

Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office



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May 20, 2022

Deputy Julio C. Alvarado, Jr. PR # 115655
Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office
Fourth District Patrol Division

Letter of Reprimand
Re: Internal Affairs File #: 20210901

Dear Deputy Alvarado:

The Internal Affairs Investigation of the complaint lodged against you by the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office has been concluded. The investigation was conducted by Sergeant David Canas of the Internal Affairs Division. The report reflects that you were in violation of the Code of Conduct, **Article #57: Unsatisfactory Performance** on 9/20/2021 at 1623 hours at 525 Richard Street, River Ridge, LA. The "sustaining" of this violation is based on your failure to notify your ranking officer as well as completing and submitting a written report timely on an incident, which occurred on the aforementioned date.

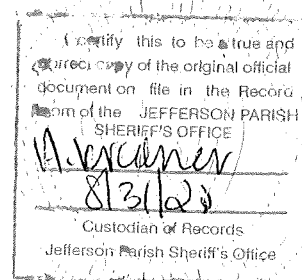
On completion, the investigation was reviewed and approved by myself as the Commander of the Internal Affairs Division along with the Bureau Commander, Deputy Chief Dax Russo. The file was forwarded to Sheriff Joseph P. Lopinto, III with a recommendation for discipline. Following his review, he has ordered that you receive this formal **Letter of Reprimand, with a 40-hour suspension (5/16/2022 - 4-hours, 5/21/2022 - 12 hours, 5/25/2022 - 12- hours & 6/8/2022 - 12 hours)**. In addition, **No Field Training Officer privileges, and you have been placed on probation for a period of one (1) year ending 5/11/2023.**

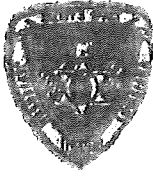
You are advised that repeated violations of our Code of Conduct usually result in an increased penalty based on the disciplinary record of the individual.


Robert Blackwell, Captain
Commander
Internal Affairs Division

RB/lhw

cc: IAD File





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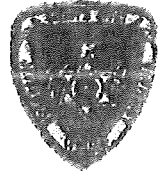
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

Internal Affairs Division

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

K-19920-21

Sergeant Neal Hooks



Incident: Use of Force Investigation

Day/Date/Time of Occurrence: Monday, September 20, 2021 near 4:23 pm

Location of Occurrence: 525 Richard Street
River Ridge, Louisiana
(GPS 29.97330, -90.23116)

Case Investigator: Sergeant Neal Hooks
Internal Affairs Division
Criminal Investigations Bureau
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Involved Deputy: Deputy Julio Alvarado (PR# 115655)
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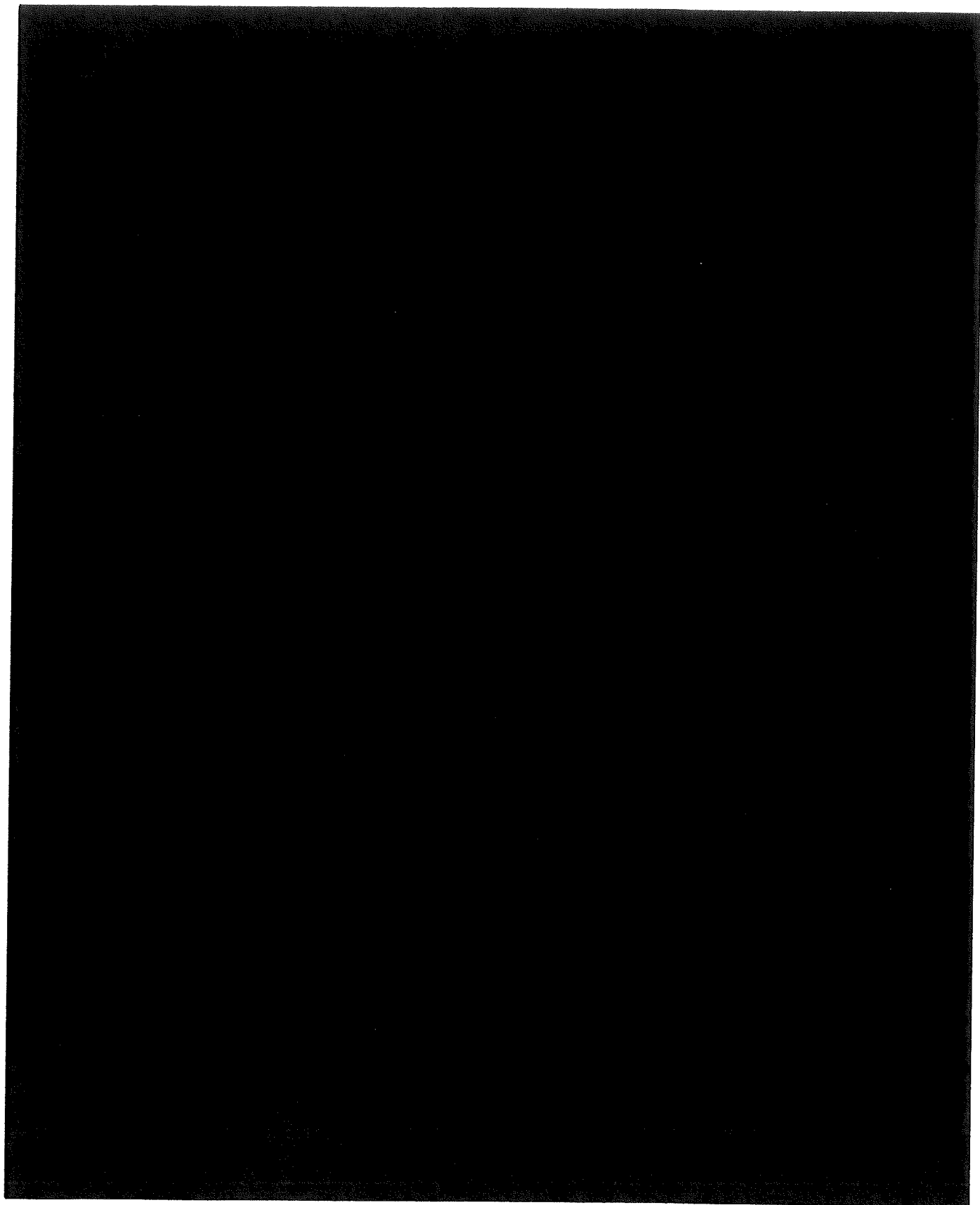
Injuries: None as a result of this incident

