

**New Smyrna Beach Police Department  
Office of Professional Standards**

**Report of Investigation**

**Report Number: IA 2018-002**

**DATE OF INCIDENT:** December 07, 2017

**DATE REPORTED:** December 10, 2017

**SUBJECT(S) NAME:** Officer Beau Estrada

**INVESTIGATING OFFICER:** Deputy Chief Jessica Paugh

**Basis for Investigation:**

On December 10, 2017, Officer Richard Kirkland drafted a supervisor inquiry memorandum (PD-0029) in reference to a report of alleged sexual misconduct involving a New Smyrna Beach Police Officer. Officer Kirkland was advised that on December 7, 2017, at approximately 1630 hours Mr. John Jackson was traveling west over the South Causeway bridge in New Smyrna Beach when he observed what he believed to be an officer receiving oral sex in a patrol car. Mr. Jackson described to Officer Kirkland seeing a patrol car parked in Callalisa Park (500 S. Peninsula Drive) with the nose of the vehicle pointed toward the waterway. As Mr. Jackson rode over the bridge, he described what he observed as a "head bobbing up and down" in the officers lap.

Officer Kirkland researched the activity of officers on December 7, 2017, locating a CAD event for Officer Beau Estrada at that location. The Police CAD event #P172411568 showed Officer Estrada on an extra patrol from 1609 hours until 1629 hours in Callalisa Park. A check of Officer Estrada's GPS verified his location to be in the park at that time.

Due to the severity of allegation, surveillance of Officer Estrada during his patrol shift commenced in days to follow. During the surveillance, Officer Estrada was observed conducting several patrols at city parks and city boat ramps. Officer Estrada was observed meeting different women while logged out on "Extra Patrol" and "Property Checks" at the parks and boat ramps during the surveillance. The following will specify exact dates and times:

**December 11, 2017**

1005 hours to 1034 hours Officer Estrada was located at 700 Sandpiper Avenue (Sandpiper Park) with a woman later identified as Ashley LeBlanc. Ms. LeBlanc at the time was employed by Massey Pest Control, and was determined to be meeting with Officer Estrada this date on a social basis.

**December 12, 2017:**

0911 hours to 0939 hours Officer Estrada was observed in the parking lot of 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park, New Smyrna Beach with Ms. LeBlanc.

1359 hours to 1409 hours, Officer Estrada was observed hugging and open mouth kissing a female, later identified at Raquel Sawran. At the time, Officer Estrada was in full uniform, standing outside his marked patrol car within a public park located at 550 Esther Street, New Smyrna Beach (Esther Park).

1506 hours to 1605 hours, Officer Estrada is observed hugging and open mouth kissing a female, later identified as Bridgette Crawford. At the time, Officer Estrada was in full uniform, standing outside his marked patrol car within a public park located at 500 S. Peninsula Avenue, New Smyrna Beach (Callalisa Park).

**December 15, 2017**

0953 hours-1026 hours, Officer Estrada is observed sitting and talking with Ms. LeBlanc while in his patrol car, in full uniform. Ms. LeBlanc is at his window leaning on it for the majority of the time they were speaking.

**Offenses:**

This investigation is relevant to an alleged violation of The City New Smyrna Beach Personnel Policies and Procedures:

**Section X Group I: (a) Productivity or workmanship not up to required standards or performance**

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### **Investigative Summary:**

On December 11, 2017, Chief M. Coffin assigned the above incident to the Office of Professional Standards to conduct an internal investigation. Officer Estrada was served with a Notification of Internal Investigation along with a copy of his Officer Bill of Rights on January 29, 2018, at the New Smyrna Beach Police Department. This report details the Internal Affairs investigation conducted by Deputy Chief Jessica Paugh.

Deputy Chief Paugh reviewed the body worn camera footage worn by Officer Kirkland during his interview with Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, and read the supervisor inquiry submitted. The below will outline the interviews conducted related to this investigation.

#### **Raquel Sawran**

On January 25, 2018, Deputy Chief Paugh conducted a sworn recorded interview with witness Raquel Sawran. Ms. Sawran advised that she met Officer Estrada approximately three months ago while the two worked some calls for service together, as Ms. Sawran is currently a New Smyrna Beach Fire Fighter. Ms. Sawran stated that she and Officer Estrada had an intimate relationship together and that she had met him on several occasions while he was working, on duty as a police officer for the city of New Smyrna Beach. Ms. Sawran described their encounters as open mouth kissing, fondling each other's genital areas over the clothes, Officer Estrada touching her breasts and buttocks area. Ms. Sawran stated that this type of touching would occur while in city public parks and locations around New Smyrna Beach, while Officer Estrada was on duty, in uniform. Ms. Sawran stated they met approximately ten different times during his shifts. Ms. Sawran stated some of the locations included a boat ramp on Dixie Highway, a city senior center and unknown parks. Ms. Sawran stated they never engaged in sexual intercourse while Officer Estrada was on duty, however, she received texts sexually explicit in nature while Officer Estrada was working his patrol shifts.

