from your breath and that you appeared unstable and possibly intoxicated.

SCPO Jose Diaz

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Following an administrative investigation it was determined that on 9/1/20 you were insubordinate to CPSGT Johnson after she had intervened and stop the flow of events as you were strip frisking an inmate.

SCPO Therese Key

Terminated: No

Demoted: NO

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: on Sat., 9/12/20 while assigned as the 1st shift Sergeant, you entered the front lobby of the building carrying a brown paper bag and intentionally circumvented the security checkpoint area including the view scan machine and x-ray machine.

CPSGT Nasheedah Singleton

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 0

Description: You were served a PNDA with a penalty of removal and a PNDA with a penalty of suspension pending disposition of criminal matters on or about March 20, 2016 this matter was the subject of a settlement agreement between you and the NJDOC which provided, in paragraph 6 of the agreement in relevant part that you must successfully complete CSTA reinstatement process.

Department of Corrections- South Woods State Prison

SCPO Michael Bonafilglia

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: Violated a TRO by sending text, charged with contempt for violating the TRO, and failed to report this to the DOC

SCPO Mark Fogg

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 0

Description: You provided a urine specimen that tested positive for 11-Carboxy-THC. You did not report this on your medical information sheet.

SCPO Christopher Mercardo

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 15

Description: Attendance violation 4th offense

SCPO Andrea Panera

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 0

Description: You left your post and proceeded to another area to confront and assault a civilian employee causing injury to you both. Untruthful in you SID interview regarding the incident.

SCPO Emanuel Marrero

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 120

Description: Observed walking past a cell two times where an inmate was laying on the floor after being assaulted by cellmate. Failed to call medical or take action as first responding staff member.

SCPO Wayne Pearson

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 0

Description: An investigation revealed that you reposted racial photographic images on social media of black males on the gallows surrounded by white males and stated "we need to bring this back". Violation of Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Workplace

SCPO Alfredo Ruiz

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 60

Description: You were observed asleep in the armed mobile 3 post with seat reclined back and your arm over your eyes by a Lt.

SCPO Alfredo Ruiz

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 15

Description: Attendance violation 4th offense

SCPO Brandon Johnson

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 0

Description: Attendance violation 5th offense

SCPO Douglas Burkholder

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 0

Description: You posted on social media a post that was of racist nature and violates Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Workplace

SCPO Brandon Johnson

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 15

Description: Attendance violation 4th offense

SCPO Brandon Johnson

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended: 0

Description: Resignation not in good standing - unauthroized absence more than 5 days

Department of Corrections- Southern State Correctional Facility

Officer Robert McCauley

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Officer McCauley failed his urinalysis positive for amphetamine & methamphetamine.

Officer Brian Cooper

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: Officer Cooper did not assist responding staff during a Code 33.

Officer Anthony Victor

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Officer Victor prior to a random urinalysis admitted he had used marijuana and would fail the test.

Officer Brandon Lee

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: Officer Lee did not assist responding staff during a Code 33.

Department of Corrections- William H Fauver Youth Correctional Facility

SCPO HABIB RABBOH

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Sleep while on duty. Neglect of duty

SCPO MATTHEW SMELTER

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Called a code 33 and deployed OC spray. Escalated an incident with an inmate. Failed to maintain appropriate self control

DOC- William H Fauver Youth Correctional Facility

SCPO JASON SESTITO

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 60

Description: Recorded smashing an inmate's canteen honeybun and throwing them on the floor. Falsified report of incident.

Juvenile Justice Commission

Sr. Correctional Police Officer Michelle Hall

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 120

Description: Senior Correctional Police Officer Michelle Hall was found to have abandoned her post without authorization and without being properly relieved. Additionally, she submitted an inaccurate written narrative report regarding this matter. Hall received a 120-day suspension as a Final Disciplinary Determination for insubordination, conduct unbecoming a public employee and neglect of duty.

Assist. District Parole Supervisor John Budenas

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 6

Description: Assistant District Parole Supervisor John Budenas was found to have allowed a subordinate to take his State issued weapon home without proper authorization. Budenas received a 6-day suspension as a Final Disciplinary Determination for conduct unbecoming a public employee and other sufficient cause.

New Jersey State Police

Sergeant First Class Paul Dreher

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 10

Description: Member was found guilty of acting in an unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division while off-duty. The member caused property damage during an act of Domestic Violence and acted in an unprofessional manner towards other law enforcement officers.

