

**WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Internal Investigation Request

TO: Brad Heath, Lieutenant  
Investigator, Internal Affairs

FROM: Matthew Tracht, Chief of Police

REF: Internal Investigation

I hereby authorize an investigation be conducted by the Internal Affairs Unit.

Complainant's name: Sarah Eddins

Alleged allegations: General Order 03-01, Code of Conduct

Accused name: Officer William Preston

On this 10th day of May, 2022



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Matthew Tracht, Chief of Police  
Winter Springs Police Department

**WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Notification of Charges/Allegations

Tracking # IAU 2022-03

Name of Accused: William Preston

I.D.: 141

Rank: Officer

Assignment: Patrol


State Statute and/or Department Policy provides that if you are under investigation and subject to interrogation by members of this agency for any reason which could lead to disciplinary action, suspension, demotion, or dismissal, you shall be informed in writing of the allegations or nature of the investigation and the name of all complainants.

Accordingly, you are hereby advised that the following illegal or improper act(s), allegations, or violations of a Department or City rule, regulation, or General Order has been attributed to you:

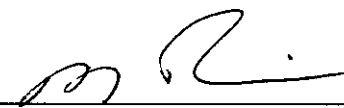
**General Order 03-01, Code of Conduct**

The name of complainant(s) is/are: Sarah Eddins

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt in writing of the charges or allegations against him/her.

  
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Accused's Signature

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
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Chief of Police, Matthew Tracht

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Original to Investigator's file  
Copy to Accuse

# WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Interview of Subject Officer

Tracking # IAU 2022-03

1. This interview is being video recorded. Today's date is May 19, 2022 at approximately 4:27 hours.
2. Lieutenant Bradlea Heath with the Winter Springs Police Department is conducting the interview with Officer William Preston at 300 North Moss Road, Winter Springs Florida 32708.
3. Also, present for the interview is Capt. Kevin Prosky.
4. The investigation tracking number is IAU 2022-03.
5. Prior to this interview there are several items you must be advised of:
  - a. You are the subject officer of the investigation.
  - b. The allegation(s) are as follows: Code of Conduct General Order 03-01.
  - c. This is an administrative investigation not a criminal investigation.
  - d. You have been given to read and sign copies of the Police Officers Bill of Rights, Garrity Statement and Perjury form. Do you understand your rights? Do you have any questions concerning these forms?
  - e. You have been given an opportunity to review all written complaints, statements, incident reports, analyses, GPS locator information, and audio and video recordings relating to this investigation. Have you had sufficient time to review the evidence? Yes ☒ No ☐

You will be placed under oath and be sworn to your testimony.

Please raise your right hand,

Under penalties of perjury, William Preston, do you swear or affirm that the statement you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you, God?

Yes, I do. Officer's Signature William Preston

U.B. Heath #5  
Law Enforcement Officer Conducting Investigation

### CONDUCT INTERVIEW

Closing: Is there anything that I have not asked or that you want to say that may be relevant to this investigation?

Upon conclusion of this investigation you will be notified in writing of the disposition of the case.

Officer William Preston you are instructed not to discuss this matter with anyone other than your attorney and myself. Do you understand what I have just read to you?

This concludes this interview at 1649 hours.

# WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Content of Garrity Warning Sworn Officer

Tracking # IAU 2022-03

At this time I am going to question you about alleged violation(s):

Code of Conduct: General Order 03-01.

This questioning concerns administrative matters relating to the official business of the Winter Springs Police Department. I am not questioning you for the purpose of instituting a criminal prosecution against you.

During the course of this questioning, even if you disclose information which indicates that you may be guilty of criminal conduct, neither your self-incriminating statements nor the fruits of any self-incriminating statements you make will be used against you in any criminal legal proceedings, except for offenses relating to perjury or obstruction of justice.

Since this is an administrative matter and any self-incriminating information you may disclose will not be used against you in a criminal court of law, you are required to answer my questions fully and truthfully. This requirement is set forth in our Police Department Rules and Regulations, 3-1.3, Insubordination and Refusal to obey a lawful command, and our Departmental Regulations requiring employees of this Department to comply with all lawful orders.

If you refuse to answer my questions, this in itself is a violation of the Rules and Procedures of the Department and you will be subject to disciplinary action.

### GARRITY V. NEW JERSEY, 385 U.S. 493

Coerced statements taken from Police Officers are prohibited from use in subsequent criminal proceedings when statements were obtained under threat of job forfeiture.

