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Disposition Letter

November 16, 2022

Patrol Officer Juan Cedeño #483 C/o Fourth District Headquarters 9333 Kinsman Road Cleveland, Ohio 44104

Re: SR2022-0590, SR2022-0591

Patrol Officer Cedeño #483:

This letter is to advise you, Patrol Officer Juan Cedeño #483, of the result of the administrative pre-disciplinary hearing you attended on October 10, 2022, to address an internal investigation wherein you were alleged to have engaged in improper procedure and/or conduct.

#### STATEMENT OF POLICY

In part: The Manual of Rules sets forth the conduct and behavior to be followed by officers and employees. Any violation of these rules shall be a basis for disciplinary action. Disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to, verbal and written reprimands and the preferring of divisional charges which can result in suspension, loss of pay, demotion or termination. The rules and standards contained in this manual shall apply whether the officer or employee is on or off duty. Where a conflict exists between a Rule and a General Police Order, the Rule provision shall be adhered to.

#### **SPECIFICATION**

**Specification #1:** (SR2022-0591) During the First Quarter 2022 sick review, you, Patrol Officer Juan Cedeño #483, used sixty (60) hours of sick time and displayed a pattern of sick leave on weekends or on days that precede or follow scheduled vacation days or compensatory time, in violation of General Police Order 1.3.06. (*Group I Violation*)

**Specification #2:** (SR2022-0590) During the Second Quarter 2022 sick review, you, Patrol Officer Juan Cedeño #483, used sixty (60) hours of sick time and displayed a pattern of sick leave on weekends or on days that precede or follow scheduled vacation days or compensatory time, in violation of General Police Order 1.3.06. (*Group I Violation*)

These specifications are in violation of the rules and procedures of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety.

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# RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

General Police Order 1.3.06: Sick Leave Review (revised: 3/14/13)

Manual of Rules for the Conduct and Discipline of Employees of the Cleveland Division of Police: 10.01

#### **HEARING INFORMATION**

In attendance at the administrative pre-disciplinary hearing, were you, First Vice President David Medina, Second Vice President Andrew Gasiewski and Attorney Joseph Delguyd of the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association, Vice President Luther Roddy of the Black Shield Police Association, Sergeant Kenneth Koney of the Fourth District, Sergeant David Grasha and Sergeant Diane Salomon of the Inspection Unit, Lieutenant Charles DePenti of the Case Preparation Unit and Deputy Chief Dorothy Todd of the Chief's Office, who presided over the hearing.

During the hearing, you acknowledged receipt of the charging letter; you and your representatives waived the reading of your charge letter and were then afforded the opportunity to be heard. You entered a plea of "No Contest" to Specification #1 and Specification #2 of the administrative charge as set forth in the charging letter. Upon reviewing the evidence presented, the memorialized record, as well as the arguments of you and your representatives, the Hearing Officer recommended that you be issued a Letter of Reinstruction and be placed on Step-1 of the Sick Leave Abuse Control Program.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

I have carefully reviewed the evidence incorporated into the record by reference, the memorialized record, including statements made at your hearing and the applicable Rules, Policies and Procedures, and I accept and adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Officer. You violated General Police Order 1.3.06 when you used sixty (60) hours of sick time and displayed a pattern of sick leave on weekends or on days that precede or follow scheduled vacation days or compensatory time in the First Quarter and the Second Quarter of 2022. Therefore, I am issuing you this Non-disciplinary Letter of Reinstruction and placing you on Step-1 of the Sick Leave Abuse Control Program. Pursuant to the procedures of Step-1 Sick Abuse, you are to provide documentation to the Medical Director prior to being returned to duty for any sick leave taken from the date of this letter until November 16, 2023. Further, members who are found to be abusing sick leave within one year of completing Step-1 Sick Abuse shall result in the member automatically escalating to Step-2 Sick Abuse. Please review General Police Order 1.3.06 ensure that you follow it verbatim.

Pursuant to the Manual of Rules, you are personally responsible for maintaining a current set of General Police Orders either as a paper copy or in electronic format. Furthermore, your Commanding Officer maintains all Divisional directives, which you are obligated to also know pursuant to the Manual of Rules. Please inform your Commanding Officer, through the chain of command, if you cannot access these policies and protocols. If you have any questions, please contact your immediate supervisor for specific answers about any of the Division's policies and protocols and their application.

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# This letter is not discipline and should not be regarded as such.

Sincerely,

Dornat A. Drummond Chief of Police

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