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Trooper Aubin Young  
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**VIA PERSONAL DELIVERY**  
IA#2200037; OLA #079192

**Re: 720 HOUR SUSPENSION**

Trooper Young:

Pursuant to the authority granted by State Police Commission Rules 12.2 and 12.8, you are hereby notified that you are suspended from duty without pay and allowances for 720 hours. Your suspension will begin at 0700 hours on December 12, 2022, and will end at 1700 hours on April, 13, 2023. You shall report back to your assigned duty station at 0700 hours on April 17, 2023. You are suspended for the following reasons:

On Thursday, June 23, 2022, at approximately 0153 hours, Officer Gary Russell of the Atlanta Police Department (APD) observed a white pickup truck driving the wrong way on Baker Street, a one way street, before turning onto Williams Street, in Atlanta, Georgia. Officer Russell conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle after it turned onto West Peachtree Place. The traffic stop was recorded on Officer Russell's body worn camera (BWC).<sup>1</sup> The recording shows Officer Russell approach the vehicle and address the driver seated in the truck, who was identified as you. There was also a male passenger, whom you identified as your cousin Frank, in the front seat. Upon introducing himself, you advised Officer Russell that you had a weapon in the vehicle and a badge, and that you worked for Louisiana State Police.

When Officer Russell asked to see your credentials, you searched several compartments of your vehicle, but could never locate your badge or commission card. You advised Officer Russell that you had just returned from Anniston, AL for military training and you and your passenger went to "Magic City"<sup>2</sup>, which was awesome until they kicked us out." You exited your vehicle and continued searching for your commission card and badge and stated, "I may have left it inside the club." You stumbled as you walked to the rear passenger door on the driver's side of the vehicle. You stated to Officer Russell, "All I can tell you is, we literally came from Magic City and we

<sup>1</sup> A copy of the BWC recordings are maintained by Internal Affairs.

<sup>2</sup> Magic City is a strip club in Atlanta, GA.

were kicked out because, according to them, we were a little belligerent." When Officer Russell asked you if you could contact a supervisor who could confirm your status as a law enforcement officer, you advised him that your supervisors were in Louisiana. When you suggested to Frank that your ID could be at Magic City, he told you that they gave it back, and you responded, "I literally had it in Magic City when they told us we had to go."

Officer Russell asked you how much you had to drink and you responded, "I have not, I have not had nothing." Officer Russell told you he could smell an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from your breath, and he witnessed you stumble when you walked. You placed your hand on your left hip and shook your head several times in disagreement. You then stated to your cousin, "Okay, so he's saying, he's asked me how much I've had to drink, so, um, I would say I'd probably had, um when I was there, he's asked me so I'll be honest. I probably had um, when I was there, I asked for an Amaretto which is a regular drink, and also a red bull. So I drank that and I was there about two hours ago, we left two hours ago, ok."

Officer Russell advised you he was concerned that you claimed to be a law enforcement officer, but could not provide credentials, and he again requested to speak with your supervisor to verify your status. You requested that Officer Russell not contact your department because that could get you in trouble.

At 0214 hours, Officer Russell requested assistance and APD Officer Eric Ramsey, a member of the High Intensity Traffic Team (H.I.T.T), and APD Sgt. Justin Brodnik responded. At approximately 0226 hours, Officer Ramsey arrived at the scene and his BWC recorded his interactions with you.<sup>3</sup> Officer Ramsey made contact with you and administered Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and recorded his observations in his written report. During the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN) Test, you swayed during the evaluation, showed lack of smooth pursuit in both eyes, distinct and sustained nystagmus at maximum deviation in both eyes, and onset of nystagmus prior to 45 degrees which was present in both eyes at roughly 30-35 degrees. During the Walk and Turn evaluation, you were unable to maintain the instructional position while Officer Ramsey explained the test to you, and on the second set of nine steps, you did not place your heel to your toe several times, and stepped off line. During the One Leg Stand evaluation, you raised your foot and began counting prior to being instructed to, and you placed your foot down at counts 16 and 18. You agreed to submit to a Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) on the scene, and were afforded multiple opportunities to provide a breath sample after the instructions, but never provided a proper sufficient breath sample. Officer Ramsey placed you under arrest for Driving Under the Influence. Your vehicle was inventoried and then towed. Your property, including your LSP issued Glock 43, ammunition, BWC, and Mobile Data Terminal, was removed from your vehicle and turned into the Atlanta Public Safety Annex, but your LSP commission and badge were not located. After being advised of your rights under the Georgia Implied Consent Law, you refused to provide a breath or blood sample, and you were subsequently transported to the Atlanta County Jail.

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Internal Affairs investigators interviewed Officers Russell and Ramsey. Officer Ramsey advised IA investigators that when he administered the SFSTs to you, he observed six out of six clues on the HGN, eight clues on the Walk and Turn test, and one clue on the One Leg Stand test. It stood out to him that as a trooper, you should be well versed in SFST, but Officer Ramsey had to explain each test more than once for you to understand the instructions. He advised it was obvious to him you were being evasive in submitting a sample into the PBT. Officer Ramsey advised IA investigators that he completed an inventory of property from your vehicle and person, but your LSP commission card and badge were not found. He subsequently confirmed you were a Louisiana State Trooper through an online search.

On September 12, 2022, you participated in a recorded interview with IA investigators Sgt. Karan Sharma and Trooper Jacob Butler. You advised IA investigators that you attended a two week military school in Anniston, AL. On your last day of training, you traveled to Atlanta, GA to visit your cousin and the two of you went to Magic City, a strip club in Atlanta. You stayed for about two hours, and you recalled drinking two beers. Shortly after you left the club, you were pulled over by APD for driving the wrong way on a one-way street.