Do you understand what I have just read to you? WSPD  
Do you have any questions concerning what I have just read to you? WSPD

Off. WSPD Signature 05/19/2022 Date

C. B. Hock #5 Investigator 05/19/22 Date

**WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Administrative Official Proceeding Rights/Responsibilities

Tracking # IAU 2022-03

Name of Accused: William Preston

ID: 141

Rank: Officer

Assignment: Patrol

Department Policy provides that you are to be advised of the following:

1. You have no right to remain silent. You must fully and truthfully answer all questions that are directly and narrowly related to your official duties and this investigation.
2. If you refuse to answer questions fully and truthfully that are asked of you, disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, may be undertaken.
3. You may have counsel or any other representative of your choice present with you at this hearing, interrogation, and/or examination, but they will not be allowed to participate.
4. You may be requested to submit to a line-up, a breath or blood test, voice print examinations, handwriting samples, etc., as allowed by State Statute. Refusal to submit to these tests, etc., may be grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.
5. You are further advised that by law, any admission made by you during the course of this hearing, interrogation, and/or examination, cannot be used against you in a subsequent criminal proceeding, except for Perjury and Obstruction of Justice.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she was informed of the above rights and responsibilities.

*W. Preston* 05/19/2022  
Accused Signature & Date

*C.B. Hest* <sup>#5</sup> 05/19/22  
Investigator Signature & Date

## **WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Public Officers & Employees General Provisions      Tracking # IAU 2022-03

### **112.534 Failure to comply; official misconduct.—**

(1) If any law enforcement agency or correctional agency, including investigators in its internal affairs or professional standards division, or an assigned investigating supervisor, intentionally fails to comply with the requirements of this part, the following procedures apply. For purposes of this section, the term "law enforcement officer" or "correctional officer" includes the officer's representative or legal counsel, except in application of paragraph (d).

(a) The law enforcement officer or correctional officer shall advise the investigator of the intentional violation of the requirements of this part which is alleged to have occurred. The officer's notice of violation is sufficient to notify the investigator of the requirements of this part which are alleged to have been violated and the factual basis of each violation.

(b) If the investigator fails to cure the violation or continues the violation after being notified by the law enforcement officer or correctional officer, the officer shall request the agency head or his or her designee be informed of the alleged intentional violation. Once this request is made, the interview of the officer shall cease, and the officer's refusal to respond to further investigative questions does not constitute insubordination or any similar type of policy violation.

(c) Thereafter, within 3 working days, a written notice of violation and request for a compliance review hearing shall be filed with the agency head or designee which must contain sufficient information to identify the requirements of this part which are alleged to have been violated and the factual basis of each violation. All evidence related to the investigation must be preserved for review and presentation at the compliance review hearing. For purposes of confidentiality, the compliance review panel hearing shall be considered part of the original investigation.

(d) Unless otherwise remedied by the agency before the hearing, a compliance review hearing must be conducted within 10 working days after the request for a compliance review hearing is filed, unless, by mutual agreement of the officer and agency or for extraordinary reasons, an alternate date is chosen. The panel shall review the circumstances and facts surrounding the alleged intentional violation. The compliance review panel shall be made up of three members: one member selected by the agency head, one member selected by the officer filing the request, and a third member to be selected by the other two members. The review panel members shall be law enforcement officers or



correctional officers who are active from the same law enforcement discipline as the officer requesting the hearing. Panel members may be selected from any state, county, or municipal agency within the county in which the officer works. The compliance review hearing shall be conducted in the county in which the officer works.

(e) It is the responsibility of the compliance review panel to determine whether or not the investigator or agency intentionally violated the requirements provided under this part. It may hear evidence, review relevant documents, and hear argument before making such a determination; however, all evidence received shall be strictly limited to the allegation under consideration and may not be related to the disciplinary charges pending against the officer. The investigative materials are considered confidential for purposes of the compliance review hearing and determination.

(f) The officer bears the burden of proof to establish that the violation of this part was intentional. The standard of proof for such a determination is by a preponderance of the evidence. The determination of the panel must be made at the conclusion of the hearing, in writing, and filed with the agency head and the officer.

(g) If the alleged violation is sustained as intentional by the compliance review panel, the agency head shall immediately remove the investigator from any further involvement with the investigation of the officer. Additionally, the agency head shall direct an investigation be initiated against the investigator determined to have intentionally violated the requirements provided under this part for purposes of agency disciplinary action. If that investigation is sustained, the sustained allegations against the investigator shall be forwarded to the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission for review as an act of official misconduct or misuse of position.

(2)(a) All the provisions of s. 838.022 shall apply to this part.

(b) The provisions of chapter 120 do not apply to this part.

**History.**—s. 4, ch. 74-274; s. 35, ch. 77-104; s. 1, ch. 78-291; s. 4, ch. 82-156; s. 4, ch. 93-19; s. 3, ch. 2000-184; s. 8, ch. 2003-158; s. 3, ch. 2009-200; s. 5, ch. 2011-4; s. 6, ch. 2016-151.


By placing my signature below, I acknowledge that I have received the two page (including this page) document entitled "PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES: GENERAL PROVISIONS". I further acknowledge that I have read and understand the information contained within.



Officer's Signature

05/19/2022

Date



Witness Signature

# WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Perjury Form

### 837.02 Perjury in official proceedings

Tracking # IAU 2022-03

Except as provided in subsection (2), whoever makes a false statement, which he or she does not believe to be true, under oath in an official proceeding in regard to any material matter, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Whoever makes a false statement, which he or she does not believe to be true, under oath in an official proceeding that relates to the prosecution of a capital felony, commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Knowledge of the materiality of the statement is not an element of the crime of perjury under subsection (1) or subsection (2), and the defendant's mistaken belief that the statement was not material is not a defense.