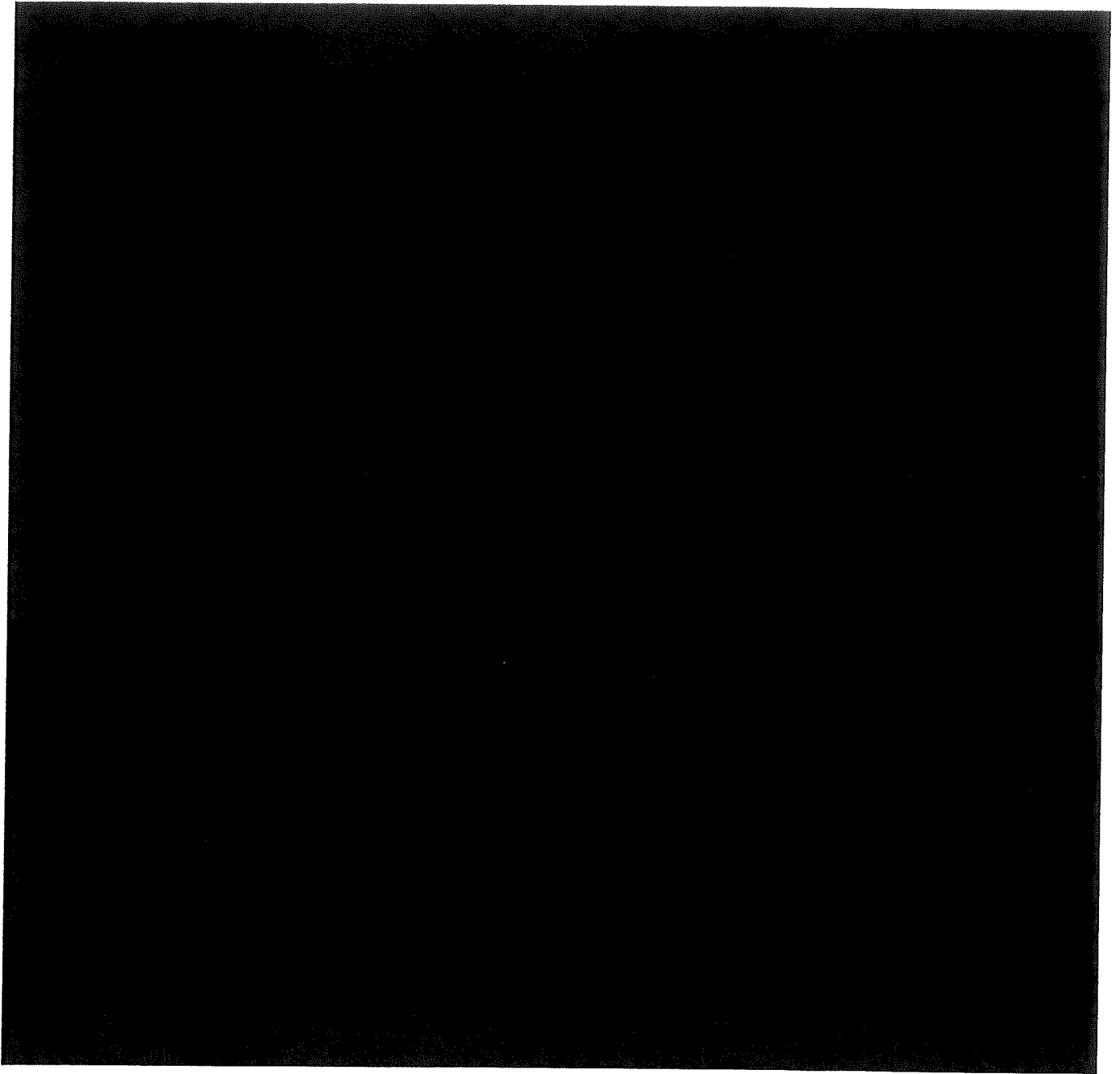
Sergeant Neal Hooks

12/14/21

Date Approved

Captain Robert L. Blackwell





PREAMBLE:

On Monday, September 20, 2021, Deputy Julio Alvarado responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of Richard Avenue in River Ridge, La. Deputy Alvarado eventually came into contact with Shantel Arnold. The contact lead to a physical confrontation between himself and Shantel Arnold

with the altercation being captured on video by an onlooker. Said video surfaced on social media eventually being forwarded to a ranking member of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office. After the video was provided to the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, the decision was made to conduct an investigation to determine whether or not an excessive use of force was utilized by Deputy Alvarado while he was interacting with Shantel Arnold. This report will serve to provide insight to the circumstances surrounding the incident.

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY:

On Monday, September 20, 2021 near 4:20 pm, a telephone call was placed to the Jefferson Parish 9-1-1 Call Center. The caller, identified only as Joe, advised that a physical confrontation was underway at 525 Richard Ave in River Ridge, La. The confrontation was to involve approximately 20 juveniles and was escalating in seriousness. The caller advised that it was necessary to have members of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office respond to handle to situation.

