

INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT

CLOSED CASES – October 2023

- IA Case No: 23C-046
- Date Received: August 18, 2023
- Complainant: Linda Pinsky
- Officer(s): Officers M. Salvati and J. Julianelle
- Reviewed by: Member(s) Fawcett

Summary: On August 18, 2023, the Office of Internal Affairs received a Civilian Complaint Form from Linda Pinsky. Pinsky stated in her complaint that Amarantes Sea Cliff was launching fireworks that were extremely loud and disruptive. Pinsky said that officers did not take any action and refused her request for a supervisor. The body-cam footage showed when asked by Pinsky for a supervisor to come to the scene, the officers attempted to accommodate her request, but when doing so, Pinsky withdrew her request, claiming she just wanted to go home to calm her dogs.

- Disposition: **Unfounded**
 - Date Closed: 9/11/2023
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- IA Case No: 22C-067
- Date Received: October 7, 2022
- Complainant: Daniel Kokoszko
- Officer(s): Sergeant F. Sanchez
- Reviewed by: Member(s) Fawcett

Summary: On October 7, 2023, Daniel Kokoszko filed a complaint with the Office of Internal Affairs. In his complaint, he alleged that excessive force was used, he was assaulted, and his cell phone was broken during the incident. Based on the results of this investigation, the Excessive Force claim was **not -sustained**. However, Sergeant F. Sanchez **was found in violation** of Citizen Right to Record, Arrest Procedures, Rules of Conduct, and General Order Front Desk Supervisor.

- Disposition: **Sustained**
- Date Closed: 9/13/2023

- IA Case No: 22C-027
- Date Received: March 29, 2022
- Complainant: Dean Lee
- Officer(s): Officer D. LaVorgna
- Reviewed by: Member(s) Fawcett, Jenkins

Summary: On March 29, 2022, the Office of Internal Affairs received a civilian complaint from Dean Lee that he was pulled over for not having a license plate, and the officers broke his window to take him out of the car. Lee alleged officers used excessive force, and he was illegally seized. It should be noted that Lee had five outstanding warrants that were discovered when the officers made contact with Lee.

- Disposition: **Unfounded**
 - Date Closed: 9/18/2023
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- IA Case No: 23C-049
- Date Received: August 28, 2023
- Complainant: Jose Jimenez
- Officer(s): Officer A. Ryken
- Reviewed by: Member(s) Fawcett

Summary: On August 28, 2023, The Office of Internal Affairs received a civilian complaint from Jose Jimenez. Jimenez alleged in his complaint that officers did not properly investigate the complaint. Jimenez also alleged that he was unlawfully arrested and that officers never documented his side of the encounter. The evidence depicted in the body-worn camera footage dispelled Jimenez's allegations that Officer Ryken did not properly investigate the incident he was involved in. This investigation revealed that probable cause existed to affect the arrest of Jimenez for domestic violence charges as mandated by the State of CT. The investigation determined by a preponderance of the evidence that the alleged act did occur, but the officer engaged in no misconduct because the act was lawful, justified, and proper.

- Disposition: **Exonerated**
- Date Closed: 9/25/2023