


CITY OF HARTFORD

INTRADEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief James C. Rovella  
Chief of Police

FROM: Lieutenant Eric B. Leonard   
Department Advocate

DATE: April 24, 2017

SUBJECT: Internal Affairs Division I-File Number 2016-005,  
Disciplinary Summary

An administrative investigation was conducted into a police pursuit that concluded in West Hartford, Connecticut, documented under Hartford Police Department Internal Affairs Division I-File Number 2016-005, the incident occurred on June 4, 2016. The following is a list of Hartford Police Department Personnel that were determined to have violated the Hartford Police Department's Code of Conduct, also listed is a breakdown of the respective discipline they received for the sustained violations.

**Detective Christopher Mastroianni: (A#2017-004)**

*Article VI, Section 6.09 – Intentional and willful failure to comply with any lawful orders, procedures, directives or regulations; oral or written.....Sustained*

- Detective Mastroianni received a two (2) day suspension.

**Officer Stephen Barone: (A#2017-005)**

*Article I, Section 1.00 – (Conduct Unbecoming) Any violation of the rules and regulations, published orders, directives, memoranda, or any lawful order, or any act which tends to undermine the good order, efficiency and discipline of the Department, or which reflects discredit upon the Department or any member thereof shall constitute conduct unbecoming an employee.....Sustained*

- \*After a review, Chief Rovella elected to **withdraw** this charge against Officer Barone.\*

*Article VI, Section 6.09 – Intentional and willful failure to comply with any lawful orders, procedures, directives or regulations; oral or written (two counts).....Sustained*

- Officer Baron received a two (2) day suspension for each count, for a total of a four (4) days suspension.

**Officer Ricardo Colon: (A#2017-006)**

*Article VII, Section 7.01 – Intentional, unnecessary and excessive use of force in effectuating an arrest or in the performance and execution of other official duties .....Sustained*

*Article VI, Section 6.09 – Intentional and willful failure to comply with any lawful orders, procedures, directives or regulations, oral or written .....Sustained*

*Article VI, Section 6.08 – Intentional failure to take appropriate action when necessary and/or failure to make a written report of same to appropriate Bureau, Division, or Commanding Officer at the conclusion of the employee's tour of duty unless specifically waived by the Commander .....Sustained*

- Officer Colon received a total of one-hundred (100) calendar suspension days. Officer Colon received ninety (90) days for the Article VII, Section 7.01 violation, five (5) days for the Article VI, Section 6.08 violation, and five (5) days for the Article VI, Section 6.09 violation. The suspension days for the Article VI violations were allowed to be served concurrently with Article VII violation suspension days. Sixty (60) days were to be served immediately and thirty (30) days are to be held in abeyance for a period of six (6) months from the date his suspension begins. If Officer Colon receives any discipline greater than a "Written Reprimand" during that period, the remaining thirty (30) days will immediately go into effect. Officer Colon will be allowed to return for one shift every thirty (30) days, so that he can maintain health benefits for himself and his family. He will be required to pay the city back within two weeks of his return for his portion of the premiums.
- Leading up to the incident, Colon had been an Officer working in an investigatory capacity within the Detective Bureau (Police Officer on Special Assignment). Subsequently, Officer Colon was not assigned a "Detective" position and removed from his assignment.

***Officer James Prignano: (A#2017-007)***

*Article V, Section 5.08 – Negligent failure to comply with any lawful orders, procedures, directives or regulations; oral or written ..... Sustained*

- Officer Prignano received an "Oral Reprimand."

***Sergeant Luan Bojka: (A#2017-008)***

*Article V, Section 5.08 – Negligent failure to comply with any lawful orders, procedures, directives or regulations; oral or written ..... Sustained*

- Officer Bojka received an "Oral Reprimand."

**\*\*\*It should be noted that all above listed personnel have received or will be receiving extensive remedial training from the Hartford Police Department. The training dates and content will be determined by the Hartford Police Academy. \*\*\***