

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 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

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Middlesex

Woodbridge Twp PD

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| No. | Disciplined Officer | | | Sanction | | | | Resigned, retired, transferred, or separated while IA Pending | Specify other sanction type, if applicable | Synopsis | |
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| | Rank | First Name | Last Name | Terminated? | Demoted? | Suspended? | # Days Susp. | | | Sustained Charge | Description |
| 1 | Officer | Michael | Cifelli | No | No | No | | Yes | | Criminal Conviction | Officer Cifelli was indicted three times for criminal offenses, once in 2017 and twice in 2021. He was suspended without pay after the first indictment was filed. He entered into a plea agreement with the prosecutors office and pled guilty to one of the charges in 2023. He was required to resign from his law enforcement employment as part of the plea. He ultimately pled guilty to one count of 3rd degree endangering the welfare of a child. |
| 2 | Officer | Mario | Achoa | No | No | Yes | 5 | | | Sick time reporting | On May 27th, 2022 Officer Achoa improperly used sick time and was found to have been at several bars when out sick. He was also untruthful with investigators during the ensuing investigation. He was suspended for five days, unpaid. |
| 3 | Officer | Robert | Vanco | No | No | Yes | 15 | | | Operation of Motor Vehicles | On January 23rd, 2023 Officer Vanco was responsible for a motor vehicle crash that caused substantial damage to a utility pole and the two vehicles involved. It also resulted in injury to the driver of the other car and the officer. He was suspended for 15 days, unpaid. |
| 4 | Officer | Zachary | Manente | No | No | Yes | 20 | | | Conduct Unbecoming | Officer Manente was in Ocean City Maryland with a relative who is also a police officer, and engaged in a physical altercation with that person. Both individuals suffered injuries and both were arrested. The criminal charges were later dismissed. A departmental investigation found that they had violated rules and regulations. Officer Manente was suspended for 20 days, unpaid. |
| 5 | Officer | Jacob | Manente | No | No | Yes | 20 | | | Conduct Unbecoming | Officer Manente was in Ocean City Maryland with a relative who is also a police officer, and engaged in a physical altercation with that person. Both individuals suffered injuries and both were arrested. The criminal charges were later dismissed. A departmental investigation found that they had violated rules and regulations. Officer Manente was suspended for 20 days, unpaid. |