Sergeant First Class Paul Dreher

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Member was found guilty of acting in an unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division while off-duty as a result of his unprofessional behavior towards other law enforcement officers while attending a festival.

Trooper Leonardo Arcos

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 270

Description: Member admitted to acting in an unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division while off-duty. After consuming alcoholic beverages, the member attempted to settle a domestic disturbance and attempted to prevent responding law enforcement officers from investigating.

Sergeant Curtis Sand

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 120

Description: Member admitted to acting in an unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division while off-duty. After consuming alcoholic beverages, the member made offensive comments towards a member of the public. Additionally, the member failed to treat responding law enforcement officers respectfully and made false statements to internal investigators.

Trooper I Bartlomiej Koziel

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Member was criminally charged with second degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child, second degree Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purpose, third degree Criminal Restraint, third degree Terroristic Threats, fourth degree Aggravated Assault, and Criminal Mischief. The member entered into a Pre-Trial Intervention program. As a result of the agreement, the member was disqualified from employment with the State of New Jersey and was terminated from the Division.

Detective I Jose Samol

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 180

Description: Member admitted to acting in an unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division when he attempted to use his official position to secure a lesser sentence for a convicted criminal by authoring a letter to the courts and citing his position as a trooper. The member also maintained a questionable relationship with the convicted felon and provided false information concerning the relationship to internal investigators.

Trooper I Charles Travis

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 45

Description: Member admitted to acting in an official capacity to the discredit of the Division while on-duty. The member arrived late and left early from an overtime detail and subsequently falsified records related to his whereabouts. Additionally, the member operated his troop car in an unsafe manner.

Sergeant First Class Danyel Barnes

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 60

Description: Member admitted to acting in an unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division while off-duty. The member witnessed an assault and failed to take appropriate police action or make proper notification.

Detective Sergeant Christopher DeAngelis

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 30

Description: Member admitted to acting in an official capacity to the discredit of the Division while on-duty and entering inaccurate information into Division records. The member failed to follow proper procedures by falsely entering his own sick time.

Detective Sergeant Edmund Masiejczyk

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Member was found guilty to acting in both an official and unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division. The member consumed alcoholic beverages in his assigned troop transportation during a scheduled work day. Additionally, the member pled guilty in municipal court to Driving While Intoxicated after being involved in a motor vehicle crash in his personal vehicle while off duty.

Lieutenant Dawn Shyner

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Member was found guilty of failing to cooperate with an internal investigation by not providing full and complete information regarding possible misconduct by other members.

Trooper Filipe Alves

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 90

Description: Member admitted to acting in an official capacity to the discredit of the Division while on-duty and failing to take appropriate police action. During the course of a motor vehicle stop, Tpr. Alves failed to act on the operator's admission of marijuana possession, and the belief of an active NCIC warrant. Additionally, Tpr. Alves knowingly provided inaccurate and false information to the Operational Dispatch Unit.

Trooper I Todd Portadin

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 365

Description: Member admitted to acting in an official capacity to the discredit of the Division while on-duty by knowingly entering inaccurate and false information in an official report or record, disobeying a written order and failure to notify the division of prohibited conduct by another member.

Trooper I Mark Campagna

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 45

Description: Member admitted to acting in an official capacity to the discredit of the Division while on-duty by knowingly entering inaccurate and false information into the eDaily system.

Trooper Adam-Paul Garcia

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 20

Description: Member admitted to acting in an official capacity to the discredit of the Division while on-duty and failing to maintain decorum. The member caused damage to a motorist's vehicle as it was driving through an accident scene.

Trooper Michael Kulik

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 180

Description: Member admitted to acting in an unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division while off-duty. The member was arrested after driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol in the State of Indiana and attempted to use his position to gain favor with the investigating officer.

Rutgers University Police

SGT Amy Leffand

Terminated: No

Demoted: No

Suspended: Yes

of Days Suspended: 6

Description: SGT. Amy Leffand was suspended without pay for 6 days for conduct unbecoming of a police supervisor and for using offensive, insulting and provoking language. The sergeant utilized racially offensive language during an internal discussion with subordinate employees.

State Parole Board

Parole Officer Recruit Brian Bene

Terminated: Yes

Demoted: No

Suspended: No

of Days Suspended:

Description: Violation of the policy prohibiting discrimination in the workplace - General Resignation as part of a settlement agreement
