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Trooper Timothy Parker
Troop F

VIA PERSONAL DELIVERY
IA#22-00041; OLA #078699

Re: 4 HOUR SUSPENSION

Trooper Parker:

Pursuant to the authority granted by State Police Commission Rules 12.2, and in accordance with Rule 12.8, you are hereby notified that you are being suspended from duty without pay and allowances for 4 hours. Your suspension will begin at 0600 hours on Saturday, November 19, 2022, and will end at 1000 hours on Saturday, November 19, 2022. You are suspended for the following reasons:

On July 18, 2022, at approximately 0739 hours, while working speed enforcement in Ouachita Parish, you witnessed a grey 2008 Nissan Quest van traveling southbound on LA151 at 71 mph in a 55 mph zone. In an attempt to stop the Quest, you activated the overhead emergency lights on your fully marked Louisiana State Police (hereinafter "LSP") unit in an attempt to get the driver of the speeding vehicle to pull over and stop. The activation of your lights triggered your Body Worn Camera (BWC) and In Car Camera (ICC) to begin recording¹.

The Quest pulled over near the intersection of LA 151 and LA 837. You then instructed the driver, later identified as Ms. Kelsey Herring, to exit the vehicle with her driver's license. You noticed that Ms. Herring put on her nurse's badge as she exited her vehicle. Ms. Herring asked you, "What's wrong?" while she attempted to locate her driver's license. You identified yourself as Louisiana State Trooper Timothy Parker, and stated that you observed her doing 71 mph, to which she replied, "I looked down, and it was 65." You informed Ms. Herring that the speed limit is 55 mph. You then walked to your unit to further investigate Ms. Herring and write her a citation.

¹ The BWC and ICC recordings relating to the events described in the letter are maintained in Evidence.Com under ID#F22-079641.

After writing the citation, the following conversation was recorded on your BWC between Ms. Herring and you:

YOU: "This is just a speed citation. Here is the court date at the bottom."

MS. HERRING: "I'm so used to this. You don't need to give me the spill."

YOU: "You get a lot of speeding tickets?"

MS. HERRING: "I do. I want to sign it and get the hell out of here."

Ms. Herring signed the citation and returned it to you. You explained to her that you would give her the same amount of respect as she gave you. You then explained to Ms. Herring that she traveled 71 mph in a 55 mph zone, was not wearing a seatbelt, and her vehicle did not have an inspection sticker. You stated, "If you want to pour out an attitude, I don't have to pour out one; I'll just put it on the damn ticket." You then handed Ms. Herring the citation, and both of you returned to your respective vehicles to leave the scene of the traffic stop.

As Ms. Herring entered LA 151 south, she yelled, "You'll need a nurse one day." You observed Ms. Herring at that time operating her vehicle without wearing her seatbelt. Without notifying the troop or other law enforcement agency that you had concluded the traffic stop, you pulled onto LA 151 to stop Ms. Herring. There was a vehicle behind her so you followed Ms. Herring for 1.3 miles until she pulled into a Sonic Drive-In (538 LA 151 North, Calhoun, LA 71225) parking spot to retrieve a pickup order she had placed. You pulled in behind Ms. Herring's vehicle at Sonic Drive-In. You failed to notify the troop or other law enforcement agency any of the information relating to this traffic stop. You knocked on the passenger side window of Ms. Herring's vehicle and requested that she roll down the window. She motioned to you that the window did not roll down. You opened the passenger side door, and the following conversation between Ms. Herring and you was recorded on your BWC:

MS. HERRING: "Now you are harassing me, and I am calling the police."

YOU: "Give me the ticket back."

MS. HERRING: "No, you can write me a new one."

YOU: "I will add the seatbelt violation to my ticket instead of writing a new one."

MS. HERRING: "No, you can write me a new one."

You then left the Sonic Drive-In and notified LSP Region III dispatch that you were 10-8 (back in service).

After concluding your traffic stop of Ms. Herring wherein you issued her a citation for speeding, you made contact with her a second time 1.3 miles away because she operated her vehicle without a seatbelt. Instead of issuing a second citation to Ms. Herring when you made contact with her in the Sonic Drive-In, you merely altered the copies of the original citation for speeding that you had. Your actions violated Louisiana State Police, Procedural Order 901, Code of Conduct, Section 8, – PERFORMANCE OF DUTY, which states in pertinent part:

- i) A commissioned officer shall conscientiously strive to enforce the laws of the state of Louisiana, render service to all citizens within the state, be responsible for the proper performance of all assigned duties, and strictly adhere to the rules, regulations, orders, manuals, and directives promulgated by the Department.
- ii) Ignorance of the rules, regulations, and directives shall not be considered an excuse or justification for any violation of such by an officer.

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Although you had released Ms. Herring from the initial traffic stop for speeding, you failed to notify the troop or other law enforcement agency that you were back in service. You made a second traffic stop of Ms. Herring 1.3 miles away, and failed to notify the troop or other law enforcement agency of the stop and provide required information, in violation of Louisiana State Police Policy Order No. 901 - Code of Conduct and Ethics, Section 5 – STOPPING VIOLATORS, which states in pertinent part:

- iii) Marked Units
 - a) When an officer has determined that enforcement action is warranted, he shall activate the unit's emergency lights and / or audible warning devices notifying the violator of the patrol officer's presence. He shall notify the appropriate Troop, sheriff's office, or police department and should give the:
 - 1) Vehicle's registration number
 - 2) Vehicle's description
 - 3) Location of stop
 - 4) Direction of travel

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

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You have the right to appeal this action 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,



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