### 837.021 Perjury by contradictory statements

Except as provided in subsection (2), whoever, in one or more official proceedings, willfully makes two or more material statements under oath which contradict each other, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Whoever, in one or more official proceedings that relate to the prosecution of a capital felony, willfully makes two or more material statements under oath which contradict each other, commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

In any prosecution for perjury under this section:

The prosecution may proceed in a single count by setting forth the willful making of contradictory statements under oath and alleging in the alternative that one or more of them are false.

The question of whether a statement was material is a question of law to be determined by the court.

It is not necessary to prove which, if any, of the contradictory statements is not true.

It is a defense that the accused believed each statement to be true at the time the statement was made.

A person may not be prosecuted under this section for making contradictory statements in separate proceedings if the contradictory statement made in the most recent proceeding was made under a grant of immunity under s. 914.04; but such person may be prosecuted under s. 837.02 for any false statement made in that most recent proceeding, and the contradictory statements may be received against him or her upon any criminal investigation or proceeding for such perjury.

I have read the above excerpt from Chapter 837 of the Florida State Statutes and understand that to make false statements in an official proceeding is a criminal act punishable as provided by Florida Statute.

SIGNATURE Dr. Williams DATE 05/19/2022



# WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Counsel/Representation Form

Tracking # IAU 2022-03

Name of Accused: William Preston

ID# 141

Rank: Officer

Assignment: Patrol

☒ **Waiver of Counsel/ Representation**

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I have received and read the charges/allegations against me and I knowingly and voluntarily wish to proceed with the hearing, examination or interrogation without having counsel or representation of my own choosing present during this hearing, examination or interrogation.

dc. Wm Preston 05/19/2022 1632 hrs G. B. Heath #5  
Signature Date Time Investigator

☐ **Request to Secure Legal Counsel or Representation**

I, the undersigned, having been advised of my right to have counsel or representation of my own choosing at all hearings, examinations, and interrogations in connection with the charges/allegations against me, which have been given to me in writing and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, elect to secure the services of counsel and agree to proceed with said hearing, examination, or interrogation at the Winter Springs Police Department, at which time said hearing, examination, or interrogation shall be commenced. By placing my signature upon this statement, I affirm my wish to secure said counsel or representation and agree to comply with the Department hearing, examination, or interrogation schedule of the date aforesaid.

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Signature Date Time Investigator

## WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

### POLICE OFFICER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

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**112.532 Law enforcement officers' and correctional officers' rights.**—All law enforcement officers and correctional officers employed by or appointed to a law enforcement agency or a correctional agency shall have the following rights and privileges:

(1) **RIGHTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WHILE UNDER INVESTIGATION.**—Whenever a law enforcement officer or correctional officer is under investigation and subject to interrogation by members of his or her agency for any reason that could lead to disciplinary action, suspension, demotion, or dismissal, the interrogation must be conducted under the following conditions:

(a) The interrogation shall be conducted at a reasonable hour, preferably at a time when the law enforcement officer or correctional officer is on duty, unless the seriousness of the investigation is of such a degree that immediate action is required.

(b) The interrogation shall take place either at the office of the command of the investigating officer or at the office of the local precinct, police unit, or correctional unit in which the incident allegedly occurred, as designated by the investigating officer or agency.

(c) The law enforcement officer or correctional officer under investigation shall be informed of the rank, name, and command of the officer in charge of the investigation, the interrogating officer, and all persons present during the interrogation. All questions directed to the officer under interrogation shall be asked by or through one interrogator during any one investigative interrogation, unless specifically waived by the officer under investigation.

(d) The law enforcement officer or correctional officer under investigation must be informed of the nature of the investigation before any interrogation begins, and he or she must be informed of the names of all complainants. All identifiable witnesses shall be interviewed, whenever possible, prior to the beginning of the investigative interview of the accused officer. The complaint, all witness statements, including all other existing subject officer statements, and all other existing evidence, including, but not limited to, incident reports, GPS locator information, and audio or video recordings relating to the incident under investigation, must be provided to each officer who is the subject of the complaint.

before the beginning of any investigative interview of that officer. An officer, after being informed of the right to review witness statements, may voluntarily waive the provisions of this paragraph and provide a voluntary statement at any time.

(e) Interrogating sessions shall be for reasonable periods and shall be timed to allow for such personal necessities and rest periods as are reasonably necessary.

(f) The law enforcement officer or correctional officer under interrogation may not be subjected to offensive language or be threatened with transfer, dismissal, or disciplinary action. A promise or reward may not be made as an inducement to answer any questions.

(g) The formal interrogation of a law enforcement officer or correctional officer, including all recess periods, must be recorded on audio tape, or otherwise preserved in such a manner as to allow a transcript to be prepared, and there shall be no unrecorded questions or statements. Upon the request of the interrogated officer, a copy of any recording of the interrogation session must be made available to the interrogated officer no later than 72 hours, excluding holidays and weekends, following said interrogation.

