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Officer suspended for conduct unbecoming

Chief Holloway Convened a Command Review Board

At the conclusion of a Command Review Board on January 12, 2017, Chief Holloway sustained complaints against Officer Curtis Wright for "Conduct Unbecoming an Employee" and committing an act that could have resulted in "Conviction or Guilt of a Felony or Misdemeanor." The corrective action will be a work Suspension of 160 hours, no alcohol use for five years, random testing for alcohol use for 18 months, and EAP counseling.

Brief summary: On July 14, 2017, Officer Curtis Wright (sworn with SPPD 4-19-10) attended a concert at the MidFlorida Credit Union Amphitheater.

During the concert, Officer Wright thought someone had stolen his e-cigarette. In his attempt to locate it, he was separated from his girlfriend. It is alleged Officer Wright encountered event security guards while he was looking for her, and became belligerent and repeatedly pushed one of the guards. Also, Officer Wright did not immediately cooperate with Hillsborough County deputies who came to assist, and they detained him. He was later released after the victim did not wish to prosecute for the simple battery.

Deputies and guards described Officer Wright as appearing intoxicated during the incident.