LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
CF No. 21-001144

ADJUDICATION

Complainant: Madoyan, Razmik

The Complaint Investigation, CF No. 21-001144, resulted in one allegation of misconduct against one Department employee:

Detective II Luke Walden — Gang and Narcotics Division (GND)
Serial No. 34898

The allegation is listed below with recommendations for classification and supporting rationale.

ALLEGATION 1 . The Department alleges that on March 17, 2021, Detective Walden, while off duty, attempted to obtain a firearm silencer.

CLASSIFICATION

It is recommended that Allegation No. 1 be classified as **SUSTAINED**.

RATIONALE

Between January 2021 and March 2021, Detective Walden searched for Napa 4003 and WIX 2403 on a Department computer. These are from different Chinese websites. He searched for silencers, fuel filters and solvent traps. Even though the Napa 4003 and WIX 24003 are listed as fuel filter/solvent traps, the pictures show that they are firearm silencers and internet searches show that the items are firearm silencers.

On March 17, 2021, Detective Walden used his PayPal account to purchase a WIX 24003 fuel filter and input his home address as to where the item should be shipped. On April 22, 2021, Customs and Border Protection intercepted a batch of silencers from the same company, listed as "fuel filter." One of the packages was addressed to Luke Walden and had his home address. The package was turned over to HSI Agent Raznmik Madoyan. Madoyan discovered that the recipient, Luke Walden, was employed by the Los Angeles Police Department and subsequently notified Internal Affairs Division who took over investigative responsibility of the case. Inside the package labeled, "fuel filter," Forensic Science Division, Criminalist Fadil Biraimay, determined that the package contained a firearm silencer, not a fuel filter. Acting General Automotive Supervisor, Gregory Field, reviewed the websites delineating what the WIX 24003 filter was and opined that the item is not consistent with any fuel filter for a vehicle. California Penal Code Section 664/33410 states that it is illegal to attempt to possess a silencer.

Therefore, this allegation is best classified as *Sustained.*

DIGITAL IN-CAR VIDEO/BODY WORN VIDEO/AUDIO RECORDINGS

N/A.

EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

N/A.

PENALTY

Due to the serious nature of the allegation, it is recommended that Walden be ordered to a Board of Rights with the recommendation of Removal.

WORK HISTORY ANALYSIS

Detective Walden has been with the Department for over 24 years and had been assigned to GND for approximately 12 years at the time of occurrence. A review of Walden's complaint history revealed no prior complaints of a similar nature.

Walden has a total of 155 citizen and Department commendations. He has 9 prior pursuits, 21 non-categorial Uses of Force and 1 categorical Use of Force. The analysis did not identify any risk management or pattern of conduct issues.

WORK PERMIT REVIEW

A review of Detective Walden's work permit history revealed that he does not have any current work permits. There were no conflict-of-interest concerns, impairment of performance or efficiency issues identified.

RELIEF FROM DUTY RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Walden be relieved of duty pending the outcome of the Board of Rights.

DOWNGRADE CONSIDERATIONS

None.

APPROVED BY:

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Date