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TO: Captain Eric Duplechain
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SUBJECT: Allegation of Conduct Unbecoming of an Officer - Trooper William
Beasley, Louisiana State Police-Troop I

CASE #: N20-004

INITIAL COMPLAINT

On Monday, June 15, 2020, Captain Eric Duplechain received information from Acadia Parish Sheriff K.P. Gibson that his department was investigating a simple battery complaint filed against Trooper William Beasley. According to the initial report, Tpr. Beasley, while off-duty, allegedly stuck his tongue into the female Victim's right ear. The incident occurred on Saturday morning, June 13, 2020, at 1:30 a.m. at [REDACTED] Bar and Grill at [REDACTED] Louisiana.

As instructed by Capt. Duplechain, Lieutenant Robert Guilbeaux initiated a Non-Internal Affairs investigation into the allegation of Conduct Unbecoming of an Officer, on the part of Tpr. Beasley. Lt. Guilbeaux's investigation began on June 24, 2020.

INTERVIEWS

During the course of this investigation, the following individuals were interviewed:

[REDACTED] - Tuesday, July 14, 2020
[REDACTED] - Tuesday, July 14, 2020
[REDACTED] - Friday, July 17, 2020
Tpr. William Beasley - Thursday, July 23, 2020

(The complete audio recordings for the individuals listed have been submitted with this report)

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

On June 15, 2020, Capt. Duplechain informed me about an incident involving Tpr. William Beasley. According to Capt. Duplechain, Sheriff K.P. Gibson of the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office called and informed Capt. Duplechain of a simple battery investigation his department was conducting related to an incident at the [REDACTED] Bar and Grill at [REDACTED] Louisiana, in the unincorporated area of western Acadia Parish. Allegedly, Tpr. Beasley while off-duty at Red Dog's, stuck his tongue in the complainant's (Mrs. Emily Guillory) right ear.

On June 24, 2020, I met with Tpr. Beasley at my office. I provided him with a copy of the Louisiana State Police Commission Rules Chapter 12, the Employee Notification Letter and provided him with a receipt. I asked Tpr. Beasley to complete an Incident Report outlining his involvement. Tpr. Beasley admitted that the incident occurred and expressed his embarrassment.

On June 24, 2020, Capt. Duplechain provided a copy of the unapproved Initial Report completed by Deputy Sean LaQue of the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office. I also received copies of the statements from the Reporting Person/Victim, identified as [REDACTED] and the statements from witnesses [REDACTED]. A video of the incident captured by the security camera at [REDACTED] Bar & Grill was also included.

I reviewed the video footage from the [REDACTED] security camera. The black and white video, which had no sound, showed [REDACTED] (Victim) leaving [REDACTED] approached Tpr. Beasley and his wife [REDACTED] who were seated at a table on the front porch. [REDACTED] approached and leaned over [REDACTED] on one leg. [REDACTED] upper torso was leaning towards Tpr. Beasley, who was seated and facing her. [REDACTED] turned her head to the left and it was near Tpr. Beasley's face. Moments later, [REDACTED] suddenly moved away grabbing her right ear. She stepped to the side as Tpr. Beasley and his wife stood up. Tpr. Beasley's wife, tapped him on the shoulder as they moved towards the entrance of the bar. Tpr. Beasley grabbed [REDACTED] by her right arm as he and [REDACTED] walked away in different directions.

On June 24th, 25th, and 29th, I attempted to make contact with [REDACTED] by telephone. On June 30, I spoke with [REDACTED] over the telephone. [REDACTED] informed me that she would not be available to meet with me because her 10-month old child had contracted COVID 19. She stated she and her husband would not be available until later in the month of July. [REDACTED] said she would be in touch, following their 14-day quarantine period.

On June 24th, 25th, and 29th, I also attempted to contact [REDACTED] by telephone. I learned he no longer lived at the residence listed in the Sheriff's Office's Initial Report and his phone number was not correct. On July 9th, I made contact with [REDACTED] and arranged an interview for July 17th.

On Tuesday, July 14, 2020, I met with [REDACTED] at their residence in Morse, LA. I explained that I was conducting an administrative investigation on the behalf of State Police. Both [REDACTED] agreed to speak to me and provide a recorded statement.

