

**VOLUSIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

REPORT NUMBER: IA-14-006

PERIOD COVERED: March 20 – 24, 2014
DATE REPORTED: March 25, 2014
SUBJECT(S) NAME: Deputy Lisa Goff #7827
INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Investigator Glen Bennett #1452

BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION:

On March 25, 2014, Mitchell Wrenn contacted the Sheriff's Office in reference to an incident involving Deputy Lisa Goff while she was off duty. Mr. Wrenn reported that he was in fear of Deputy Goff because she had threatened to kill him and his juvenile son on the night of March 24, 2014.

On the evening of March 24, 2014, Deputy Goff allegedly drove her assigned marked patrol car to Mr. Wrenn's residence in Daytona Beach. The two then drove in Mr. Wrenn's personal vehicle to BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse in Daytona Beach. According to Mr. Wrenn, the two sat together at a table and consumed several alcoholic beverages before leaving to meet a mutual friend at Chili's Grill & Bar. While at Chili's, the three sat together as Deputy Goff consumed approximately three more alcoholic beverages before leaving with Mr. Wrenn in his vehicle.

While Mr. Wrenn was driving he described Deputy Goff's behavior as being very distraught. Mr. Wrenn said he did not know what triggered the behavior change but he explained how she was yelling obscenities at him as they drove. When they arrived at his residence, the two continued to argue as Deputy Goff walked to her patrol car parked in front of his residence. According to Mr. Wrenn, as Deputy Goff was getting into the patrol car she told him that she was going to kill him and his son. Mr. Wrenn said he was scared for his safety and retreated into his garage. Mr. Wrenn said he did not see a weapon nor did she say she had a weapon. Mr. Wrenn only assumed she had access to a weapon since she was getting into her patrol car. Mr. Wrenn went inside his home, armed himself and secured all the windows and doors based on Deputy Goff's threats. Mr. Wrenn said he felt Deputy Goff was intoxicated when she got into her patrol car and drove away.

It is also alleged that Deputy Goff, on a previous evening, drove her patrol car to Chili's Grill & Bar and parked it in the Dick's Sporting Goods parking lot. Dick's is located directly behind Chili's and BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse in Daytona Beach. That night Deputy Goff, is alleged to have consumed multiple alcoholic beverages at Chili's and according to Mr. Wrenn,

she drove her patrol unit.

OFFENSES:

This investigation is relevant to an alleged violation of Department Standards Directives:

41.6.31 Assigned vehicles will not be driven after an employee has consumed alcoholic beverages.

Volusia County Merit System Rules and Regulations 86-453 (13). Any conduct, on or off duty that reflects unfavorably on the County as an employer. *This violation may be sufficient grounds for disciplinary action ranging from oral reprimand to dismissal, depending on the seriousness of the offense and other circumstances related to the situation.*

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY:

On March 25, 2014, Chief Mike Coffin assigned the above case to the Internal Affairs Unit for Investigation. This report details the investigation conducted by Investigator Glen Bennett.

On March 26, 2014, Investigator Bennett served Deputy Goff with her Notice of Internal Investigation and she was provided a copy of the Law Enforcement Officer Rights at the Justice Center in Daytona Beach. Also present was Sergeant Tom Tatum, Lieutenant Brian Barnard and Sergeant Jamie Grunder. A short time after being served, Deputy Goff requested to leave work early. Deputy Goff contacted her immediate supervisor the following two work days and advised she would not be coming into work. *(See Tab – B For Official Correspondence)*

Mr. Mitchell Wrenn

On March 26, 2014, Investigator Bennett and Sergeant Tom Tatum conducted a sworn recorded interview with Mitchell Wrenn at 339 S. Ridgewood Avenue in Daytona Beach. The following is a summary of that interview:

Mr. Wrenn is a private attorney in Daytona Beach and has worked for the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel in the Fifth District. Mr. Wrenn had met Deputy Goff at the Justice Center in Daytona Beach, where he often conducts business. Mr. Wrenn and Deputy Goff struck up a friendship on or around the week of March 17, 2014, and the two exchanged phone numbers and became Facebook friends.

On Thursday, March 20, 2014, at approximately 7:00PM, Deputy Goff met with Mr. Wrenn at Chili's Grill & Bar (Chili's) in Daytona Beach. Mr. Wrenn was inside sitting at the bar when Deputy Goff arrived. According to Mr. Wrenn, while they were at Chili's, Deputy Goff consumed three or four glasses of Cabernet wine which he paid cash for. They both sat at the bar until approximately 11:00PM when Chili's closed. After closing, Mr. Wrenn and Deputy Goff went back to his residence where she stayed the night. Mr. Wrenn indicated that Deputy Goff drove her patrol car from Chili's to his house while he drove his personal vehicle. Mr. Wrenn remembered Deputy Goff making a comment that she was unable to leave her patrol car in the parking lot while she went and stayed at his house.

