

Annual Major Discipline Reporting Form
Internal Affairs Policy & Procedures | Appendix L

Pursuant to Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive No. 2022-24, 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 not 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**
 County: **Burlington** - Select County from dropdown menu here
 Agency: **Lumberton Twp PD** - Select Agency from dropdown menu here

No.	Disciplined Officer			Sanction				Sustained Charge	Synopsis
	Rank	First Name	Last Name	Terminated?	Demoted?	Suspended?	# Days Susp.		
1	Patrolman	Stephen	Petner	No	No	No	0	Yes	Insubordination On January 7, 2023, PI. Petner failed to adhere to COVID 19 departmental requirements specifically by not wearing a mask as required on multiple occasions. This violation occurred numerous times in a 4-day span upon PI. Petner's return to work. An Internal Affairs investigation was opened against PI. Petner. PI. Petner was charged with Insubordination. PI. Petner refused to attend an Internal Affairs interview which was scheduled numerous times at the request of his counsel. PI. Petner resigned from the Lumberton Township Police Department before the final disposition of the investigation. The Internal Affairs investigation sustained 2 counts of Insubordination. PI. Petner's discipline is 15 days (150 hours) which was not served due to his untimely resignation.
2	Patrolman	Stephen	Petner	No	No	No	0	Yes	Insubordination On January 8, 2023, PI. Petner was untruthful to supervisors in reference to reporting for scheduled jury duty. Internal Affairs investigation was opened against PI. Petner. PI. Petner was charged with Insubordination and All Other Conduct. Petner refused to attend an Internal Affairs interview which was scheduled numerous times at the request of his counsel. PI. Petner resigned from the Lumberton Township Police Department before the final disposition of the investigation. The Internal Affairs investigation sustained 2 counts of Insubordination. PI. Petner's discipline is 30 days (360 hours) which was not served due to his untimely resignation.
3	Patrolman	Andrew	Simpson	No	No	Yes	63	Yes	Untruthfulness, Insubordination On June 26, 2023 PI. Simpson was found to be unfit for duty by issuance of a post-examination report. PI. Simpson was subsequently suspended for 63 working days (756 hours). An Internal Affairs investigation was opened against PI. Simpson. The investigation charged PI. Simpson with Misconduct, Untruthfulness and Insubordination. A hearing was scheduled for the removal of PI. Simpson. PI. Simpson resigned from the Lumberton Township Police Department before the final disposition of the investigation. The Internal Affairs investigation sustained 1 count of Insubordination and 1 count of untruthfulness. PI. Simpons discipline is termination which was not served due to his untimely resignation.
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For Sustained Charge(s), regardless of the type or severity of discipline imposed, please use A SHORT HAND description like the below, rather than a statute or ordinance:

-Discrimination or bias: Discrimination or Bias against any person b/c of the individual's actual or perceived race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, genetic information, sex, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality, familial status, or any other protected characteristic under N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.

-Excessive Force: Officer utilized excessive force

-Untruthful/Candor: Officer was untruthful or has demonstrated a lack of candor

-False Report: Officer has filed a false report or submitted a false certification in any criminal, administrative, employment, financial, or insurance matter in their professional or personal life

-Improper Search, Seizure, Arrest: Officer intentionally conducted an improper search, seizure or arrest

-Evidence Mishandling: Officer intentionally mishandled or destroyed evidence

-Domestic Violence: Domestic violence, as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:25-19

-Indictable Offense: Officer was charged with any indictable crime under New Jersey or an equivalent offense under federal law or the law of another jurisdiction related to the complaint

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