



Office of Professional Standards
Investigative Summary
24-0302

Synopsis:

On 7/20/24, TPD officers responded to Marana Hospital (5620 W. Cortaro Farms) about a possible DV incident. This was documented in TPD case 2407200097. On arrival, TPD officers learned the incident location was within the county. Pima County Sheriff's Department was advised and sent a deputy. Officers discovered the victim was [REDACTED] of TPD Lt. Alisa Cunningham #33948. Due to the victim's extensive injuries and failure to name her assailant, PCSO pursued the DV investigation and listed Lt. Cunningham as a potential suspect. The PCSO investigation revealed Lt. Cunningham was not in the city during the incident and after further investigation, she was ruled out as a suspect in the case. There was communication with the PCSO DV Unit, and they confirmed that Lt. Cunningham is no longer considered a suspect in this case. They considered the investigation closed.

Investigative Steps:

8/7/2024 (LG 48567)

On 8/7/24, I was advised by Capt. Wakefield of a Pima County Sheriff's Department case potentially involving Lt. Alisa Cunningham #33948.

On the date of the incident, it was known by Lt. Cunningham's TPD COC that she was in Boston, MA, for TPD-approved training. Since she was out of state, TPD was unaware that PCSD considered her a suspect in their investigation.

8/19/2024 (LG 48567)

On 8/19/24, I received an email from Capt. Wakefield, which had two attachments of phone screenshots. The screenshots were provided by Capt. Michelle Pickrom, who had communicated with Lt. Cunningham the night of the incident.

I contacted PCSD Sergeant Javier Chavarria in an attempt to get further information and the investigative report. I spoke with him via phone. He confirmed that the investigation was still ongoing and they were waiting for the results of the follow-up to confirm Lt. Cunningham's status on the night of the incident. I provided the screenshots of Capt. Pickrom's phone via email. Sgt. Chavarria advised Det. Vince Duarte was conducting the investigation and would provide any follow-up once they confirmed she was out of state at the time of the incident.

From September through mid November of 2024, I continually contacted both Sgt. Chavarria and Det. Duarte via phone for any update on the case. The status of the case remained the same.

November 20, 2024 (LG 48567)

I contacted Det. Duarte via phone. He advised that he confirmed Lt. Cunningham's whereabouts and that she was no longer considered a suspect in this investigation. He informed me that the case was considered closed.

6/11/25 (LG 48567)

I received an email from AZPOST Compliance Specialist Catherine Hawse reference a citizen complaint on this case. She forward the complaint to OPS for review. I noted in the email that the complainant was Ofc. James Voss from TPD. His allegation was made against Lt. Cunningham. I contacted Cathy who was advised by PCSD the case was open.

I contacted PCSD Internal Affairs Commander to get clarification on whether the case was open or closed. I was advised that the case was opened after learning the original detective assigned to the case had left the agency and did not complete documentation of the investigation. They assigned a new investigator. This new detective was able to obtain the information that the previous detective had and formally document it into the report. This was specific to the search warrant findings and other investigative steps taken that confirmed Lt. Cunningham was in Boston and Cape Cod during the incident. This information is the same as Det. Duarte had verbally informed me of this during our contact in November 2024. However, this information was never placed into the report.

6/12/2025 (LG 48567)

PCSD provided a copy of a supplement through AXON. I reviewed the document and noted the information included the search warrant data. It

A Notice of Closure form and COC service memo was provided to Capt. Pickrom.

I received the notice of closure from Capt. Pickrom, signed by Lt. Cunningham.

6/13/25 (LG 48567)

PCSD provided a copy of an updated report in which it list Lt. Cunningham as an "Investigation Lead" and no longer a suspect in this case. PCSD is no longer considering Lt. Cunningham as a suspect and consider this matter closed when it pertains to her involvement. However, PCSD has opened the case to make sure all evidence and investigating findings are documented since the original assigned detective had left the department.

6/18/25 (LG 48567)

I attempted to call Ofc. James Voss as he was the complainant reference the AZPOST referral. This was a notice of closure contact. At approximately 15:59 hours Sgt. Jahnke and I called his cell phone and it went to voicemail.

6/24/25 (LG 48567)

Sgt. Jahnke and I contacted Ofc. Voss vial cell phone in an attempt to conduct a closure notice. The conversation was recorded and he was advised that AZPOST sent their investigation to TPD. The complaint was incorporated into the TPD OPS #24-0302. He was also advised the OPS case was closed. See recordings for further details.

Conclusion:

The investigation revealed Lt. Cunningham did not violate any general orders, nor did she violate any Arizona State Laws. Lt. Cunningham took all appropriate actions when this incident occurred by notifying her immediate supervisor, Capt. Pickrom. No further action to be taken.

AXON Case File Link:

https://tucsonpd.evidence.com/axon/case/56356d13-82bc-49d1-80f6-aafcbbb4064f?caseId=56356d13-82bc-49d1-80f6-aafcbbb4064f&limit=100&sort=-recordedOn%2Ctitle&view=table&agencyId=d7b9b9ff7ed34a0f893ecfc4af1ce0a6&status=active%2Cdeleting%2Ctriage_pending%2Cdeleted%2Ctriage_declined%2Cexcluded%2Cprocessing%2Con_device&type=video%2CAudio%2Cdocument%2Cimage%2CfiringLog%2Ccompressed%2Cother&collectedBy=&user_type=uploadedBy%2Cowner&sources=interview%2Cecomsubscriber%2Ccapture%2Ccommunity-request%2Caxonapp%2Cthird-party-api-client%2Cfleet%2Cother%2Caxon-air%2Ccew%2Cbody-worn&restrictionLevel=0%2C1%2C2