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Chief Holloway Convened a Command Review Board

At the conclusion of a Command Review Board on April 11, 2018 the complaint against Officer David Garrett was sustained for: conduct unbecoming an employee. Officer Garrett's comments on social media brought discredit to himself, the Department and adversely affected his job, as well as his reputation or goodwill in the community.

Officer David Garrett, hired on 1/6/2014 and sworn on 7/7/2014, was terminated today.

Here is a summary of what happened:

On December 27, 2017, Officer David Garrett engaged in an online discussion on a social media site regarding adolescents who choose to join a gang. He shared a Youtube video and referred to it as a youth gang in St. Petersburg, he advised that, "I've arrested many, many of the people in the videos" leading people to believe he was an officer.

He also stated, "They are a lost cause. They deserve death or prison. There is no saving them." and "Incarcerate all of them."

Although Officer Garrett used a fake name online and did not directly identify himself as a police officer, a member of the public was able to make that determination due to him posting photos of himself, in uniform, on his social media site. The individual shared Officer Garrett's social media posts with the Department.