

Annual Major Discipline Reporting Form

Internal Affairs Policy & Procedures | Appendix L

Pursuant to Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive No. 2022-14, every state, county, and local law enforcement agency in New Jersey is required to submit to the Attorney General and the County Prosecutor, and publish on the agency's public website, a brief synopsis of all complaints where a termination, reduction in rank or grade, and/or suspension of more than five days, as well as sustained findings listed in the above directive, regardless of the type or severity of discipline imposed, was assessed to an agency member. For the purposes of this report, please include all major disciplines in which a plea agreement was reached or final sanction was imposed during the time period listed below. In addition, include all discipline from earlier years which was has been on appeal, the final appeal was resolved during 2023, and the discipline remains in one of the enumerated categories. Instructions for completing this form can be found on the "Instructions" tab of the Excel version of this document.

Time period

County

Agency

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Somerset

Bernards Twp PD

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Disciplined Officer				Sanction						Synopsis	
No.	Rank	First Name	Last Name	Terminated?	Demoted?	Suspended?	# Days Susp.	Resigned, retired, transferred, or separated while IA Pending	Specify other sanction type, if applicable	Sustained Charge	Description
1	Officer	Nicholas	Brett	No	No	Yes	48	Yes	Loss of time	Filing False Report	On July 1, 2023 at 9:52pm, Officer Brett was on patrol when he notified county dispatch and surrounding agencies that he was following a stolen car at a high rate of speed. This incident lasted several minutes and prompted response from other law enforcement agencies. The officer did not actively pursue the vehicle and claimed to have eventually lost sight of the vehicle. A later review of the incident including the in-car video recording system proved the officer's inaccurate reporting of the incident to dispatch and supervisor. This inaccurate information led to a law enforcement response that the officer knew was not warranted. The officer was suspended without pay for 48 days leading up to the final disposition. The officer pled guilty to a disorderly conduct charge stemming from the incident and subsequently resigned his position.