(h) If the law enforcement officer or correctional officer under interrogation is under arrest, or is likely to be placed under arrest as a result of the interrogation, he or she shall be completely informed of all his or her rights before commencing the interrogation.

(i) At the request of any law enforcement officer or correctional officer under investigation, he or she has the right to be represented by counsel or any other representative of his or her choice, who shall be present at all times during the interrogation whenever the interrogation relates to the officer's continued fitness for law enforcement or correctional service.

(j) Notwithstanding the rights and privileges provided by this part, this part does not limit the right of an agency to discipline or to pursue criminal charges against an officer.

(2) COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARDS.—A complaint review board shall be composed of three members: One member selected by the chief administrator of the agency or unit; one member selected by the aggrieved officer; and a third member to be selected by the other two members. Agencies or units having more than 100 law enforcement officers or correctional officers shall utilize a five-member board, with two members being selected by the administrator, two members being selected by the aggrieved officer, and the fifth member being selected by the other four members. The board members shall be law enforcement officers or correctional officers selected from any state, county, or municipal agency within the county. There shall be a board for law enforcement officers and a board for correctional officers whose members shall be from the same discipline as the

aggrieved officer. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to sheriffs or deputy sheriffs.

(3) CIVIL SUITS BROUGHT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS.—Every law enforcement officer or correctional officer shall have the right to bring civil suit against any person, group of persons, or organization or corporation, or the head of such organization or corporation, for damages, either pecuniary or otherwise, suffered during the performance of the officer's official duties, for abridgment of the officer's civil rights arising out of the officer's performance of official duties, or for filing a complaint against the officer which the person knew was false when it was filed. This section does not establish a separate civil action against the officer's employing law enforcement agency for the investigation and processing of a complaint filed under this part.

(4) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION; COPY OF AND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS CONTENTS OF INVESTIGATIVE FILE; CONFIDENTIALITY.—

(a) A dismissal, demotion, transfer, reassignment, or other personnel action that might result in loss of pay or benefits or that might otherwise be considered a punitive measure may not be taken against any law enforcement officer or correctional officer unless the law enforcement officer or correctional officer is notified of the action and the reason or reasons for the action before the effective date of the action.

(b) Notwithstanding s. 112.533(2), whenever a law enforcement officer or correctional officer is subject to disciplinary action consisting of suspension with loss of pay, demotion, or dismissal, the officer or the officer's representative shall, upon request, be provided with a complete copy of the investigative file, including the final investigative report and all evidence, and with the opportunity to address the findings in the report with the employing law enforcement agency before imposing disciplinary action consisting of suspension with loss of pay, demotion, or dismissal. The contents of the complaint and investigation shall remain confidential until such time as the employing law enforcement agency makes a final determination whether or not to issue a notice of disciplinary action consisting of suspension with loss of pay, demotion, or dismissal. This paragraph does not provide law enforcement officers with a property interest or expectancy of continued employment, employment, or appointment as a law enforcement officer.

(5) RETALIATION FOR EXERCISING RIGHTS.—No law enforcement officer or correctional officer shall be discharged; disciplined; demoted; denied promotion, transfer, or reassignment; or otherwise discriminated against in regard to his or her employment or appointment, or be threatened with any such treatment, by reason of his or her exercise of the rights granted by this part.

(6) LIMITATIONS PERIOD FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS.—

(a) Except as provided in this subsection, disciplinary action, suspension, demotion, or dismissal may not be undertaken by an agency against a law enforcement officer or correctional officer for any act, omission, or other allegation or complaint of misconduct, regardless of the origin of the allegation or complaint, if the investigation of the allegation or complaint is not completed within 180 days after the date the agency receives notice of the allegation or complaint by a person authorized by the agency to initiate an investigation of the misconduct. If the agency determines that disciplinary action is appropriate, it shall complete its investigation and give notice in writing to the law enforcement officer or correctional officer of its intent to proceed with disciplinary action, along with a proposal of the specific action sought, including length of suspension, if applicable. Notice to the officer must be provided within 180 days after the date the agency received notice of the alleged misconduct, regardless of the origin of the allegation or complaint, except as follows:

1. The running of the limitations period may be tolled for a period specified in a written waiver of the limitation by the law enforcement officer or correctional officer.

2. The running of the limitations period is tolled during the time that any criminal investigation or prosecution is pending in connection with the act, omission, or other allegation of misconduct.

3. If the investigation involves an officer who is incapacitated or otherwise unavailable, the running of the limitations period is tolled during the period of incapacitation or unavailability.

4. In a multijurisdictional investigation, the limitations period may be extended for a period of time reasonably necessary to facilitate the coordination of the agencies involved.



5. The running of the limitations period may be tolled for emergencies or natural disasters during the time period wherein the Governor has declared a state of emergency within the jurisdictional boundaries of the concerned agency.

