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NATURE OF STORY: Deputy Resigns While Under Investigation

DETAILS:

A deputy being investigated for misconduct on duty has submitted his resignation from employment with the Lane County Sheriff's Office, effective March 22, 2019. The deputy, 43 year old Bryan Holiman of Eugene, has been with the Lane County Sheriff's Office since 2001.

Timeline:

On November 1, 2018, the Lane County Sheriff's Office received a complaint alleging that Holiman made inappropriate comments of a sexual nature to a community member while on duty. The complaint was assigned to be investigated by the Office of Professional Standards the day it was received. The Office of Professional Standards began investigating and learned of a previous incident involving similar behavior with a separate community member that reportedly occurred in 2016. That incident was reported to the community member's employer but had not been reported to the Sheriff's Office.

On November 2, 2018, the internal investigation was placed on hold when information was received leading the investigator to believe the allegations may rise to a criminal level. Unless unusual circumstances exist, a Sheriff's Office internal investigation will be put on hold if indicators of criminal conduct arise during the investigation so a separate criminal investigation can take place. The Lane County Sheriff's Office requested an outside agency, the Florence Police Department, perform the criminal investigation.

On November 6, 2018, upon his return from scheduled time off, Holiman was placed on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of the criminal and internal investigations.

On December 11, 2018, the internal investigation resumed after it was determined that the Lane County District Attorney's Office would not be pursuing criminal charges related to the complaint.

On January 11, 2019, new information was received as a result of the continued investigatory efforts of the Office of Professional Standards regarding conduct that could rise to the level of criminal charges. The internal investigation was again put on hold to allow a criminal investigation to take place. The Florence Police Department conducted the second criminal investigation as well.

The Douglas County District Attorney's Office was asked by the Lane County District Attorney's Office to review the second criminal complaint to avoid any conflict of interest concerns.

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On March 21, 2019, Bryan Holiman submitted his official resignation effective March 22, 2019.

“It is unfortunate the conduct reported to have occurred in 2016 was not reported to the Sheriff’s Office earlier to allow a more timely investigation. We want to remind the community the Sheriff’s Office remains available to receive complaints at any time and reviews all allegations of misconduct for appropriate action. We take these allegations very seriously and the behavior reported in this case is not tolerated by the Lane County Sheriff’s Office. We are thankful to the brave community members who came forward to provide information during the investigation,” said Sheriff Byron Trapp.

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