On Monday, March 24, 2014, Mr. Wrenn and Deputy Goff made plans to go out together that evening. Deputy Goff drove her patrol unit to Mr. Wrenn's residence and he drove them in his personal vehicle to BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse (BJ's) in Daytona Beach. Mr. Wrenn said they arrived at BJ's at approximately 6:00 – 6:30PM. While at BJ's, Deputy Goff consumed two Blue Moon beers prior to going over to Chili's where they met with off duty Deputy Scott Barnett.

At Chili's, the three sat together at the bar where they ordered more alcoholic beverages. Mr. Wrenn said he had two or three beers and three shots of American Honey while Deputy Goff consumed two or three Blue Moon beers. While they were at the bar, Deputy Goff posted, "Lisa Goff is feeling love with Scott Barnett and Mitchell Wrenn at Chili's Grill & Bar" on her Facebook page. A short time later she received a phone call on her cell phone and went outside the restaurant to talk. When the phone call was over she advised Mr. Wrenn it was time to leave. Mr. Wrenn paid the bill with his credit card and the two left together. (*See Tab – D Miscellaneous Papers for Facebook post*)

Mr. Wrenn and Deputy Goff began driving together back to Mr. Wrenn's residence. As he drove, Mr. Wrenn said, "[Deputy Goff] was screaming and yelling and it really wasn't coherent." When they arrived at Mr. Wrenn's residence, he explained that Deputy Goff's screaming and yelling had escalated into threats. Mr. Wrenn started apologizing to Deputy Goff; however, he did not know what he had done to cause her emotional outbursts.

According to Mr. Wrenn, at one point while Deputy Goff was getting into her patrol car, she said to him, "I'll kill you and your kid." Mr. Wrenn backed into his garage giving ground to Deputy Goff. He was being cautious not to make any moves that could be interpreted as aggressive. He said he didn't want to give her an opportunity to justify her shooting him. Mr. Wrenn was rattled by Deputy Goff's threats so much that he went inside his house locked the garage door and armed himself with a shotgun. Mr. Wrenn stated, "*Anybody threatens me and my kid, I take it as a credible threat.*"

Mr. Wrenn said he sent her a text message asking her why she was picking a fight with him and she called him back screaming and yelling. He said he ended the call and started texting her, telling her he was upset and she had no reason to be acting the way she was. After a few more texts, she called him again yelling and screaming utilizing the iPhone facetime feature.

Mr. Wrenn heard the following day that Deputy Goff had gone to Lollipop's Gentlemen's Club in Daytona Beach after she left his residence. Mr. Wrenn said he obtained this information from Deputy Scott Barnett during a conversation the following day.

On Tuesday, March 25, 2014, Mr. Wrenn had business at the Justice Center and was still bothered by Deputy Goff's threats. While he was sitting in the parking lot of the Justice Center he contacted a courthouse employee and asked if Deputy Goff was working front door security. Only when he was sure she was not at the front door security post did he enter the courthouse. While in the courthouse he made contact with Deputy Brian Hazen and informed him of what happened the night before. He wanted to know if Deputy Goff was assigned to the courtroom he was going to be conducting business in that morning. Mr. Wrenn stated that he was concerned with his safety even in the courthouse because she had a gun and badge.

Mr. Wrenn provided Investigator Bennett copies of text messages between himself and Deputy Goff. Mr. Wrenn also provided his bank statement and copies of Deputy Goff's Facebook posts from Monday, March 24, 2014. The bank statement showed he made a payment with his bank card at Chili's for \$65.65 that Monday, March 24, 2014. The printouts from Deputy Goff's Facebook page showed a picture of her with Deputy Barnett and Mr. Wrenn at Chili's on Monday, March 24, 2014. The caption attached to the Facebook post stated, "Lisa Goff said she was with you [Mr. Wrenn] and Scott Barnett at Chili's Grill & Bar: feeling loved."
(See Tab – C For Official Transcript, See Tab – D Miscellaneous Papers for copies of texts, Facebook posts and bank statement)

Deputy Brian Hazen

On March 27, 2014, Investigator Glen Bennett and Sergeant Tom Tatum conducted a sworn recorded interview with Deputy Brian Hazen at the Justice Center in Daytona Beach. The following is a summary of that interview:

Deputy Hazen has been in law enforcement for approximately thirty-four years. He has been with the Sheriff's Office for the last seven where he has been assigned to Judicial Services. Deputy Hazen has known Mr. Wrenn for several years both personally and professionally and he recalled having a conversation with Mr. Wrenn on Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

Deputy Hazen was asked by Mr. Wrenn if the two could talk in private and they proceeded to courtroom number five. Mr. Wrenn was inquiring whether or not Deputy Goff was assigned to his courtroom that morning where he had to conduct business. Deputy Hazen described Mr. Wrenn as looking very concerned and he said he did not want to have any contact with Deputy Goff. Deputy Hazen reviewed the days schedule and advised him that Deputy Goff was not assigned to his courtroom.

Mr. Wrenn explained to Deputy Hazen that he was with Deputy Goff at a restaurant in Daytona Beach where they met with Deputy Scott Barnett. While they were at the restaurant, Deputy Goff received a phone call and when the call ended she advised she needed to leave. After leaving the restaurant, Mr. Wrenn told him that Deputy Goff threatened to shoot him and his son. Mr. Wrenn went on advising Deputy Hazen that he did not want to have any contact with her that morning.

Deputy Hazen explained that Mr. Wrenn's demeanor was normally very jovial; however, on that particular morning he appeared to have a look of concern. *(See Tab – E Digital Media for audio interview)*

Deputy Brian "Scott" Barnett

On March 27, 2014, Investigator Glen Bennett and Sergeant Tom Tatum conducted a sworn recorded interview with Deputy Scott Barnett at the Justice Center in Daytona Beach. The following is a summary of that interview:

Deputy Barnett has been in law enforcement for approximately twenty-two years and he has spent the last nineteen of those years with the Sheriff's Office. For the last nine years Deputy Barnett has been assigned to Judicial Services. Deputy Barnett has known Mr. Wrenn for several years and has worked with Deputy Goff for approximately eight months at the Justice Center in Daytona Beach.

On Thursday March 20, 2014, while off duty, Deputy Barnett met with Deputy Goff and Mr. Wrenn at Chili's Grill & Bar in Daytona Beach. Deputy Barnett remembered seeing a glass of wine in front of Deputy Goff but could not recall if she drank from it. The three sat together at the bar for approximately an hour before Mr. Wrenn and Deputy Goff left. He did not know how Deputy Goff got to Chili's but he did recall seeing a Sheriff's Office marked patrol car parked in the Dick's Sporting Goods parking lot in close proximity to Mr. Wrenn's personal vehicle. When the two left Chili's, he did not see Deputy Goff get into the patrol car nor did he see her drive.

On Monday, March 24, 2014, Deputy Barnett was at Chili's eating dinner when Mr. Wrenn and Deputy Goff joined him at the bar. Deputy Goff and Mr. Wrenn were together at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse before going over to Chili's. The two sat with him and Mr. Wrenn ordered Deputy Goff a glass of wine. However, according to Deputy Barnett the glass was still full when the two left together later that night. Deputy Barnett described Deputy Goff's demeanor as super friendly while they were sitting together until she received a phone call from an unknown individual. When she returned to her seat, it wasn't long before Mr. Wrenn and Deputy Goff left together. Deputy Barnett assumed that since they came together, Mr. Wrenn must have driven. He also assumed that Deputy Goff drove her patrol car to Mr. Wrenn's residence since she did not own a personal vehicle. Deputy Barnett did not believe Deputy Goff was intoxicated or impaired when she left Chili's. He did not recall any slurred speech only that she was being very friendly.

Deputy Barnett confirmed that he communicated with Mr. Wrenn and Deputy Goff later that evening and the following morning. Mr. Wrenn was inquiring about Deputy Goff's change in demeanor and the threats she was making towards him. Deputy Barnett advised Mr. Wrenn to stay away from her and not to have any contact. The following morning at the Justice Center he recalled Deputy Goff saying that she went to Lollipop's Gentlemen's Club the night prior and had a great time. He didn't know whom she was with, or how she got to Lollipop's Gentlemen's Club. *(See Tab – E Digital Media for audio interview)*

Investigator Bennett contacted the managers of Dick's Sporting Goods and Chili's Grill & Bar. Neither business was able to provide security video.

On March 31, 2014, Investigator Bennett was advised that Deputy Goff wanted to submit her letter of resignation. Investigator Bennett, Sergeant's Tatum and Hansard, and Lieutenant Barnard went to Deputy Goff's residence where she submitted her written resignation waiving her right to a personnel board hearing. On the same date the Sheriff accepted Deputy Goff's resignation and waived her two week notice. Deputy Goff was not interviewed for this investigation. *(See Tab – B For Official Correspondence)*

CONCLUSION:

On April 15, 2014, this investigation was presented to the Sheriff and his administrative staff. After review, the Sheriff determined the violations of the below listed Department Standards Directive to be:

41.6.31 Assigned vehicles will not be driven after an employee has consumed alcoholic beverages. **Not Sustained**

Volusia County Merit System Rules and Regulations 86-453 (13). **Not Sustained**
Any conduct, on or off duty that reflects unfavorably on the County as an employer. *This violation may be sufficient grounds for disciplinary action ranging from oral reprimand to dismissal, depending on the seriousness of the offense and other circumstances related to the situation.*

EXHIBITS:

- A. Report Of Investigation
- B. Official Correspondence
- C. Official Transcript Of Mitchell Wrenn
- D. Miscellaneous Documents
- E. Digital Media


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I, the undersigned, do hereby swear, under the 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 suspect of the investigation of any rights contained in ss. 112.532 and 112.533, Florida Statutes.

INVESTIGATOR:  DATE: 4/21/14
Investigator Glen Bennett
Internal Affairs Investigator

APPROVED BY:  DATE: 4/22/14
Chief Deputy Mike Coffin
SHERIFF BEN F. JOHNSON
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