Once the provided information was processed by the 9-1-1 employee, it was determined that the location was geographically located in Beat 1 of the Fourth District, specifically having a 4101 "rep area." The deputy assigned as 4A1 on this date, Deputy Julio Alvarado, was summoned via police radio near 4:23 pm and advised that he was to respond to said call. Deputy Alvarado replied his confirmation of the call as well as additional supporting deputies assigned to the daytime shift in the Fourth District.

Deputy Alvarado arrived to the location seconds after being advised of the call. As he arrived, Deputy Alvarado came into contact with multiple juveniles and adult females who explained that a female named Shantel had been present and had attempted to initiate a confrontation with a

number of juveniles. Hearing that Shantel had already fled from the location, near 4:24 pm, Deputy Alvarado assessed the situation to be a "code 4" and advised that determination over his police radio.

It should be noted at this point that Deputy Alvarado is permanently assigned as 4A1 and had the opportunity to come into contact with a female named Shantel Arnold the week prior to this incident. The week prior, Deputy Alvarado assisted the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Strategic Engagement Team (SET) to serve an arrest warrant to Shantel Arnold for a simple burglary offense. The warrant was executed at the Arnold family's mobile home trailer located at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] approximately three parcels of land away from 525 Richard Ave, the location where Deputy Alvarado met with the juveniles and adult females concerning this call. Additionally, prior to Deputy Alvarado's arrival to this call and as the permanent deputy assigned to Beat 1, he was aware that Shantel Arnold regularly abuses alcohol and illegal narcotics.

As Deputy Alvarado was interacting with the juveniles and adult females in front of 525 Richard Ave, an apartment complex, he noticed Shantel Arnold walk from the rear of the apartment complex toward the roadway of Richard Ave. Deputy Alvarado disengaged his contact with the group and drove his department vehicle past the anticipated walking path of Shantel Arnold. Deputy Alvarado advised that his intention was to drive past Shantel Arnold and allow himself enough time to open the driver's door of his assigned vehicle, exit the vehicle and focus his attention toward Shantel Arnold, having knowledge in advance that she has been known to carry a concealed knife.

Deputy Alvarado was successful in exiting his vehicle and addressing Shantel Arnold. He first asked her, "Shantel, what's going on?" Shantel Arnold stopped walking approximately seven feet away from Deputy Alvarado and said to him, "If you touch me, I'm going to fuck you up."

Deputy Alvarado was able to recognize that Shantel Arnold was in possession of a large daiquiri cup in one hand and her opposing hand was "balled up" making a fist. Deputy Alvarado followed his first question with, "We're not going to do that today. I need you to come sit down, I'm going to try to get you some help." Deputy Alvarado inferred that he intended to summon a medical unit to the location to assist Shantel Arnold. Her response to Deputy Alvarado's request was, "If you put your hands on me, I'm going to fuck over you."

Shantel Arnold then placed the daiquiri cup on the ground, "balled up" both hands to make fists and took a fighting position toward Deputy Alvarado. Deputy Alvarado noticed that after Shantel Arnold clinched both of her hands into fists, she began to "close the gap" between them by walking toward Deputy Alvarado.

Assessing that Shantel Arnold was now breaching his personal space, Deputy Alvarado made the decision to accomplish two goals at once, first, to remove Shantel Arnold from the roadway for her safety by seating her on the ground until he was able to summon a medical unit, and second, to terminate her aggressive advance toward him.

During this point of interaction with Shantel Arnold near 4:26 pm, Deputy Alvarado utilized his department radio and requested an additional unit as well as a medical unit response. When listening to the 9-1-1 recording of this incident, it is apparent in Deputy Alvarado's voice that the circumstances before him had drastically changed and his voice became fast speaking and was at an elevated volume, consistent with an officer whose actions have become physical while attempting to transmit words over a police radio.

With his decision to seat Shantel Arnold on the ground, Deputy Alvarado reached for a grasp of her wrist. Deputy Alvarado realized that Shantel Arnold's wrist, arm, torso and remainder of her body was completely wet, as he described, being consistent with someone jumping into a swimming pool. With his ability to grasp any part of Shantel Arnold's extremities hindered, a struggle between the two persons then began. With each attempt made by Deputy Alvarado to secure an arm or wrist, Shantel Arnold was defiant and pulled away each time.

It is at this time of the interaction between Deputy Alvarado and Shantel Arnold that a recording device was utilized by an unknown third party citizen to record a video to capture the incident, the video responsible for this examination report to be initiated. The 15 second long video was captured from the vantage point of standing in the parking area of the apartment complex located at 525 Richard Ave looking in the direction of the roadway over the hood of a black colored Ford Crown Victoria that was parked in said apartment complex parking area. The struggle occurred to the driver's side of Deputy Alvarado's department vehicle in the roadway, Deputy Alvarado had parked his vehicle facing in a northbound direction on the eastern side of Richard Ave when he passed her anticipated path of travel.

Deputy Alvarado was afforded an opportunity to view the video at the time Sergeant Hooks interviewed him for this report. Deputy Alvarado explained that the struggle between himself and Shantel Arnold was already in progress at the start of the video, a struggle that Deputy Alvarado estimated to be occurring for approximately three minutes prior to the video's start.

Of mention, within the video, three distinct audio statements are made, the first made by Deputy Alvarado, at a distance away from the microphone of the recording device, stating, "Stop!" and the additional two statements being made by an unknown female who first says,

"Somebody record that" and then says as she recognizes that Deputy Alvarado was able to gain control of Shantel Arnold, "Oh, he got her on the floor."

As the video commences, both Deputy Alvarado and Shantel Arnold are observed to be in a roadway. Deputy Alvarado is observed to be leaning over and to have a grasp of Shantel Arnold's left wrist while she is on her back writhing and flailing about. The two persons then disappear from the view of the recording device behind Deputy Alvarado's department vehicle. When the two persons re-appear to view, Deputy Alvarado is observed to have a grasp of Shantel Arnold's hair closest to her scalp. For this video captured moment, Shantel Arnold is observed to continuously be resistant by writhing about on her back not allowing Deputy Alvarado to gain control. Maintaining the grasp he has of her hair closest to her scalp, Deputy Alvarado is observed to pull upward and then roll Shantel Arnold's head, which is followed by her torso, to the ground. This act allowed Deputy Alvarado to hold Shantel Arnold to the ground, even if only for fractions of a second, and quickly move behind her to place his left knee to her hip area pinning her on the ground. At no point during the direction of Shantel Arnold to the ground is her head ever observed to make contact with the ground, the first point of contact with the ground is her elbows and then right shoulder. It is at this point that the video concludes.

Once controlled on the ground, Deputy Alvarado is able to stabilize the movement of Shantel Arnold's arms and any struggle between the two persons is terminated. In his statement, Deputy Alvarado relayed that the uncle of Shantel Arnold, Tony Givens, was only feet away for the duration of the struggle. Deputy Alvarado explained that Tony Givens repeatedly demanded that Shantel Arnold cease her resistance and comply with Deputy Alvarado. When Deputy Alvarado was eventually able to control Shantel Arnold on the ground, Tony Givens, at the request of Deputy Alvarado, drew closer and secured her left arm to the ground while Deputy Alvarado controlled her right arm and torso.

It was at this time that the first assisting deputy, Deputy Manuel Estrada, arrived to a subdued Shantel Arnold. Deputy Estrada affixed handcuffs to Shantel Arnold's wrists as she was being controlled by Deputy Alvarado and Tony Givens and assisted her to an upright seated position against Deputy Alvarado's department vehicle. The arrival of Deputy Estrada was at 4:29 pm.

Once she was seated and leaning against Deputy Alvarado's department vehicle, Deputy Alvarado made the decision to refrain from contact with Shantel Arnold and allow Tony Givens to remain close to her to keep her as calm as possible until an EMS unit arrived. When the EMS unit arrived, Shantel Arnold was escorted to the vehicle, the affixed handcuffs were removed and she was laid on the stretcher / gurney within the rear of the EMS vehicle. Deputy Alvarado advised that Shantel Arnold remained extremely agitated during this process continuously expressing profanities toward Deputy Alvarado and Deputy Estrada. When the preliminary medical assessments were completed by the EMT's, Shantel Arnold was driven away in the rear of the ambulance ultimately being transported to East Jefferson General Hospital / LCMC Health.

On 11-18-2021, Sergeant Hooks composed a search warrant for the medical records pertaining to Shantel Arnold's hospital visit after being transported from 525 Richard Ave. The search warrant was submitted to Criminal Commissioner Patricia Joyce for review and issuance. Commissioner Joyce granted the search warrant on the same date of submission and in turn Sergeant Hooks executed the search warrant to a representative within the Medical Records office of East Jefferson General Hospital / LCMC Health. The demand of records was satisfied and provided to Sergeant Hooks on 11-22-2021 and revealed the following information.

When Shantel Arnold arrived to the Emergency Room and was triaged, her chief medical complaints were documented by the hospital staff as being assaulted by teenagers near her home, a laceration to her lip and an abrasion to her arm. These complaints possessed a timestamp entry of 5:21 pm on 09-20-2021 and entered by [REDACTED]

Minutes later, the tending Emergency Room physician, [REDACTED] was able to examine Shantel Arnold. His notes, documented by [REDACTED] detail that Shantel Arnold was a 33 year old female who was present in the emergency room due to an allegation of assault by teenagers near her home. EMS observed some very young children and she said that it was Covid-19 / coronavirus that had done this to her. She has a questionable history. She stated that she believed she lost consciousness. No neck or back pain. She possessed a small laceration to her left upper lip. She also stated that she has some soreness to the left shoulder. She denied chest or abdominal pain. The incident occurred just prior to arrival. Symptoms have been constant, not intermittent. No specific alleviating or specific exacerbating factors. She denied her past medical history. She also denied drugs and alcohol. She stated that she is in an otherwise normal state of health. All other reviews of symptoms were reviewed and were negative. This summary of complaints possessed a timestamp examination of 5:41pm on 09-20-2021.

The concluding emergency room notes that [REDACTED] entered documented that the patient refused vital signs. She did not want any further treatment. She was offered an x-ray of the left shoulder and she did not want that. She seemed to move her arm freely and he ([REDACTED]) did not believe that anything was broken. She was also offered suturing of her lip and she refused that as well, it was basically cosmetic and was minor, it would heal without difficulty. She was offered a CT scan of the head though he ([REDACTED]) questioned whether she lost consciousness. She did not wish to have the CT scan done as well. [REDACTED] explained all of the risks of her refusing all of the treatments explained above and she was able to understand the risks and complications of

refusing treatment. She ambulated without difficulty. She was discharged home and given wound care instructions. She was instructed to return to the emergency room for any new or worse symptoms and to follow up with her primary care physician that week. She did not wish to take her discharge paperwork leaving the paperwork in the emergency room. These final entries made by [REDACTED] possessed a timestamp of 7:55pm on 09-20-2021.

Additionally reflected in the medical records were the timestamps of the EMS unit that was dispatched to the location of Deputy Alvarado and Shantel Arnold. This information is provided in list format:

1. Call Received: 4:27 pm
2. Dispatched: 4:30 pm
3. En Route: 4:31 pm
4. On Scene: 4:44 pm
5. At Patient: 4:45 pm
6. Depart Scene: 4:53 pm
7. At Destination: 5:20 pm

On 09-21-2021, Shantel Arnold, Lionel Gray and Tony Givens were met by Sergeant David Canas at the family's mobile home trailer located at [REDACTED]. The objective of the meeting with the three persons was to provide statements of their involvement / observations of the incident concerning Deputy Alvarado and Shantel Arnold on 09-20-2021.