#### **Ashley LeBlanc**

On January 26, 2017, Deputy Chief Paugh conducted a sworn recorded interview with Ashley LeBlanc. Ms. LeBlanc stated that she and Officer Estrada have been engaged in an intimate relationship for approximately five months. Ms. LeBlanc stated she met Officer Estrada after she was a victim of a vehicular burglary within the city of New Smyrna Beach. The two started a friendship that developed into a more intimate relationship. Ms. LeBlanc stated the only time she was able to see Officer Estrada was throughout the day when the two were working. Ms. LeBlanc stated due to her being engaged and Officer Estrada being married they were forced to have romantic interludes during work hours. Ms. LeBlanc named multiple parks and boat ramps throughout the city that she met with Officer Estrada. Ms. LeBlanc stated that they met almost every day the two work together on the onset of the relationship which eventually tapered to every other day.

Ms. LeBlanc stated that the two had a sexual relationship and stated that they would find “discreet” locations during the workday because there was never any attempt to meet after work. Ms. LeBlanc stated she and Officer Estrada would kiss and hug and have sexual intercourse while Officer Estrada was working patrol. Ms. LeBlanc would describe the sexual encounters as Officer Estrada would remain in full uniform, and find a large tree to hide them. Officer Estrada would “just unzip his pants”, and tell her he was “on break”. Ms. LeBlanc stated they had sexual intercourse approximately 6-8 times while he was working. Ms. LeBlanc stated the intercourse while on duty was at Doris Leeper Park off Martin Dairy Road and at Sandpiper Park in New Smyrna Beach.

Ms. LeBlanc stated that Officer Estrada contacted her and advised her, he was under investigation for potential sexual misconduct. Ms. LeBlanc knew details of the allegation that were not known to the public. Ms. LeBlanc also provided a screenshot of Officer Estrada texting her asking if she had been contacted by the police. This occurred on Monday January 22, 2018.

Ms. LeBlanc contacted Deputy Chief Paugh in days following the interview stating Officer Estrada continues to ask if she was contacted by the police, advising Ms. LeBlanc that she was the only one that could get him in trouble.

#### **Bridget Crawford**

On January 29, 2018, Deputy Chief Paugh conducted a sworn recorded interview with Bridget Crawford. Ms. Crawford advised she met Officer Estrada on a dating site approximately three months prior and the two were currently in an intimate relationship. Ms. Crawford advised that she would meet with Officer Estrada while he was on duty, in parks and for lunch within the city of New Smyrna Beach. Ms. Crawford stated they never engaged in sexual intercourse while he was on duty, but did hug and open mouth kiss in public parks such as Callalisa Park.

Ms. Crawford did not recall a lot for this interview, however did advise Officer Estrada had contacted her and advised he was under investigation for sexual misconduct. Ms. Crawford had the same details as Ms. LeBlanc surrounding the allegations brought against Officer Estrada.

#### **Officer Richard Kirkland**

On January 29, 2018, Deputy Chief Paugh conducted a sworn recorded interview with Officer Richard Kirkland. Officer Kirkland advised that on December 10, 2017, while acting as the shift supervisor he was advised that on December 7, 2017, a citizen potentially observed a New Smyrna Beach police officer engaged in sexual misconduct while on duty. Officer Kirkland conducted interviews of the reporting parties, recording them via his Axon Body worn camera. Officer Kirkland described the information relayed to him as the following:

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Officer Kirkland notified the chain of command and submitted memorandum PD-002 for review.

### **Officer Beau Estrada**

On January 31, 2018, Deputy Chief Paugh in the presence of Teamsters business agent Gary Conroy, conducted a sworn recorded interview with Officer Estrada at the New Smyrna Beach Police Department. The following is a summary of the interview:

Officer Estrada denied the allegations that he was engaged in sexual misconduct in Callalisa Park on December 7, 2017. Officer Estrada was asked about the extra patrol he conducted in the park that date, but could not recall the date specifically. Due to his inability to remember that day specifically, Officer Estrada was asked if he ever parked his car near the water when in Callalisa Park, to which he responded "yes". When asked if he has ever parked with his with the nose of the car toward the water he responded "not that I can recall, no", advising he usually backs up to the water.

