INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

TO: Trooper Jacob CJ. Ballard, Bellevue

FROM: Captain Michael S. Saunders, Office of Professional Standards

SUBJECT: Required Legal Disclosures

DATE: August 15, 2016

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) has obligations under law to disclose certain information to prosecuting attorneys. In compliance with these obligations, the following record shall be disclosed to prosecutors on August 15, 2016, and thereafter without additional notice as required by law, prosecutor request, court order, or WSP policy.

"It is alleged the trooper failed to perform his duties and conform to work standards as a TZT trooper during the months of June and July 2016. It is further alleged the trooper had failed to log into PMDC at the beginning of each shift. Additionally, it is alleged the trooper had not uploaded COBAN videos or turn in his COBAN hard drive as required and it is alleged the trooper was not activating his COBAN system as required. EXPANSION: it is further alleged ballard did not fill out his tars properly and did not comply with established requirements associated with off-duty employment. EXPANDED DATES: april 2016 to july 2016. EXPANSION 2: it is alleged trooper did no properly investigate or take appropriate enforcement action during traffic stops. it is alleged trooper was outside his assigned patrol area during duty hours without approval. additionally it is alleged trooper did not notify communications of his traffic stops before initiating the stop. it is alleged trooper did not transmit electronic notice of infractions and notice of criminal citations as required."

If you have any questions about this IOC, please contact Captain Michael Saunders at (360) 704-2333 or Lieutenant Dan Sharp at (360) 704-2344.

MSS: mg

cc: Trooper Jeffery Merrill, WSPTA
    Assistant Chief Randall F. Drake, Investigative Services Bureau
    Assistant Chief Jeff Sass, Field Operations Bureau
    Captain Ronald W. Mcad, Bellevue

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Mr. Tom McBride  
Executive Secretary  
Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys  
206 10th Ave SE  
Olympia WA 98501

Subject: Update - Potential Disclosures concerning Government Witness – Trooper Jacob C.J. Ballard, Badge Number 1121

Dear Mr. McBride:

On August 15, 2016 the Washington State Patrol (WSP) provided notification regarding the above named employee:

“It is alleged the trooper failed to perform his duties and conform to work standards as a TZT trooper during the months of June and July 2016. It is further alleged the trooper had failed to log into PMDC at the beginning of each shift. Additionally, it is alleged the trooper had not uploaded COBAN videos or turn in his COBAN hard drive as required and it is alleged the trooper was not activating his COBAN system as required. EXPANSION: it is further alleged trooper did not fill out his tars properly and did not comply with established requirements associated with off-duty employment. EXPANDED DATES: April 2016 to July 2016. EXPANSION 2: It is alleged trooper did no properly investigate or take appropriate enforcement action during traffic stops. It is alleged trooper was outside his assigned patrol area during duty hours without approval. Additionally it is alleged trooper did not notify communications of his traffic stops before initiating the stop. It is alleged trooper did not transmit electronic notice of infractions and notice of criminal citations as required.”

We are writing to notify you the above referenced administrative investigation has been completed. The finding on the Unsatisfactory Performance allegation was proven. If you need additional information, please contact Lieutenant Dan Sharp at (360) 704-2344.

Sincerely,

Captain Michael S. Saunders  
Office of Professional Standards

MSS:mg  
Cc: Trooper Jeffrey Merrill, WSPTA  
   Assistant Chief Randall F. Drake, Investigative Services Bureau  
   Captain Ronald W. Mead, Bellevue  
   Assistant Chief Jeff R. Sass, Field Operations Bureau