Shantel Arnold provided the first statement and explained that she had been involved in a physical confrontation with juveniles prior to the deputies arriving. She did not know any of the deputy's names but advised that the dash cam would be able to provide their identities. She added that "cops", in a plural sense, arrived from nowhere and swarmed on her. Shantel Arnold seemed astounded that someone had called the police because she said she would have never called the

police on kids. Shantel Arnold admitted that she was resistant and used profanity toward the deputies when she was being placed into the ambulance. Shantel Arnold also admitted that she had consumed a daiquiri on 09-20-2021.

Lionel Gray advised that he is the step-father to Shantel Arnold, he is in a relationship with Shantel Arnold's mother and has been for approximately seven years. Lionel Gray advised that the deputy was just making a routine check around and Shantel was walking toward the house. Lionel Gray explained that Shantel was jumped by some kids, they were hitting her and kicking her all over her body. He then advised that the deputy exited his vehicle and grabbed her arm and flipped her down. Lionel Gray then observed the deputy place his knee into her arm while she was on the ground and he heard her say, "Oh, you're hurting me." It was also heard by Lionel Gray from the deputy, "Stop trying to fight me, she's kicking me." Lastly, Lionel Gray explained that the deputy pulled two plates from Shantel Arnold's hair and slammed her head on the ground two times.

The final statement provided was from Tony Givens, the uncle of Shantel Arnold. Tony Givens relayed that Shantel Arnold's head was banged on the ground and she was handled kind of rough. She was slammed, her wrist was grabbed and, as she was trying to get up, she was grabbed by her hair, as Tony Givens added, a couple of plates were pulled from her scalp. She was then slammed on the ground again and it was at that time that he intervened and assisted in handcuffing Shantel Arnold. Tony Givens provided that Shantel Arnold was resisting a little bit at the time she was being handcuffed. Tony Givens concluded by stating that he assisted Shantel Arnold into the ambulance prior to her departure.

On 12-02-2021, Sergeant Hooks contacted Sergeant Michael Pizzolato. Sergeant Pizzolato is assigned to the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Training Academy and specifically tasked as the

Defensive Tactics instructor. Sergeant Pizzolato was familiar with the video surrounding this investigation prior to Sergeant Hooks contacting him. Sergeant Hooks explained the circumstances leading to the video in order to provide Sergeant Pizzolato a greater understanding of the entire incident. These explanations included Deputy Alvarado assessing Shantel Arnold to be under the influence of either alcohol or narcotics and to be drenched with either water or sweat. Taking these two factors into consideration, Sergeant Pizzolato determined that Deputy Alvarado **did not utilize excessive force** when trying to gain control of Shantel Arnold. As Sergeant Pizzolato explained, the hair was not considered a "strike zone" component, it was considered an extremity as no strikes were ever utilized. The use of her hair was considered leverage to direct Shantel Arnold to her stomach allowing Deputy Alvarado to gain control of her movements and to ultimately affix handcuffs to her wrists and subdue her actions.

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, the entirety of this investigation is based on collected evidence both in audio format and in tangible document form.

In Shantel Arnold's eight page transcribed statement, the first three pages are of her questioning why someone summoned the police to complain about children. The following two pages generally, not with any specificity, describe the struggle between herself and Deputy Alvarado and the next two pages are explanations of how Shantel Arnold was a former employee of East Jefferson General Hospital. The final page is Shantel Arnold's admission that she consumed a daiquiri.

A reasonable person would ask themselves, "If I was just thrown around relentlessly by a police officer, would my statement being provided to someone who could help me be a statement so generalized?"

The statements provided by Lionel Gray and Tony Givens appear to follow the content of the video at question for this incident. Their statements were so generalized that they possessed a "rehearsed" tone. Both persons were very vague regarding their presence prior to the arrival of Deputy Alvarado and the moments preceding the recording of the video, although both inadvertently admit that they were present. Each of their statements appear to purposely omit the moments prior to the onset of the video for fear that that information would portray the culpable actions of Shantel Arnold.

The assessment made by Sergeant Pizzolato of what is observed in the video is crucial to how one would classify the actions of Deputy Alvarado. Most times in "police brutality" cases, it is the police officer repeatedly striking someone. In this instance, the allegation of a strike cannot be made, only the fact that Shantel Arnold was "thrown around." The intention of Deputy Alvarado was to gain control of Shantel Arnold and ultimately affix handcuffs to her wrists to terminate her resistant actions. Once the classification of the hair being used as a leverage component is established, synonymous with using an arm or a leg, the observation of Deputy Alvarado grabbing hair and "rolling" Shantel Arnold onto her stomach and then placing his knee into her hip region for control is not considered excessive, it is considered acceptable and reasonable.

Finally, the medical records obtained for Shantel Arnold being examined on September 20, 2021 at East Jefferson General Hospital can be analyzed. When she first arrived to the hospital, she was triaged at 5:21 pm and explained to the nurse that she had been involved in a physical

confrontation with juveniles and suffered a lacerated lip as well as an abrasion to the arm. Shantel Arnold was then examined by [REDACTED] at 5:45 pm. Again, she advised that she suffered a lacerated lip, complained of a sore shoulder and added that she lost consciousness. Shantel Arnold had been provided with opportunities to condemn Deputy Alvarado for using excessive force toward her but she refrained from the allegation, she instead attributed her physical ailments to the confrontation she had with the juveniles.

To conclude this report, with respect to the use of force utilized by Deputy Julio Alvarado for this incident, this investigation establishes that his use of force was both reasonable and acceptable.

**JEFFERSON PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
CASE REPORT**

Rev. 06/01/13

DATE: 11/04/2021

TO: Major W. Boudreaux, IMB

FROM: Sergeant David Cañas

CASE # 20210901

DATE FILED: 09/20/21

ITEM #: I-17789-21

COMPLAINANT: Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office

LOCATION: 500 Block of Richard Street River Ridge DATE: 09/20/21 TIME: 1623

NAMED EMPLOYEE:

Deputy Julio Alvarado

W/M

PR#115655

4TH District

ALLEGATION/S: Article-57 Unsatisfactory Performance

SYNOPSIS:

On September 20, 2021, Captain Frank Guttuso, Commander of the Fourth District, was notified about a video on the internet (Instagram), documenting a physical altercation with one of his deputies. Deputy Guttuso forwarded the video to the Internal Affairs Division for an investigation. Sergeant Cañas conducted an inquiry on the call Detail History and learned that the deputy on the video did not generate a proper report to document the incident. It should be noted the subject depicted in the video did not contact the Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs Division to make a complaint. Due to the content of the video and initiation from Sheriff Lopinto, Sergeant Cañas located the subject depicted in the video and the witnesses to investigate the matter.

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT:

On September 21, 2021, Sergeant David Cañas was assigned this investigation, Sergeant Canas obtained the call Detail History and learned Deputy Alvarado was dispatched to the location. The comments on the call were dispatched as, "Complainant Joe advised approximately 20 young males and females ages 5 to 15 years old physically beating each other up outside the apartment complex someone has tree limbs and they do not see other weapons".

[REDACTED] Sergeant Cañas and Sergeant Thorin Guidry went out to Miss Arnold's residence, [REDACTED] Miss Arnold is the female depicted in the video, and the following was learned:

Subject depicted in the video:

Shantel Arnold [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

- Miss Arnold advised she had a confrontation with the listed Sheriff's Office employee on September 20, 2021.
- Miss Arnold advised prior to the deputy's arrival; she was involved in a physical altercation with two black males. During this altercation she was physically beaten by the two subjects.
- Miss Arnold stated she did not know why the police came, but as she was walking away from the altercation with the two black males, she was confronted by the police.
- Miss Arnold advised when the officer arrived, she asked what was going on and, " Why were they hacking her she had just been beaten up by two boys. What is going on?"
- Miss Arnold then explained how she was involved in a physical altercation with two boys, in which she was on the ground and she was being hit all over her body, prior to the police arriving in the area.
- Miss Arnold stated she was walking back to her residence after the fight and the officer stopped next to her and asked her, "What's going on?"
- Miss Arnold stated to the deputy, "What's going on? I just got beat up by two kids. You know what am saying? What are y'all doing?"
- Miss Arnold advised she did not know why the police were called on her.
- Miss Arnold advised the deputy got out of his vehicle walked up to her and, "Grabbed her arm way up".
- Miss Arnold advised she did not know what was going on so she did resist.

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- Miss Arnold advised she resisted because she did not know where the cops came from and who called them.
- Miss Arnold stated she did not know why she was being treated like the aggressor. She was the one beaten up and she was going home.
- Miss Arnold advised her "Uncle Tony" came up and the deputy stated, "If anyone else comes here I'm going to beat them up too."
- Miss Arnold advised after being handcuffed nothing further occurred. Miss Arnold advised she believed nothing else happened because she stated she wanted to see the dash cam.
- Miss Arnold advised she believes the officer she had the altercation with, drove past her house in an unmarked car the day after the incident.
- Miss Arnold admitted to have been drinking the day of the incident.
- Miss Arnold advised she was transported to East Jefferson Hospital where she refused medical treatment.

WITNESSES:

Lionel Gray

- Mr. Gray advised Miss Arnold is his step-daughter, he has been together with her mother for 7 years.
- Mr. Gray was a witness to what occurred and observed when Miss Arnold was walking back to the house and the deputy stopped next to her.
- Mr. Gray advised he was twenty to thirty feet away from the incident.
- Mr. Gray advised the deputy told her something and then exited his vehicle.
- Mr. Gray advised prior to the deputy arriving Miss Arnold was jumped by three big kids.
- Mr. Gray advised the kids were hitting her and kicking her everywhere (face and body).
- Mr. Gray advised the deputy was talking to Miss Arnold and she tried to walk off and the deputy grabbed her by the arm and flipped her.
- Mr. Gray advised he could not hear the conversation between Miss Arnold and the deputy.
- Mr. Gray advised he was not sure if Miss Arnold was bleeding after she was struck by the three teens.

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- Mr. Gray advised Miss Arnold did not pull away when the officer grabbed her.
- Mr. Gray stated the deputy brought her to the ground and placed his knee on her upper shoulder.
- Mr. Gray advised there was a video obtained from someone but he did not know who it was.
- Mr. Gray stated the deputy stated, "Stop or stop trying to fight me, she is kicking me."
- Mr. Gray advised he tried walking up to them but the deputy stated, "If he came any closer, he was going to kick everybody's ass out here."
- Mr. Gray advised he was not worried about that but he told the deputy, "Why did he have to use that force she was a little woman right there she was a midget."
- Mr. Gray advised when the deputy took her down, her "plates" fell off and they were on the street. ("plates" is another name for dreads).
- Mr. Gray advised Miss Arnold was pulled down by her hair and slammed her head twice on the ground.
- Miss Arnold was handcuffed and the deputy stood her up and no other physical altercation occurred after that.