Officer Estrada admitted to meeting different women during his work shifts to converse and have lunch. Officer Estrada was unable to recall specific locations stating "it could have been anywhere I don't recall". When asked again to specify, Officer Estrada was able to give locations such as Callalisa Park, 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park, Buena Vista Park, Sand Piper Park, the boat ramps on Dixie Highway, and Esther Park.

Officer Estrada stated he met up with approximately three different women while working on duty for the city of New Smyrna Beach. Officer Estrada stated he has engaged in intimate contact with these women on "several" occasions while on duty, that included hugging and kissing. When asked to clarify "several" he stated 4-5 times. When Deputy Chief Paugh pointed out that he named more locations than he had for the number of times meeting with the women, Officer Estrada responded; "I don't log how many times I meet these people".

Officer Estrada was advised of the three instances Deputy Chief Paugh observed him meeting with the three different women on December 12, 2017. Deputy Chief Paugh asked Officer Estrada if he believed his actions that date were appropriate while on duty as a police officer for the City of New Smyrna Beach. Officer Estrada answered "No".

Officer Estrada was asked if had ever engaged in sexual intercourse while on duty as a police officer for the city of New Smyrna Beach. Officer Estrada stated "No".

Deputy Chief Paugh asked Officer Estrada if he had ever met women at Doris Leper Park off Martin Dairy Road while on duty. Officer Estrada said "yes", confirming his knowledge that this location was not within the city limits of New Smyrna Beach.

Deputy Chief Paugh advised Officer Estrada that during the interview with Ashley LeBlanc, Ashley stated that she and Officer Estrada had engaged in sexual intercourse on multiple occasions while he was on duty and in uniform. Ms. LeBlanc advised these encounter would occur at Doris Leper Park by a tree, and one time on his marked patrol car while inside the park.

Officer Estrada denied the allegations and stated the Ms. LeBlanc is a scorned lover and was mad at him because he broke up with her. Officer Estrada stated that when he told Ms. LeBlanc it was over, and that he may go back to his wife, Ms. LeBlanc had told him "he was fucked and he would regret it". Officer Estrada advised this conversation happened over the phone a few weeks ago, however as recently as a week ago he was telling her he loved her.

Officer Estrada was asked why if he felt that she was going to "fuck him" presumably with his job was he still conversing with her and telling her he loved her. Officer Estrada responded:

*"I didn't know if it would be with my job or what she would do I just kinda took it as a grain of salt and was like if I stopped talking to her then that was it...but you know I did at some point gain some kind of feelings for her and ya know would talk to her every once and awhile but nothing nothing like that would I mean....that was it that was really it....i mean nothing that I would be alarmed about like I would seem like I would be threatened in a negative way."*

When asked why he didn't think it was important to tell anyone at the police department that someone may make an allegation against him, Officer Estrada responded *"I didn't think it would be to that point ...no"*.

Officer Estrada was asked if he felt he violated the following directives:

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Officer Estrada stated "No" he did not feel he violated any of these directives.

On February 5, 2018, this investigation was presented to Chief Coffin for review. After review, Chief Coffin determined Officer Beau Estrada violated the following policy(s):

Section X Group I: (a) Productivity or workmanship not up to required standards or performance **Sustained**

Section X Group III: (a) willful neglect in the performance of your duties **Sustained**

Section X Group III: (i) Immoral unlawful improper conduct or indecency either on or off duty which would tend to affect the employees relationship to his job, his fellow workers, and his reputation or goodwill in the community **Sustained**

**Witnesses**

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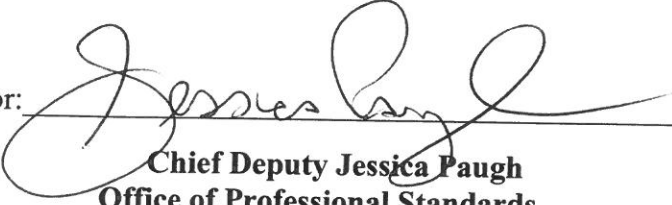
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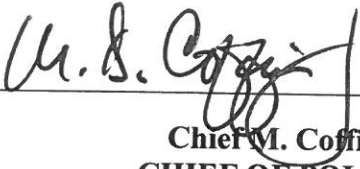
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I, the undersigned, do hereby swear, under the penalty of perjury, that, to the best of my personal knowledge, information, and belief, I have not knowingly or willfully deprived, or allowed another to deprive, the subject of the investigation of any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

Investigator:   
**Chief Deputy Jessica Paugh**  
**Office of Professional Standards**

Date: 2-12-18

Approved by:   
**Chief M. Coffin**  
**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Date: 02/19/2018

**NEW SMYRNA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT**