

City of West Buechel

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March 12, 2021

Via Hand-Delivery

Chief James Sherrard
Chief of Police
City of West Buechel, Kentucky

RE: Administrative Leave with Pay

Dear Chief Sherrard:

Pursuant to the provisions of KRS 15.520(4)(a) you are hereby suspended with pay from your duties as the Chief of Police. This suspension shall be effective immediately and shall continue until the completion of an investigation of the allegations set forth below. Specifically, that on or about March 9, 2021,

- a. You allowed your wife to ride with you to the scene of a LMPD-initiated high speed chase of a suspect in a stolen vehicle which ultimately led to a shooting that took place at or near the Walmart in West Buechel;
- b. Upon arriving at the Walmart, you left your wife unattended in your city-issued police vehicle while you pursued a suspect into the Walmart. Additionally, while you were inside the Walmart, your wife, without your knowledge, moved your city-issued police vehicle from the location you left it and moved the vehicle directly to the scene of an active police-involved shooting of the suspect involved in the LMPD pursuit; and
- c. You attempted to influence witness(es) at the scene by making a statement that "... this will never be discussed", or words to that effect, upon your discovery that your wife had voluntarily moved your city-issued police vehicle.

These allegations, if substantiated, may constitute violations of law enforcement procedures and could warrant possible disciplinary action, up to and including termination. As such, this notification shall satisfy the twenty-four (24) hour notification requirement set forth in KRS 15.520(5)(b).

Sincerely,



Brenda Moore
Mayor
City of West Buechel, Kentucky