6. The running of the limitations period is tolled during the time that the officer's compliance hearing proceeding is continuing beginning with the filing of the notice of violation and a request for a hearing and ending with the written determination of the compliance review panel or upon the violation being remedied by the agency.

(b) An investigation against a law enforcement officer or correctional officer may be reopened, notwithstanding the limitations period for commencing disciplinary action, demotion, or dismissal, if:

1. Significant new evidence has been discovered that is likely to affect the outcome of the investigation.

2. The evidence could not have reasonably been discovered in the normal course of investigation or the evidence resulted from the predisciplinary response of the officer.

Any disciplinary action resulting from an investigation that is reopened pursuant to this paragraph must be completed within 90 days after the date the investigation is reopened.

**History.**—s. 2, ch. 74-274; s. 2, ch. 82-156; s. 2, ch. 93-19; s. 721, ch. 95-147; s. 1, ch. 98-249; s. 1, ch. 2000-184; s. 1, ch. 2003-149; s. 3, ch. 2005-100; s. 1, ch. 2007-110; s. 1, ch. 2009-200; s. 3, ch. 2020-104.

By placing my signature below, I acknowledge that I have received the five (5) page (including this page) document entitled "Police Officer's Bill of Rights". I further acknowledge that I have read and understand the information contained within.

Off. Wilk 141

Officer's Signature

05/19/2022

Date

C. B. Wilk #5

Witness Signature

## **WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Internal Affairs Report**

TO: Matthew Tracht, Chief of Police  
FROM: Bradlea Heath, Lieutenant  
DATE: May 23, 2022  
SUBJECT: IAU 2022-03

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This report was prepared by Lieutenant (Lt.) Bradlea Heath, Internal Affairs Unit, The Winter Springs Police Department. This investigation was concluded based on information learned during interviews/statements with the following:

#### **Witness List:**

Sarah Eddins  
Lt. Ashlee Windler (Orlando Police Department)

In compliance with Florida State Statutes, F.S.S. 119 and the General Orders of the Winter Springs Police Department, an Internal Investigation is considered closed when the Chief of Police signs the Internal Investigation Report.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew Tracht  
Chief of Police

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

On May 10, 2022, I was instructed by Matthew Tracht, Chief of Police, to investigate a complaint regarding a Code of Conduct violation concerning Officer (Ofc.) William Preston.

### **Complaint**

On May 5, 2022, Sarah Eddins filed a formal complaint on Ofc. W. Preston. Ms. Eddins stated in a sworn written statement that Ofc. W. Preston had sent her pictures of his penis.

### **Process**

Since receiving the original information, the following individuals have been interviewed:

Lt. Ashlee Windler (Orlando Police Department)  
Sarah Eddins  
Ofc. W. Preston

Requests for information and/or general discussion were held with:

Captain (Capt.) Kevin Presley – Support Services Bureau Commander Notification  
Capt. Doug Seely – Operations Bureau Commander Notification

### **Events**

On May 5, 2022, Capt. D. Seely met with Ms. Eddins, where she completed a sworn written statement advising the following:

- “the said police officer came on to my live stream and wanted to share my screen, go on screen, said he was a cop bored wanted my Snapchat. I gave it to him and he snap chatted with me sending me pictures of his penis. I blocked he came back after I blocked him. He came back to my live stream and demanded I unblock him on Snap then he showed his penis to everyone on the live”.

On May 10, 2022, Capt. D. Seely met with Capt. K. Presley and me. He provided us with Ms. Eddins’ sworn written statement, several screenshot photographs, and a few emails that were forwarded from Ofc. Christopher Roland, who is currently Ofc. W. Preston’s supervisor. These emails consisted of an exchange of emails between Ms. Eddins, Lt. A. Windler, and LaTashia Stephens (Orlando Police Department). The screenshot photographs consisted of text messages, a Kik profile account for Will R that had a profile

picture of Ofc. W. Preston, and a Snapchat profile account with the name Will. On the Snapchat screenshots, there were two (2) photographs, each depicting an erect penis under the "Saved in Chat" area of the app.

Later on that day, Capt. K. Presley and I met with Ofc. W. Preston at the Winter Springs Police Department, where he was issued a Winter Springs Police Department Notification of Charges/Allegations Form and advised of the alleged violation of General Order 03-01, Code of Conduct. Ofc. W. Preston reviewed the form and signed it. Ofc. W. Preston was also provided with a copy of Ms. Eddins' sworn written statement and copies of the screenshot photographs that Ms. Eddins provided Capt. D. Seely. Ofc. W. Preston then reviewed the statement and photographs and advised that he wanted to make a statement. Ofc. W. Preston stated, "it was 100% me," and said he would take full responsibility of his actions. Ofc. W. Preston continued to state that he wanted to take care of this complaint tonight but was advised that he would be interviewed later as we were in the initial stage of the investigation. I took photographs of Ofc. W. Preston to show his everyday uniform and his wristwatch since they were consistent with what was depicted in the screenshot photographs.