[REDACTED]

Tony Givens [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

- Mr. Givens advised Miss Arnold is his niece.
- Mr. Givens advised the deputy "banged" her head on the ground and was handling her kind of rough.
- Mr. Givens stated the deputy was trying to grab Miss Arnold by her arm and wrist, then she tried to get up and the deputy grabbed her by the hair. Mr. Givens advised some of her "plates" came off.
- Mr. Givens advised he had to go help the deputy restrain Miss Arnold.
- Mr. Givens advised Miss Arnold was resisting a "little bit."
- Mr. Givens did not see the altercation prior with the black males Miss Arnold was involved with.
- Mr. Givens advised Miss Arnold was moving and the deputy asked him if he could come help him.

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- Mr. Givens advised he did assist in handcuffing Miss Arnold.
 - Mr. Givens advised he told the deputy he would rather Miss Arnold to go to a mental hospital rather than go to jail.
 - Mr. Givens advised it looked like the deputy was going to break her arm.
 - Mr. Givens advised nothing happened after the deputy stood Miss Arnold up and placed her in the ambulance.
- [REDACTED]

WITNESS EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS

**Deputy Manuel Estrada W/M
PR# 115579
4th District Patrol Division**

[REDACTED]

- Deputy Estrada advised he was the assisting deputy on the mentioned call.
- Deputy Estrada advised when he arrived Deputy Alvarado and an unknown black male were on the ground handcuffing Miss Arnold.
- At no point did Deputy Estrada see Deputy Alvarado strike, slam, or mistreat Miss Arnold.
- Deputy Alvarado was calm and not being belligerent.
- Deputy Estrada walked up and Deputy Alvarado told him to get his cuffs off his belt and handcuff Miss Arnold.
- Deputy Estrada advised with the help of Deputy Alvarado and the unknown black male they were able to handcuff Miss Arnold.
- Deputy Estrada advised he recalls dealing with Miss Arnold in the past.
- Deputy Estrada advised he recognized Miss Arnold from a year ago when she was unresponsive due to drug use and he utilized his departmental Narcan to bring her back from being unresponsive.
- Deputy Estrada also knows Miss Arnold to be violent and being combative with the police on a prior incident that involved the S.E.T (Strategically Engagement Team).

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Sergeant Sidney Aiavolasti W/M
PR# 94573
4th District

- Sergeant Aiavolasti advised once he arrived on the listed call Miss Arnold was already in handcuffs.
- Sergeant Aiavolasti advised Deputy Alvarado was calm.
- Sergeant Aiavolasti advised at no point did he see anyone mistreat Miss Arnold.
- Sergeant Aiavolasti had no knowledge if Deputy Alvarado had to place his hands and use force to handcuff Miss Arnold.
- Sergeant Aiavolasti advised he did not know what occurred until the next day when he observed the video that was observed by Captain Gatusso.

NAMED EMPLOYEE:

Deputy Julio Alvarado W/M
PR# 115655
4th District Patrol Division

- Deputy Alvarado advised he was dispatched to the area in reference to a group of people fighting.

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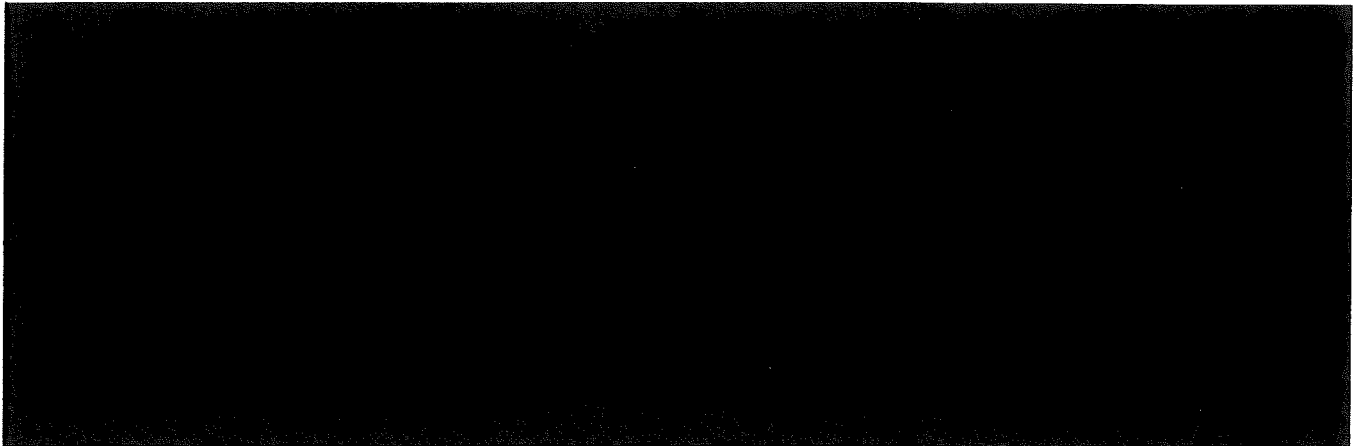
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- When Deputy Alvarado arrived, he was told that Miss Arnold had hit some kids with a branch.
- Deputy Alvarado placed a Code 4 on the call because Miss Arnold had left the scene and he did not see her.
- After a brief moment Deputy Alvarado observed Miss Arnold emerge from the back of the apartments walking back to Richard Street.
- Deputy Alvarado advised he did not see Miss Arnold physically or verbally fighting with someone.
- Deputy Alvarado advised he drove pass Miss Arnold and stopped his vehicle.
- Deputy Alvarado engaged Miss Arnold and asked her what was going on.
- Deputy Alvarado observed Miss Arnold holding a white Styrofoam daiquiri cup.
- Deputy Alvarado also observed Miss Arnold to have a haze look in her eyes and appeared to be under some type of narcotics.
- Deputy Alvarado knows Miss Arnold is a known narcotics user.
- Deputy Alvarado advised Miss Arnold she did not look right and he believed she was on something.
- Miss Arnold stated, (Something along the lines of), "Do not fucking touch me, I'll fuck you up."
- Deputy Alvarado advised he knows that Miss Arnold is known in the pass to carry knives and have a violence tendency toward the police and people around the neighborhood.
- Deputy Alvarado advised Miss Arnold needed medical attention because of her behavior and physical appearance so he decided to place Miss Arnold in handcuffs.
- Miss Arnold took a fighting stance toward Deputy Alvarado by squaring off and placing her hands in a balled-up fist.
- Deputy Alvarado took the Styrofoam cup from Miss Arnold and placed it on the ground.
- Deputy Alvarado advised Miss Arnold was soaking wet and had sand all over her body.
- Deputy Alvarado went to place Miss Arnold in handcuffs and she pulled away.
- Deputy Alvarado advised Miss Arnold he was trying to help her and went to grab her again and she pulled away again.
- Deputy Alvarado advised it was at this time a struggle began.
- Due to Miss Arnold being wet and her resisting Deputy Alvarado advised having a hard time handcuffing Miss Arnold.
- Miss Arnold began to try and hit and push Deputy Alvarado.