When IA investigators asked you to explain what occurred at Magic City, you stated that you spent several hours there partying, dancing and having a good time. When you were asked what led to you being asked to leave, you stated that management randomly asked you to leave and you did not understand why. You could not recall if you identified yourself as a state trooper or brandished your commission card at Magic City when you were asked to leave. IA investigators asked you if you showed your LSP commission card to APD officers during the traffic stop and you stated that you were unable to locate your card at the time of the stop. IA investigators asked you how you were in possession of your commission card now if you could not locate it during the traffic stop, and APD officers did not locate it on your person or in your vehicle. You told IA investigators you could only assume APD officers located it. You were asked if it was part of your property you picked up when you were released from the jail, and you told IA investigators, "That I don't know." When IA investigators asked you again if you brandished your commission card to staff at Magic City when you were told to leave the premises, you admitted that you did.

IA investigators showed you the BWC video where you told Officer Russell that you did not have anything to drink. When IA investigators asked you if your statement to them that you only had two beers at Magic City was accurate, you stated, "I may have had a shot."

You operated your personal vehicle the wrong way on Baker Street in Atlanta, GA, on June 23, 2022, in violation of Georgia Code 40-6-47 – One Way Roadways. Officer Eric Ramsay of the APD investigated your condition and concluded that you were impaired at the time, in violation of Georgia Code 40-6-391 – Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. By violating Georgia laws, your above described actions violated Louisiana State Police Policy and Procedure Order No. 901 – Code of Conduct and Ethics, Section 3 – Conformance to Laws, which states in pertinent part:

- i) A commissioned officer shall conform to, and abide by, the laws of the United States, the State of Louisiana, all other states if the United States and subdivisions thereof.

You admitted that you consumed alcoholic beverages at Magic City and were “kicked out,” prior to operating your vehicle and being stopped by APD on June 23, 2022, for driving the wrong way on a one-way street. You performed poorly on the SFSTs as observed by Officer Ramsey and as seen on the BWC recordings. Your actions violated Louisiana State Police Policy and Procedure Order No. 901 – Code of Conduct and Ethics, Section 28 – Use of Intoxicants, which states in pertinent part:

- i) Off-duty:
  - a) A commissioned officer while off-duty shall not consume alcoholic beverages to the extent that it results in public behavior which could reasonably be expected to destroy public respect and/or confidence in the officer and/or the Department, or would render a commissioned officer unfit to report for his next regular tour-of-duty.

You admitted that you brandished your LSP commission card at Magic City when you were told to leave the premises. Your actions violated Louisiana State Police Policy and Procedure Order No. 901 – Code of Conduct and Ethics, Section 6 – Badge of Office<sup>4</sup>, which states in pertinent part:

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- iii) A commissioned officer shall not use nor permit the use of his badge of office for personal or financial gain or for the benefit of any individual or group of individuals.
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You provided false information to Officer Russell on September 23, 2022, when you told him that you did not have anything to drink. After being placed under oath, you told IA investigators in your recorded interview that you had two beers at Magic City. You then admitted that you “may have had a shot.” You initially told IA investigators that you did not recall the events at Magic City, but then admitted that you were asked to leave. You told IA investigators that you picked up your commission card/badge as part of your personal property from the Atlanta City Jail upon your release, but your commission card/badge were not property taken from your person or vehicle and maintained by the jail. Your above described statements were not factual, and you were less than forthcoming when questioned by IA investigators about the incident, in violation of Louisiana State Police Policy and Procedure Order No. 901 – Code of Conduct and Ethics, Section 15 – False Statements, which states in pertinent part:

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<sup>4</sup> P.O. 901-6.i defines “badge of office” as “the identification/commission card, badge, official position, title, uniform or any other tangible or intangible thing by which it can be construed that the concept of ‘Louisiana State Police’ is being interjected.”

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- i) A commissioned officer shall make no false statement or falsify any written report to a superior officer knowing such statement to be incorrect or misleading.
- ii) No commissioned officer shall willfully and/or intentionally withhold any information from a report or statement, knowing such information to be relevant to the report or statement.

During a time when our agency is under strict scrutiny, your above described conduct is not only embarrassing to you, but to the Department as a whole. Your actions violated Louisiana State Police Policy and Procedure Order No. 901 – Code of Conduct and Ethics, Section 4 – Conduct Unbecoming an Officer, which states in pertinent part:

- i) A commissioned officer shall conduct himself at all times, both on and off-duty, in such a manner as to reflect most favorably on himself and the Department.
- ii) Unbecoming conduct is defined as conduct which:
  - a. Brings the Department or any of its subdivisions into disrepute.
  - b. Reflects discredit upon the officer as a member of the Department.
  - c. Impairs the operations or efficiency of the Department, the officer, or state service.
  - d. Detrimentally affects the morale of the Department's personnel.
  - e. May reasonably be expected to destroy public respect for State Police Officers and/or confidence in the Office of State Police.

Any future violations of this or any nature may result in more severe discipline, up to and including termination.

You have the right to appeal your suspension to the Louisiana State Police Commission. The time limits and procedure for appealing are contained in Chapter 13 of the State Police Commission Rules. A copy of Chapter 13 can be obtained from the State Police Commission. Their current mailing address is P.O. Box 66555, Baton Rouge, LA 70896-6555. Their current telephone number is (225) 925-7057 and their fax number is (225) 925-7058.

Your attention is directed to Louisiana State Police Policy and Procedure Order No. 201.5.iv, which states:

- iv) No officer shall work escorts, paid off-duty details, or overtime in any pay period wherein he has taken leave without pay, been suspended without pay, placed on forced or administrative leave, or worked at a reduction in pay as a result of a disciplinary action unless authorized by the appointing authority.

Sincerely,



Colonel Lamar A. Davis  
Superintendent, Louisiana State Police

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