I later called and spoke with Lt. A. Windler. She advised that after receiving the information and photographs from Ms. Eddins, one of their agency's analysts was able to identify Will through social media as an officer who believed worked for the Port Orange Police Department. A call was then placed to the Port Orange Police Department, and she learned that Will was William Preston who left the Port Orange Police Department to work for the Winter Springs Police Department. Lt. A. Windler then contacted Ofc. C. Roland where she ultimately provided this information to him.

On May 16, 2022, Capt. K. Presley and I drove to Ms. Eddins residence to conduct a formal interview with her. This interview was audio-recorded. During the interview, Ms. Eddins stated the following:

- She has a live stream account with Kik, where she hosts various live stream chatrooms.
- She has approximately 4,000 followers.
- During the live streams, the host can select up to five (5) participants who will be able to interact by video instead of chatting. Any other participants in the chatroom can only participate by chatting but can view the host and her five (5) selected video participants.
- Ms. Eddins stated she was not sure of the exact dates of the initial contact with Ofc. W. Preston nor the date of the incident but stated that they took place from April 22 through May 4, 2022.
- During one of her live stream chats, an individual with the account name Will entered the chat and requested to participate in her live stream via video.
- Ms. Eddins advised that she allowed Will to join via video.

- Ms. Eddins advised during the chat Will identified himself as a law enforcement officer in Orlando who was at work patrolling and bored.
- Ms. Eddins advised the two continued to chat and Will requested her Snapchat account, which she later gave to him.
- Ms. Eddins advised that Will asked her to meet up with him, but she declined.
- Ms. Eddins advised about 24 hours after speaking with Will and thinking about their conversation; she began to get nervous, so she decided to block him from her Kik and Snapchat accounts.
- Ms. Eddins advised on the following day, Will appeared on her live stream Kik chatroom, which contained somewhere between 200-500 viewers.
- Ms. Eddins advised the two started chatting back and forth
- Ms. Eddins advised Will was upset at her for blocking him.
- Ms. Eddins advised she told Will that she didn't believe he was a law enforcement officer but Will insisted he was.
- Ms. Eddins advised she allowed Will to participate by video.
- Ms. Eddins advised Will then showed the inside of his police vehicle and his penis for no known reason.
- Ms. Eddins advised Will requested that she unblock him on Snapchat.
- Ms. Eddins stated she did and then the two began communicating back and forth on Snapchat.
- Ms. Eddins advised that Will sent her photographs of his penis so she took screenshots of them as well as his profile information.
- Ms. Eddins advised after she took the screenshots, Will was notified of the screenshots, he unfriended her and she has not heard from him since.
- Ms. Eddins advised that she reached out to her local police department but was referred to Orlando Police Department since it was believed that he worked for them.

On May 18, 2022, I met with Ofc. W. Preston in my office located at the Winter Springs Police Department to see if he would be willing to be interviewed tomorrow, May 19, 2022 at 1630 hours at the Winter Springs Police Department. Ofc. W. Preston advised that would be okay. I provided Ofc. W. Preston with the following Winter Springs Police Department documents and evidentiary items so that he could review everything prior to his interview:

- a copy of Ms. Eddins' audio-recorded interview
- digital copies of the screenshot photographs
- copies of the email correspondence that were initially forwarded to Capt. D. Seely from Ofc. C. Roland
- General Order 03-01; Code of Conduct
- Police Officer's Bill of Rights Form
- Public Officers & Employees General Provisions Form



On May 19, 2022, at approximately 1627 hours, I met with Ofc. W. Preston at the Winter Springs Police Department, where I conducted an audio-record formal interview with him in the presence of Capt. K. Presley. During the interview, I provided Ofc. W. Preston with the following Winter Springs Police Department documents in which he acknowledged and signed:

- Interview of Subject Officer Form
- Police Officer's Bill of Rights Form
- Public Officers & Employees General Provisions Form
- Perjury Form
- Counsel/Representation Form
- Content of Garrity Warning Sworn Officer Form
- Administrative Official Proceedings Rights/Responsibilities Form

The interview began after I placed Ofc. W. Preston under oath. The interview consisted of the following admissions:

- Ofc. W. Preston stated while on duty, unknown date and sometime between the hours of 0200-0400, he was sitting in his parked patrol vehicle in Trotwood Park when he got on the Kik app.
- Ofc. W. Preston described the app as a place where you can talk to people on video and/or chat.
- Ofc. W. Preston stated while he was on the Kik app, he located a random unknown female profile (Ms. Eddins) who was hosting a live stream chatroom.
- Ofc. W. Preston joined the chatroom and began chatting with the unknown female host. During the chat, he showed his penis to Ms. Eddins.
- Ofc. W. Preston stated they then moved their conversation to Kik's private messenger, where he gave Ms. Eddins his Snapchat app profile name.
- Ofc. W. Preston stated they then switched their communication to Snapchat where he sent her pictures of his penis while being in full uniform.
- Ofc. W. Preston stated that Ms. Eddins then blocked him from Snapchat.
- Ofc. W. Preston stated he could not recall if he immediately got back on the Kik app or if it was on his next workday.
- Ofc. W. Preston advised he was able to make contact with Ms. Eddins and he asked her if they could talk again.
- Ofc. W. Preston advised they began talking again on the Kik app where they exchanged explicit photographs, including Ms. Eddins sending a video of her masturbating.
- Ofc. W. Preston advised that he has a pornography addiction and has been battling it for the past year and a half.
- Ofc. W. Preston advised afterward, he felt guilty so he minimized his communication with Ms. Eddins.

