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Commissioner JoAnn Hardesty  
1221 SW 4th Ave  
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Commissioner Hardesty,

The Portland Police Bureau's Internal Affairs (IA) unit has completed the investigation into a complaint that was opened on your behalf on March 5th, 2021. The complaint stemmed from an online news outlet report that you were a suspect in a hit and run. The report featured a picture of a Computer Aided Dispatch call. As a result of the complaint we investigated the following allegations:

1. Officer Brian Hunzeker disseminated confidential information to the media.
2. Officer Brian Hunzeker disseminated confidential information to the media in retaliation for you speaking negatively about Portland Police Bureau Officers.
3. Officer Kerri Ottoman disseminated confidential information to the media.
4. Officer Ken Le inappropriately disseminated confidential information.
5. Officer Brian Hunzeker disseminated confidential information involving you because of your race.
6. Officer Kerri Ottoman disseminated confidential information involving you because of your race.
7. Officer Ken Le disseminated confidential information involving you because of your race.

IA Investigator Jon Rhodes conducted an administrative investigation to determine what occurred and whether there was any violation of Police Bureau policy or procedure. After the investigation was completed, IA command staff and Independent Police Review (IPR) Director Ross Caldwell reviewed it to ensure it was accurate, thorough, and complete. The investigation was then referred to Commander Kristina Jones of North Precinct for a determination (the Police Bureau calls this a finding) of whether or not the allegations should be sustained against the officers involved. Commander Jones' findings were then reviewed by Assistant Chief Brian Ossenkop, Professional Standards Division Acting Captain Greg Pashley, and IPR Director Ross Caldwell. Each official makes an independent finding, and in this case they all agreed with Commander Jones' findings.

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**Allegation 1: Officer Brian Hunzeker disseminated confidential information to the media.**

For this allegation, Commander Jones made a finding of **sustained**. This means the preponderance of evidence proves a violation of policy or procedure. Commander Jones noted the following which led to her conclusion:

*“Officer Hunzeker acknowledged sharing information about an on-going criminal investigation to a member of the media in a phone conversation he initiated, then later by providing a screen shot of the CAD call to the reporter, which he admitted was a violation of this directive.”*

**Allegation 2: Officer Brian Hunzeker disseminated confidential information to the media in retaliation for you speaking negatively about Portland Police Bureau Officers.**

For this allegation, Commander Jones made a finding of **sustained**. This means the preponderance of evidence proves a violation of policy or procedure. Commander Jones noted the following which led to her conclusion:

*“There were many reasons Officer Hunzeker cited as the driving factors for why he shared the information and one of those factors, he admits, was in response to Commissioner Hardesty’s false allegation about officers setting fires during the civil unrest.”*

**Allegation 3: Officer Kerri Ottoman disseminated confidential information to the media.**

For this allegation, Commander Jones made a finding of **sustained**. This means the preponderance of evidence proves a violation of policy or procedure. Commander Jones noted the following which led to her conclusion:

*“Officer Ottoman admitted to releasing a screen shot of a CAD call and providing this information to her friend, a community member which violates policy.”*

**Allegation 4: Officer Ken Le inappropriately disseminated confidential information.**

For this allegation, Commander Jones made a finding of **sustained**. This means the preponderance of evidence proves a violation of policy or procedure. Commander Jones noted the following which led to her conclusion:

*“Officer Le admitted to releasing a screen shot of a CAD call and providing this information to his friend, a BOEC dispatcher who was off-duty, which violates the policy.”*

**Allegation 5: Officer Brian Hunzeker disseminated confidential information involving you because of your race.**

For this allegation, Commander Jones made a finding of **not sustained**. This means the evidence was insufficient to prove a violation of policy or procedure. Commander Jones noted the following which led to her conclusion:

*“There were many reasons Officer Hunzeker cited as the driving factors for why he shared the information and there is no evidence to support that any of those factors were related to race as a motive.”*

**Allegation 6: Officer Kerri Ottoman disseminated confidential information involving you because of your race.**

For this allegation, Commander Jones made a finding of **not sustained**. This means the evidence was insufficient to prove a violation of policy or procedure. Commander Jones noted the following which led to her conclusion:

*“Officer Ottoman offered that she disseminated the information with JOHNSON primarily because she was venting with a friend.”*

*“There is no evidence to support that any of the actions taken had any elements related to race as a motive.”*

**Allegation 7: Officer Ken Le disseminated confidential information involving you because of your race.**

For this allegation, Commander Jones made a finding of **not sustained**. This means the evidence was insufficient to prove a violation of policy or procedure. Commander Jones noted the following which led to her conclusion:

*“Officer LE said in his IA interview on August 19th that the race of JoAnn HARDESTY was not the reason he chose to share a screenshot of the CAD call with an acquaintance who works at BOEC.”*

In conclusion, the Portland Police Bureau takes all complaints seriously and appreciates you bringing this matter to our attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at (503) 823-0236, Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Sincerely,



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