██████████ said on Friday, June 12, 2020, she and her husband, ██████████, were at ██████████ Bar with friends. During the night, she and her husband casually talked with Tpr. Beasley, who she refers to as Billy, and his wife ██████████ while inside the bar. At approximately 1:30 a.m. on June 13, 2020, she and her husband walked outside to get a cigarette. She met Tpr. Beasley and his wife ██████████ standing on the porch near the steps. ██████████ said she stopped and started chatting with Tpr. Beasley and his wife. As she chatted with Tpr. Beasley and his wife, Tpr. Beasley pulled ██████████ into his chest, as he held her by her shoulder blade. ██████████ said as Tpr. Beasley held her, he licked the left side of her face and in her ear. ██████████ said she pulled away from Tpr. Beasley in disapproval and he told his wife to walk away. She immediately walked away, met with her husband and told him what Tpr. Beasley had done. She and her husband discussed what happened and what to do about the incident. ██████████ said she did not want any trouble, but wanted her husband to confront Tpr. Beasley about the situation, and let Tpr. Beasley know it was not "ok" to do what he did to her.

██████████ stated she, and her husband, eventually returned to the bar area and he asked Tpr. Beasley to step outside to talk. Unbeknown to her husband, she followed Tpr. Beasley and her husband back to their truck. She waited as her husband and Tpr. Beasley spoke privately. After her husband spoke to Tpr. Beasley, Tpr. Beasley saw her standing near the truck. Tpr. Beasley attempted to apologize to her. ██████████ said she told him "I refuse to accept your apology because what you did was uncalled for." She then asked Tpr. Beasley what she did to give him a reason to stick his tongue in her ear? ██████████ said Tpr. Beasley started apologizing, by saying "sorry baby girl, I over stepped, I shouldn't have done that and forgive me." She said at the time, her husband and his friend ██████████ were standing near-by. There were also several people in the parking lot, due to the bar closing in 30 minutes. I asked ██████████ about Tpr. Beasley's condition at the time of the incident. ██████████ said Tpr. Beasley had definitely had a few drinks, referring to alcoholic beverages. She explained that he seemed upset and embarrassed, all at the same time. Also, she explained that he wanted to say he was sorry and wanted it to be washed away, "but it was not o.k." I asked ██████████ if there was anything else she wanted to say or if anything else had occurred as a result of the incident? ██████████ said that everywhere she goes people are asking, "Hey what happened with Billy at ██████████?" She emotionally exclaimed, "It's everywhere, everywhere I turn, it's no longer, hey, how you doing, it's what happened with Billy?" I asked ██████████ if anyone else made contact with her regarding the incident? ██████████ said the Acadia Parish District Attorney's office contacted her. She explained that the D.A.'s office wanted to know if she wanted to lessen the charge to disturbing the peace or drop it altogether and have Tpr. Beasley go to counselling. She said she asked them what counseling would be justifiable for what Tpr. Beasley did. The representative answered, and said, they could send him to alcohol classes for drinking too much. ██████████ said she asked how could the D.A.'s office call someone who was assaulted in that way and ask them to just drop the charges. She went on to explain that the D.A.'s office told her that Tpr. Beasley sticking his tongue in her ear was not a sexual assault, because the ear was not considered a sexual part of the body. Tpr. Beasley would be charged with assault. Therefore, why should she let him go and do this to other women? ██████████ said, "It's not ok, because everyone they know had a story or incident of when Tpr. Beasley has either insulted or assaulted different women." She explained that it was just as bad as if he had slapped her on the butt. She ended by adamantly saying it was still sexual. End of Interview

I then spoke with [REDACTED] (Victim's husband). [REDACTED] said during that night he also casually talked with Tpr. Beasley and his wife, [REDACTED]. He said he left the bar to get a cigarette from his truck. As he passed Tpr. Beasley and his wife, [REDACTED] standing on the porch of the bar, his wife stopped to talk to them. He continued to his truck. While at his truck, [REDACTED] approached him. He could see that she was upset. He asked his wife what was wrong. She explained nearly in tears, that Billy (Tpr. Beasley) had licked her in the ear. [REDACTED] said he immediately started thinking Tpr. Beasley was a State Trooper and if he attacked him he would get in trouble so, he should keep his temper. He then asked his wife if she wanted him to confront Tpr. Beasley. She asked that Tpr. Beasley be confronted. [REDACTED] said he returned to the bar and asked Tpr. Beasley to follow him outside. As he and Tpr. Beasley reached his truck, he turned and asked Tpr. Beasley, "What, in your mind, gave you the right to stick your tongue in my wife's ear?" He said Tpr. Beasley was visually embarrassed. Tpr. Beasley started apologizing and could not look him in the eye. He explained to Tpr. Beasley that if he touched his wife again in anyway, the results would not be the same. Tpr. Beasley replied that he had never been accused or been confronted over something like this before. Tpr. Beasley asked if [REDACTED] wanted an apology. [REDACTED] told Tpr. Beasley he could apologize, only if his wife wanted to accept the apology. [REDACTED] said he walked back towards the bar to get his wife. As he did, Tpr. Beasley called out to him that his wife was standing next to his truck. He returned to the truck as Tpr. Beasley was walking away. He asked Tpr. Beasley where he was going and Tpr. Beasley told him he was going home. Not knowing that Tpr. Beasley had already spoken to his wife, he insisted that Tpr. Beasley apologize to his wife. Tpr. Beasley seemed confused at the request because his wife had already told Tpr. Beasley she did not accept his apology, but he still adamantly insisted Tpr. Beasley apologize to her.

