

## Annual Major Discipline Reporting Form

Internal Affairs Policy & Procedures | Appendix L

Pursuant to IAPP Section 9.11.2, every state, county, and local law enforcement agency in New Jersey is required to submit to the Attorney General and the County Prosecutor, and publish on the agency's public website, a brief synopsis of all complaints where a termination, reduction in rank or grade, and/or suspension of more than five days was assessed to an agency member. For the purposes of this report, please include all major disciplines in which a plea agreement was reached or final sanction was imposed during the time period listed below. Instructions for completing this form can be found on the "Instructions" tab of the Excel version of this document.

Time period	<b>January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023</b>
Agency	<b>Atlantic City Police Department</b>
County	<b>Atlantic</b>

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Disciplined Officer				Sanction				Synopsis	
No.	Rank	First Name	Last Name	Terminated?	Demoted?	Suspended?	# Days Susp.	Sustained Charge	Description
1	Officer	Ivan	Cruz	No	No	Yes	80	Standards of Conduct & Obedience to Laws & Regulations	While off-duty, Officer Cruz operated his personal motor vehicle while intoxicated, causing a motor vehicle accident with several unoccupied vehicles. Officer Cruz was charged with driving while intoxicated. Officer Cruz was suspended 80 days.
2	Officer	Martina	Martin	No	No	Yes	180	Unauthorized Absences	Officer Martin failed to arrive to duty as scheduled. Officer Martin did not call out according to departmental standard procedure. The incident was her third unauthorized absence. Officer Martin entered into an agreement to serve a cumulative suspension of 180 days.
3	Officer	Sterling	Wheaten	No	No	Yes		Standards of Conduct & Obedience to Laws & Regulations; Other Criminal Violation - Domestic Violence; Strangulation, Harrassment, Simple Assault	Officer Sterling Wheaten was charged with Pennsylvania Commonwealth Criminal Statutes, Simple Assault - 18§2701§A2, a grade 2 Misdemeanor offense, Strangulation - 18§2718§A2, a grade 2 Felony offense and Harassment - 18§2709§A2, a Summary offense. It is alleged that, while off duty, Officer Wheaten was the subject of an investigation into allegations of Domestic Violence. Yardley Boro Police issued an arrest warrant for Officer Wheaten regarding a complaint in which a victim asserts that Officer Wheaten engaged them in a verbal argument, held them down and covered their face with a garment, causing said victim to struggle to breathe. Officer Wheaten was suspended pending the outcome of criminal charges.
4	Officer	Faryid	Holmes	No	No	Yes		Standards of Conduct & Obedience to Laws & Regulations; Other Criminal Violation - Eluding	Officer Faryid Holmes was charged with N.J.S.A. 2C:29-2b – Eluding, a second-degree crime. It is alleged, while off duty, Officer Holmes operated his personal motor vehicle in a reckless manner, at a high rate of speed disregarding red traffic signals, weaving in and out of traffic, and almost striking a marked patrol vehicle head-on, while eluding Atlantic City Police after having received a signal to bring the vehicle to a full stop by command of the police, and by such conduct, created a risk of death or injury to the public. Officer Holmes was suspended pending the outcome of criminal charges.
5	Officer	Gissel	Garcia	No	No	Yes	25	Standards of Conduct & Obedience to Laws & Regulations	While off-duty, Officer Garcia operated her personal motor vehicle, causing a motor vehicle accident which resulted in damage to a utility pole. Officer Garcia left her vehicle at the scene and did not report the accident. Waterford Township Police later encountered Officer Garcia and issued traffic summonses to her. Officer Garcia was subsequently found guilty of the following traffic offenses; failure to report an accident and careless driving. Officer Garcia was suspended 25 days.

6	Officer	Laquay	Dubose	No	No	Yes	Standards of Conduct & Obedience to Laws & Regulations; Other Criminal Violation - Theft	Officer Laquay Dubose was charged with 2C:20-6 - Theft, a third-degree crime. It is alleged that, Officer Dubose spent money that was inadvertently deposited into his personal checking account, closing the account and leaving a balance owed of 35,903.17 to Republic Bank. Officer Dubose was suspended pending the outcome of criminal charges.
7	SLEO II	Thomas	Nealis	No	No	Yes	Standards of Conduct & Obedience to Laws & Regulations; Other Criminal Violation - Aggravated Assault	SLEO II Thomas Nealis was found guilty of Aggravated Assault 2C:12-1B(7) - a third-degree crime. It is alleged that, while off duty SLEO II Nealis caused serious bodily injury to another, specifically by punching the victim in the face causing significant facial damage and choking the victim until they were unable to breathe. SLEO II Nealis was suspended and resigned pending outcome of criminal charges.
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