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MEMORANDUM

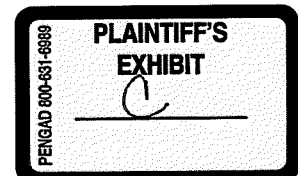
TO: James Sloan, Professional Standards Commander
FROM: Keith L. Humphrey, Police Chief *KS*
RE: Mattox Investigation
DATE: July 15, 2021

This memo will serve as documentation regarding the aforementioned internal investigation. After reviewing the case thoroughly, **I concur with Assistant Chief Young-Haskins recommendation of termination for Officer David Mattox. For the violations of Unauthorized Investigation and Untruthfulness.** It is very clear that Officer Mattox clearly violated department policies by utilizing sensitive police resources to conduct an unauthorized criminal investigation involving his wife. I also believe that others who participated in the latter part of this criminal investigation expedited certain areas to make an arrest. I believe there was a heightened level of involvement by Mattox and certain others, due to his wife being one of the victims. I believe there was a need "To get this done," by some involved.

There was no need for Mattox to be untruthful regarding his actions related to the Arrest Detention Report related to the arrestee. He admitted that he made a false statement during his initial interview with internal affairs. He further stated that he was unaware why he was untruthful. Prior to any interview, criminal or administrative, especially involving a police officer, that officer has a complete understanding all responses must be the truthful. I believe that once you knowingly provide an **untruthful statement** policy is clearly violated. There is no ambiguity when it comes to untruthfulness. A person is either truthful or untruthful. Officer Mattox even went as far as to verify that a Homeland Security hold would be placed on the arrestee. His level of involvement made other personnel uncomfortable.

All LRPD officers are aware of our department's Rules and Regulations and General Orders. The policies related to Unauthorized Investigations and Untruthfulness are discussed through every phase in becoming and being a Little Rock Police Officer. Officer Mattox should have refrained from participating in this investigation involving his spouse. I understand the desire to protect one's family member from harm. However, it appears that the investigation was not moving to the expectation and/or satisfaction of Officer Mattox. I believe the internal investigation clarifies this. This brings up another point. Would Officer Mattox have emerged himself into this case if his spouse were not a victim? That fact may never be known.

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Based on the seriousness of Officer Mattox's actions this case should be forwarded to the local Federal Bureau of Investigation's local office, for a review to determine if the arrestee's civil rights were violated by Officer Mattox or any other employee involved in this investigation.

I also concur with Assistant Chief Young-Haskins and Assistant Chief Finks that due to the seriousness of this incident it should be forwarded for review by the City of Little Rock's Citizen Police Review Board.

My findings and final dispositions:

- **Untruthfulness – Sustained**
- **Unauthorized Investigation - Sustained**
- **Insubordination – Not Sustained**

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