- Ofc. W. Preston stated about a day or two later, he noticed on Snapchat that he had alerts that advised him that Ms. Eddins took screenshots of his Snapchat profile.
- Ofc. W. Preston stated he began to "freak out" and blocked her from Snapchat.
- Ofc. W. Preston stated he got on the Kik app where Ms. Eddins messaged him about being blocked.
- Ofc. W. Preston stated he immediately got off the Kik app and removed it from his cell phone.
- Ofc. W. Preston advised that he was aware Ms. Eddins was live streaming at the time he first showed his penis to her and knew she had 200-500 viewers that night who also saw his penis.
- Ofc. W. Preston advised that he has never met Ms. Eddins in person.
- Ofc. W. Preston advised that he has been on the Kik app several times while on duty but has not shown his penis to anyone besides Ms. Eddins.
- Ofc. W. Preston advised that he has never watched pornography while on duty but watches it at home.
- Ofc. W. Preston stated he has watched so much pornography that it no longer arouses him, so he started video chatting with people to get him sexually excited.
- Ofc. W. Preston stated since he has been made aware of this investigation, he has stopped watching pornography "cold turkey," told his wife about his pornography addiction and now the two have sought counseling for pornography addiction and infidelity issues.
- At the end of the interview, Ofc. W. Preston wanted to make an apology statement to Ms. Eddins, the Department, and everyone else who believed in him.
- Throughout the entire investigation, Ofc. W. Preston admitted to his wrongdoing and wanted to take full responsibility for his actions.

### **Conclusion**

Ofc. W. Preston has been employed with the Winter Springs Police Department since December 7, 2020, and is currently assigned to the Delta night shift. Sometime between April 22 through May 4, 2022, while Ofc. W. Preston was on duty, Ms. Eddins and he communicated several times on Kik and the Snapchat app where the two exchanged explicit photographs, including an explicit video of Ms. Eddins masturbating. During Ofc. W. Preston's first encounter with Ms. Eddins, he admitted that during her live stream chat, he showed her and her viewers, which at the time was anywhere between 200-500 viewers, his penis.

## Disposition

### **Violation of General Order 03-01 - Code of Conduct: SUSTAINED**

There is clear and convincing evidence through sworn testimony that Ofc. W. Preston violated this policy when he communicated several times with Ms. Eddins through the Kik and Snapchat app where the two exchanged explicit photographs, including an explicit video of Ms. Eddins masturbating. During Ofc. W. Preston's first encounter with Ms. Eddins on the Kik app, he admitted that during her live stream chat, he showed her and her viewers, which at the time was anywhere between 200-500 viewers, his penis. The mere fact that Ofc. W. Preston was inattentive and/or neglectful to his assigned duties, it could have had a detrimental impact on a citizen or co-worker if they needed his assistance since they rely on him for their safety.

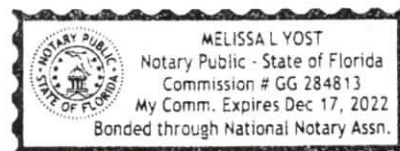
I, Lt. Bradlea Heath, do hereby swear, under penalty of perjury, that, to the best of my personal knowledge, information, and belief, I have not knowingly or willfully deprived, or allowed another to deprive, the subject of the investigation of any of the rights contained in ss. 112.532 and 112.533, Florida Statutes.

Lt. B. Heath #5  
Lt. Bradlea Heath

Before me personally appeared Lt. Bradlea Heath who says that they have executed this affidavit of their own free will and with full knowledge of its purpose.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022.

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Notary Public



# WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CITIZEN'S COMPLAINT FORM

Complainant's Name: Sarah Eddins C.C.# \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: 3450 E. Orange Ave.  
Home Phone: (239) 823-0438 Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employee's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of complaint: (completed by the complainant)

the said police officer came on to my  
live stream and ~~was chatting with~~  
wanted to share my screen, got on  
screen, said he was a cop bored wanted  
my snapchat. I gave it to him and  
he snap chatted with me sending me  
pictures of his penis. I blocked. he came  
back after I blocked him. he came  
back to my live stream and demanded  
I unblock him on snap then he  
showed his penis to everyone on the  
live.

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Complainant's Signature Sarah B. Eddins

L.E.O. Taking Complaint (F.S.S. 117.10) *AK (K) #5 2500*

WSPD # 91-B 11-2011



## Doug Seely

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**From:** Christopher J. Roland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022 9:24 PM  
**To:** Doug Seely  
**Subject:** FW: Will?

First email I received.



