

On July 30, 2020, I received an email advising that a source whom wished to remain anonymous wanted to make the Fond du Lac Police Department aware of an alleged fake Facebook account being operated by Detective William Ledger.

On August 13, 2020, I assigned myself a personnel complaint (PSI-20-026A) on Detective Ledger and began a preliminary inquiry.

The incident is related to the Facebook page of "Charity Akey."

In the course of a preliminary fact-finding process, I determined that the personnel complaint should be categorized as a Serious Misconduct Complaint and I assigned an Administrative Internal Investigation (IAI-20-002) to myself to investigate the allegation(s) of Serious Misconduct.

On August 21, 2020, Detective Ledger was placed on administrative leave with pay pending investigation of the incident. Detective Ledger was required to turn in his department issued firearm, radio, badge, cell phone, ID and electronic access fob. In the presence of Assistant Chief Steve Klein, I collected these items.

### **FACTUAL FINDINGS**

#### **COMPLAINT**

1. Detective William Ledger is operating a Facebook page under the name of "Charity Akey" and the public social media posts may reflect unfavorably upon the mission, reputation, and professionalism of the Fond du Lac Police Department and its employees.

#### **FACTS**

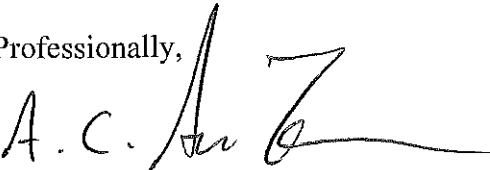
1. On August 10, 2020, I submitted a key word search of "Charity Akey" on the City network and e-mail for the previous one (1) year period. City Attorney/HR Director Deb Hoffmann and ITS Director Kat Duveneck approved this search.
  - a. On August 13, 2020, ITS Director Duveneck provided me a snapshot of the results. The search yielded results that showed only Detective Ledger on the City network using his assigned City owned computer (pol-det-1021) accessed and/or typed into/on the "Charity Akey" Facebook page.
  - b. On August 13, 2020, there was a new post on the "Charity Akey" Facebook page. On August 18, 2020 I submitted a key word search of "Oh my" on the City network and e-mail. Assistant City Attorney Alexandra Klimko and ITS Sam Sok approved the search. On August 21, 2020, Assistant City Attorney Klimko provided me with a USB drive containing forensic reports from Detective Ledger's City computer. The search yielded results that showed Detective Ledger typed "Oh my" while on the "Charity Akey" Facebook page at the same time the post was added to the page on August 13, 2020.

2. Detective Ledger met with Assistant Chief Klein and myself on August 21, 2020 at approximately 1:10PM. I provided Detective Ledger with the Chief's administrative leave letter and collected Detective Ledger's firearm, badge, city owned cellular phone, City ID, and key fob.
  - a. Detective Ledger stated that he does not have a personal cell phone and only uses his City owned cell phone. Detective Ledger provided me with the password to access the phone [REDACTED]. I used the password to access the phone in front of Detective Ledger and confirmed that the password worked.
  - b. Detective Ledger was escorted out of the secured area of the police department at approximately 1:20PM. The following actions happened on August 21, 2020 in accordance with policy and Local 12 (Union) contract:
    - i. Only command staff was advised of Detective Ledger's administrative leave through an email at 1:25PM.
    - ii. I called WPPA Business Representative Thomas Schrank and updated him about Detective Ledger's paid administrative leave at 1:25PM.
    - iii. I emailed the Chief's administrative leave letter to Mr. Schrank at 1:28PM.
    - iv. I called the Vice President of the Local 12 Union Officer Charles Beckford and made notice of an internal investigation at 1:32PM.
    - v. Human Resources Jackie Braatz disabled County access as well as City key fob access at 1:33PM.
    - vi. ITS Director Duveneck disabled Detective Ledger's network account/computer access at 1:43PM.
    - vii. Detective Ledger's City cell phone was hooked up to a charger and secured in my office.
  - c. Chief William Lamb made arrangements to have a forensic analysis conducted on Detective Ledger's City owned cell phone by the Oshkosh Police Department.
    - i. On August 24, 2020, I drove the cell phone up to Detective Jeremy Wilson from Oshkosh Police Department at approximately 11:00AM. I picked the phone back up at approximately 2:30PM along with a USB drive containing the forensic report from the City owned cell phone. I secured the phone in a gun locker in my office at approximately 5:00PM.
    - ii. On August 25, 2020, I began reviewing the data provided in the forensic report. In the data under the "SMS Messages", I viewed a text conversation between Detective Ledger and Dan Kaminsky that took place on May 28, 2020 between 12:48PM and 1:03PM (Addendum A). I know that Dan Kaminsky is currently a defense attorney in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.
    - iii. Later in my analysis, I viewed two (2) incoming phone calls on the Call Log from Dan Kaminsky to Detective Ledger on May 28, 2020 at 2:10PM lasting 2:20 minutes and at 2:32PM lasting 11:05 minutes (Addendum B).

**DECISIONS**

1. I provided Addendum A to Chief Lamb. Chief Lamb stated he would make contact with the Department of Justice based on these text messages.

Professionally,

 9/31/2020

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