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- Deputy Alvarado also advised Miss Arnold was trying to hock up some spit and then she spit at Deputy Alvarado, but missed.
- Deputy Alvarado then grabbed her left arm and placed her on the ground and he was still attempting to handcuff her. When a handcuff went on her wrist, she was able to slip her hand out.
- Deputy Alvarado was attempting to place Miss Arnold in a prone position and she was kicking and resisting.
- Miss Arnold was still making a spitting sound toward Deputy Alvarado.
- Deputy Alvarado advised during the struggle he brought his hand up in an attempt to grab her arm and he grabbed Miss Arnold's hair.
- Deputy Alvarado advised he had a good grip on Miss Arnold's hair so he flipped her around to the ground and finally placing her in a prone position where Deputy Alvarado was able to place his knee on Miss Arnold's shoulder to restrain her.
- Deputy Alvarado advised Miss Arnold's Uncle "Tony" came up and assisted him in handcuffing her.
- Deputy Alvarado stood Miss Arnold up and let her know, he was only trying to help her.
- Deputy Alvarado denied stating that at any point he was going to beat anyone up that came up to him.
- Deputy Alvarado advised EMS came and took Miss Arnold without further incident.



ARMMS CRIMINAL HISTORY REPORT

Sergeant Cañas conducted an inquiry on Miss Arnold's criminal record utilizing the Armms system. Sergeant Cañas learned Miss Arnold is a Code 6 with a 15 level, with multiple arrest ranging from theft to resisting an officer.

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USB/VIDEO

Sergeant Cañas was able to transfer the video that was on the Internet on a USB and logged it with this report. It should be noted the video is a short account of the interaction with Deputy Alvarado and Miss Arnold. The video does not depict what occurred prior to the physical altercation nor what occurred after. Sergeant Cañas has made all attempts to locate the entire video but has come up with negative results. Sergeant Cañas spoke to the commander of the CIC, David Mascaro, and he advised the video was posted by someone who was not local and could not be linked to the person who took the original video. Commander Mascaro is in the process of attempting to get the entire video. If the video is obtained in its entirety, it will be added to this report.

CONCLUSION:

Sergeant Cañas at the direction of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office administration, located and met with Ms. Arnold and various witnesses, whom statements were obtained from. Ms. Arnold did not initiate a complaint and did not return her signed statement. At the time of the conclusion of this report Ms. Arnold has not provided any medical records nor has she made an official complaint to the Sheriff's Office. Ms. Arnold's witnesses have not returned their signed statements neither.

Once handcuffed, Deputy Alvarado stood Miss Arnold up and sought her medical assistance with EMS. Miss Arnold was transported to East Jefferson Hospital for her possible drug related issues, related to her physical and mental state, as per Deputy Alvarado's request, in which she refused medical assistance at the hospital, and was discharged. Miss Arnold had some minor bruising on her face area along with her body. Sergeant Cañas believes those injuries could have occurred in the physical altercation she had with the two black males, prior to the Sheriff's Office employee's presence.

Deputy Alvarado admitted he marked up the call NAT (Necessary action taken) and did not write a report on the incident. It was not until the next day that Deputy Alvarado advised he changed the signal to a medical roll and a report

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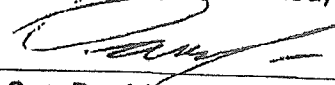
would be written. Deputy Alvarado advised he did this because he felt it had to be done and it had nothing to do with the video that surfaced. Deputy Alvarado denied ever seeing the video prior to making his decision to document the incident. Even though Deputy Alvarado advised he was going to write a report because it was the correct thing to do, it does not excuse the fact he did not mark the call up or write something on the incident. The incident was a situation where Deputy Alvarado had to become physical with a citizen on the street and Deputy Alvarado failed to properly document the incident. Deputy Alvarado also did not notify his ranking officers of the incident that occurred, that led him to physically restrain Ms. Arnold. Deputy Alvarado was instructed by Sergeant Cañas, after speaking to Captain Guttuso, not to write a report after the fact because an investigation had been initiated. Sergeant Cañas finds Deputy Alvarado in violation of Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Article 57-Unsatisfactory Performance for his failure to properly document the incident. Sergeant Cañas Sustains the violation.

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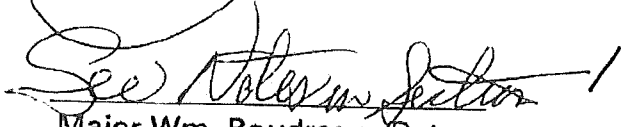
Julio Alvarado
PR#115655

Article-57 Unsatisfactory Performance **SUSTAINED**

Respectfully submitted,


Sgt. David Cañas
Investigating Officer

APPROVED:


Major Wm. Boudreaux/Date
Commander IMB
Comments:

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