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**State of Louisiana**  
*Department of Public Safety and Corrections*  
*Public Safety Services*

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HQ-2-1778-19

TROOPER TODD MCCONNELL  
TROOP L

**VIA PERSONAL DELIVERY**  
IA #N19-069, OLA #066024

**Re: EIGHT HOUR SUSPENSION**

Dear Trooper McConnell:

Pursuant to the authority granted by State Police Commission Rules 12.1, and 12.2, and the authority delegated to me by Colonel Kevin Reeves, you are hereby notified that you are suspended from duty for eight (8) hours without pay and allowances. Your suspension will begin at 0500 hours on Monday, December 30, 2019, and will end at 1300 hours on that date. You shall report back to your assigned duty station at 0500 hours on Tuesday, December 31, 2019. You are suspended for the following reasons:

On September 9, 2019, at approximately 1030 hours, while working regular duty, you brought your assigned state police unit to the mechanic shop at Troop L for maintenance. You removed your fully loaded, state issued Bushmaster AR-15 rifle ("rifle"), serial number BFIT002566, from your unit and placed the rifle in the mechanic shop while having a conversation with George Greene, the Troop L mechanic. You left the rifle unattended in the mechanic shop office and exited the office. Two trustees and the mechanic have access to this office.

You were interviewed by Lt. Russell Mayfield on September 27, 2019. In this recorded interview, you admitted after arriving at the Troop L mechanic shop, you exited your unit with the rifle to speak with Mr. Greene. You stated while you were speaking with Mr. Greene, an inmate came into the office and said there was a nail in your tire, so you and Mr. Greene exited the office to look at the tire. You admitted you left the rifle in the mechanic's office leaning against the wall. You stated while you were outside the office, Captain John Riles and Trooper David Levy entered the garage and walked into the office. You stated you locked the rifle in the secured locker after Lt. Mayfield advised you the rifle was in the office.

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By leaving the rifle unattended in the mechanic shop office which two trustees and the mechanic have access to, you violated Louisiana State Police Policy and Procedure Order No. 223 - Firearms, Section 5 – Carrying and Storing Firearms, which states in pertinent part:

- i) Policy
  - a) Each officer is responsible for the custody and safekeeping of all firearms assigned to, carried by, or used by him in any manner covered by this order.
  - b) Firearms shall never be left where unauthorized persons may have or gain access to them.

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By failing to lock the rifle in the available secure gun locker or other secure place after you removed it from your unit while your unit was unattended, you violated Louisiana State Police Policy and Procedure Order No. 242 – Vehicle Use, Maintenance, and Repair, Section 3 – Vehicle Maintenance and Care, which states in pertinent part:

- i) Personnel shall take reasonable measures to provide for the safety and security of individually assigned units and equipment when the vehicles are not in use.
  - a) Weapons will be removed from the vehicle and stored in a gun locker or other secure place when the unit is unattended.

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.

Sincerely,



Lt. Col. Mike Noel  
Assistant Superintendent/ Chief of Staff  
Louisiana State Police

- c: Colonel Kevin Reeves  
Lt. Col. Jay D. Oliphant  
Major James McGuane  
Captain John Riles  
Internal Affairs  
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