According to [REDACTED], at this point, his friend, [REDACTED] approached the scene. [REDACTED] and Tpr. Beasley exchanged words. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] basically told Tpr. Beasley, if it were his wife, he would have "knocked the shit out of him." Tpr. Beasley then challenged [REDACTED] to step into the road to fight. There were several people in the parking lot, due to the bar closing. [REDACTED] said it was at this point he stepped in between Tpr. Beasley and [REDACTED]. Tpr. Beasley then left the scene. End of interview.

On July 17, 2020, I met and interviewed [REDACTED] at the Gueydan Police Department. During the interview, [REDACTED] said he and [REDACTED] were sitting in [REDACTED] having a few beers. He had went to the restroom and when he returned, [REDACTED] wife, [REDACTED] returned to the bar crying. This was near closing at about 1:00 A.M. or 1:30 A.M. He asked what happened and [REDACTED] told him that Tpr. Beasley, who he referred to as Billy, had stuck his tongue in [REDACTED] wife's ear in an attempt to flirt with her. [REDACTED] explained that [REDACTED] stepped outside to have Tpr. Beasley apologize to his wife and he followed. As they approached Tpr. Beasley, he was paranoid and attempted to apologize to Mrs. Guillory, who was telling him to go away. Tpr. Beasley's wife approached the scene and Tpr. Beasley told her to leave. He said he asked Tpr. Beasley if he was married and Tpr. Beasley replied "Yes." He told Tpr. Beasley to tell his wife he had stuck his tongue in [REDACTED] ear. Tpr. Beasley turned back around to approach his wife and he told her to leave again. [REDACTED] said he told Tpr. Beasley he was lucky it was not his wife, because they would end up fighting. Tpr. Beasley asked him if he wanted to fight right there. There were also several people in the parking lot, due to the bar closing. He told Tpr.

Beasley they could fight right there. At this point, [REDACTED] physically separated Tpr. Beasley and [REDACTED] to keep from fighting. Tpr. Beasley and his wife then left the parking lot. I asked [REDACTED] if he observed Tpr. Beasley any other time during the night. He explained that he didn't know Tpr. Beasley, but was told he was a State Trooper. However, he had seen Tpr. Beasley walking around being rude to people and "acting an ass, while jokingly kicking people in the ass." I asked [REDACTED] about Tpr. Beasley's physical condition. [REDACTED] said Tpr. Beasley seemed "pretty intoxicated." He concluded that he didn't see the initial incident, but Tpr. Beasley seemed to want to cover up the incident. [REDACTED] stated although Tpr. Beasley did attempt to apologize, [REDACTED] was very upset and asked him to go away. End of interview.

On July 23, 2020, I met with Tpr. Beasley during his regular tour of duty. During the interview, Tpr. Beasley stated that prior to reviewing the video of the incident on June 24, 2020, he could not recall the details of the incident. He explained that this was due to his highly intoxicated state. He recalled he stuck his tongue in [REDACTED] ear. I asked Tpr. Beasley to explain what he remembered. Tpr. Beasley said that after a gathering at his home with several friends, they decided to go to the [REDACTED] Bar & Grill for a few more drinks, referring to alcoholic beverages. While at the bar, there were several people he knew, but he recalled meeting [REDACTED]. He added that [REDACTED] is a distant relative of his and they talked casually several times during the night. Tpr. Beasley said at some point, [REDACTED] approached him and asked him to step outside. Once outside [REDACTED] asked if Tpr. Beasley, "had done something to his wife." Tpr. Beasley said he told [REDACTED] yes, he had stuck his tongue in [REDACTED] wife's ear. Tpr. Beasley said he could not remember exactly when it happened, but it happened. He apologized to [REDACTED] and asked to apologize to his wife. [REDACTED] did not realize his wife was outside and she was near the truck. [REDACTED] was upset and, at that point a friend of [REDACTED] approached him and asked if he was having family problems at home. He explained that he was unsure of what was exactly said. [REDACTED] friend was directing the questions toward him and [REDACTED] stepped in between them. [REDACTED] attempted to restrain his friend as he and his wife left the scene. I asked Tpr. Beasley if he recalled speaking to [REDACTED] outside. Tpr. Beasley said before reviewing the security video, he did not recall the details of the incident, nor did he recall where the incident took place. After reviewing the security video, he remembered sitting outside at the table talking with his wife and some friends. He also recalled that after being outside for some time, he returned to the bar. I asked Tpr. Beasley if he remembered who was outside when he and [REDACTED] returned to the parking lot. He said only [REDACTED] and himself were in the immediate area. He said at some point his wife, [REDACTED] met them in the parking lot. He also recalled [REDACTED] friend, who was upset, was there. I asked what [REDACTED] asked him. Tpr. Beasley said [REDACTED] asked him not to lie, because they were relatives. He asked if Tpr. Beasley stuck his tongue in his wife's ear. Tpr. Beasley said he replied, "Yes I did. I am sorry." He then apologized to [REDACTED]. He also asked to apologize to [REDACTED] wife. I asked Tpr. Beasley what was his intent when he stuck his tongue in [REDACTED] ear. Tpr. Beasley said "just being silly." He explained that she must have been close to him because they were talking. He did not know what they were doing, but he guessed the opportunity presented itself. However, he intended no harm, he was not trying to pick her up and was just "cutting up." I asked what happened after he and [REDACTED] talked at the truck. Tpr. Beasley said he attempted to apologize to [REDACTED], but [REDACTED] was crying and she didn't want him near her. She and her unidentified friend told him to go away. He said he didn't want to