### Christopher J. Roland

Police Officer

**P:** (407) 327-8987 **F:** (407) 327-6652

**A:** 300 North Moss Road  
Winter Springs, FL 32708



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**From:** Ashlee J Windler <Ashlee.Windler@cityoforlando.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022 9:00 PM  
**To:** Christopher J. Roland <CRoland@winterspringsfl.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Will?

### EXTERNAL EMAIL:

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Good evening,

Please see the below thread and pictures.

Respectfully,

Ashlee Windler, Lieutenant  
Watch Commander, Central Patrol "A" Mids  
Emergency Response Team  
Orlando Police Department  
1250 W. South Street  
Orlando, FL, 32805  
p. 407 246 2517  
[Ashlee.Windler@CityofOrlando.Net](mailto:Ashlee.Windler@CityofOrlando.Net)

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**From:** Latashia C Stephens <[Latashia.Stephens@cityoforlando.net](mailto:Latashia.Stephens@cityoforlando.net)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 17:44  
**To:** William C Becton <[William.Becton@cityoforlando.net](mailto:William.Becton@cityoforlando.net)>; Noelia M Gomez <[Noelia.gomez@cityoforlando.net](mailto:Noelia.gomez@cityoforlando.net)>;  
Ashlee J Windler <[Ashlee.Windler@cityoforlando.net](mailto:Ashlee.Windler@cityoforlando.net)>  
**Cc:** OPD Intelligence Unit <[intel@CityofOrlando.net](mailto:intel@CityofOrlando.net)>

Good evening,

Do you recognize this person? He is claiming to be an OPD officer. The caller is advising he is live streaming with her now, in his patrol vehicle with his pants down. Any help is appreciated. She can be reached at 239 823 0435.

Stay Safe,

Ms. LaTashia C. Stephens  
Communications Supervisor

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**From:** Sarah Eddins <[sbeddins@hotmail.com](mailto:sbeddins@hotmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022 5:30 PM

**To:** Latashia C Stephens <[Latashia.Stephens@cityoforlando.net](mailto:Latashia.Stephens@cityoforlando.net)>

**Subject:** Will?

You don't often get email from [sbeddins@hotmail.com](mailto:sbeddins@hotmail.com). [Learn why this is important](#)

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## Doug Seely

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**From:** Ashlee J Windler <Ashlee.Windler@cityoforlando.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 5, 2022 1:57 AM  
**To:** Doug Seely  
**Subject:** Fw: Inquiry

### EXTERNAL EMAIL:

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Forwarding on to you. I did not reply to this latest email. I would imagine she wants to be put in touch with someone from your agency and I know you're passing that info along.

Thank you,

Ashlee Windler, Lieutenant  
Watch Commander, Central Patrol "A" Mids  
Emergency Response Team  
Orlando Police Department  
1250 W. South Street  
Orlando, FL, 32805  
p. 407 246 2517  
Ashlee.Windler@CityofOrlando.Net



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**From:** Sarah Eddins <sbeddins@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 5, 2022 1:51 AM  
**To:** Ashlee J Windler <Ashlee.Windler@cityoforlando.net>  
**Subject:** Re: Inquiry

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I gave you everything I know to Identify him. When I wouldn't meet with him and screenshot his info, he left me alone. All I have are the genitalia pictures. I blocked him. Please let me know if I can be of anymore help. This guy definitely creeped me out.  
Thank you.

On May 4, 2022, at 9:00 PM, Ashlee J Windler <Ashlee.Windler@cityoforlando.net> wrote:

Apologies, that was an old affiliation. I believe he may work at Winter Springs PD.

Thank you,

Ashlee Windler, Lieutenant  
Watch Commander, Central Patrol "A" Mids  
Emergency Response Team

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**From:** Sarah Eddins <sbeddins@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022 6:08:47 PM  
**To:** Ashlee J Windler <Ashlee.Windler@cityoforlando.net>  
**Subject:** Re: Inquiry

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On May 4, 2022, at 6:04 PM, Ashlee J Windler  
<Ashlee.Windler@cityoforlando.net> wrote:

Good evening Ms. Eddins,

Please send me any information you feel may be helpful in identifying this individual.

Respectfully,

Ashlee Windler, Lieutenant  
Watch Commander, Central Patrol "A" Mids  
Emergency Response Team  
Orlando Police Department  
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# WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## M E M O R A N D U M

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**TO:** William Preston, Officer  
**FROM:** Matthew Tracht, Chief Of Police  
**DATE:** Monday, May 23, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Due Process Hearing- IA 2012-03  
**REF #:** CP-004-22

The purpose of the Due Process Hearing is to allow you to give your account of the incident leading to the proposed discipline of suspension or termination.

Pursuant to Winter Springs Police Department General Order 11-3.12, a Due Process Hearing has been scheduled for you on **Wednesday, June 1, 2022** at 1530 hours in the office of the Chief of Police. A copy of the associated General Order is attached for your reference. If you cannot make this appointment, or if you plan to waive your due process rights, please notify Lt. Heath in writing as soon as possible.