make things worse so he returned to the front of the truck. Once he returned to the front of the truck, [REDACTED] friend approached him and wanted to fight. He said he did not know what the friend was saying, but [REDACTED] stepped in between them. [REDACTED] and his friend began tussling. He and his wife left the area and a friend drove them home. Tpr. Beasley said he arrived at home approximately 15-20 minutes later and contacted [REDACTED] using Facebook messenger. He advised he was calling [REDACTED] to make sure everything was okay. [REDACTED] answered. He again apologized, told him he was embarrassed and he wanted to know if everything was okay. He said [REDACTED] told him everything was fine. Later that same day at approximately 10 or 11 a.m., he attempted to call [REDACTED] again but, he never answered. Tpr. Beasley said he was just joking and did not intend to hurt or harm anyone. He realized his job requires him to protect people and he was only being funny. He added that he didn't realize this would cause a big issue because he has other friends he does these types of things with and nothing is said. He also explained that he didn't intend to harm [REDACTED] or force himself upon her because she approached him. It was something he should not have done and he did not realize that just playing around could be such a serious issue. End of interview.

On Wednesday, August 5, 2020, Acadia Parish Assistant District Attorney [REDACTED] office, informed Capt. Duplechain that a simple battery complaint was brought forward against Tpr. Beasley. Tpr. Beasley was referred for an informal pre-trial diversion agreement. The unfiled agreement placed Tpr. Beasley on District Attorney (DA) Probation for a period of six months, beginning the date of the incident, 06/13/2020 through 12/15/2020. The DA will review the agreement on 10/15/2020. The agreement dictates that during the probation period Tpr. Beasley will have no contact of any kind with the victim unless the victim agrees. He will not use alcohol or drugs, enter into bars unless for employment purposes, or receive any additional charges. At the end of the probation period, if Tpr. Beasley has complied with all the terms, the charges will be dismissed. Also, if he does not comply or receives additional charges the DA would proceed with full prosecution. Tpr. Beasley met with [REDACTED] and signed the agreement on August 6, 2020. A copy of the agreement has been provided.

CONCLUSION

During the course of this investigation, I reviewed the results of the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office investigation. This included Deputy Sean LaQue's Initial report, witness statements, and the security video taken at [REDACTED] Bar and Grill. I interviewed [REDACTED]. I also interviewed Tpr. William Beasley, who admitted that the incident occurred and that his behavior was embarrassing. As a result, I determined that Tpr. Beasley was in violation of LSP Policy and Procedural order 901:4-I **Conduct Unbecoming an Officer** which states:

P.O. 901 - 4. CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER

- 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) Detrimentially 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.

Therefore, the allegation that Tpr. Beasley violated LSP Policy and Procedure order 901.4 **CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER** was **SUSTAINED**.

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P.O. 901-28. USE OF INTOXICANTS

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.

Therefore, the allegation that Tpr. Beasley violated LSP Policy and Procedure order 901.28-1 **USE OF INTOXICANTS** was **SUSTAINED**.

In summary, the following Policy and Procedural order was investigated / reviewed by Internal Affairs:

- 1. **CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER** - **SUSTAINED**
- 2. **USE OF INTOXICANTS** - **SUSTAINED**

PREVIOUS DISCIPLINE

	Date	Case Number	Violation(s)	Disposition(s)
1.	01/24/2020	N19-071	Fleet Crash	Letter of Reprimand

End of Report