



LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**PERSONNEL ORDER**  
Lexington, Kentucky

DATE OF ISSUE  
June 28, 2023

EFFECTIVE DATE  
July 3, 2023

NUMBER  
PO:23-257

TO:  
SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY

INDEX AS:  
OFFICER  
DERRICK WALTON

AMENDS:

RESCINDS:

Effective Monday, July 3, 2023 through August 27, 2023, Officer Derrick Walton will be placed in a suspended without pay status for two (2) months for violation of General Order 1973-02K, Disciplinary Procedures of Sworn Officers, Appendix B, Operational Rule 1.01 – Adherence to Laws, Regulations and Orders.

Officer Walton is not authorized to enter any Government work site or other employee only area while suspended. Officer Walton must surrender any Police Department and Urban County Government property, including keys and identification.

Officer Walton is also to be scheduled for [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in the future.

This discipline was approved by Council on June 15, 2023.

Lawrence B. Weathers  
Chief of Police

LBW/rmh

LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
AGREEMENT OF CONFORMITY WITH KRS 95.450 / 15.520 AND RELEASE

FORM 113 (8/20)

An allegation has been made that: Derrick Walton #53663

has committed the offense of:

Adherence to Laws, Regulations and Orders

which constitutes misconduct under the provisions of KRS 95.450 and/or KRS 15.520

(list other applicable law or rule)

General Order 1973-02K Disciplinary Procedures of Sworn Officers, Appendix B, Operational Rule 1.01

in that on the 30th day(s) of October, 20 22 he/she allegedly:

On February 27, 2023, an internal formal complaint was filed on Derrick Walton for violation of General Order 1973-02K Disciplinary Procedures of Sworn Officers, Appendix B, Operation Rule 1.01, Adherence to Laws Regulations and Orders.

On February 2, 2023 Detective Derrick Walton pled guilty to Operating a Motor Vehicle under the influence of Alcohol KRS 189A.010(1B)-1st offense (Aggravating Circumstances) and Reckless Driving KRS 189.290.

At the conclusion of the investigation and after a review of the recommendation of the Disciplinary Review Board, the employee met with Chief Weathers and accepted a two month suspension without pay and  
in the future.

This is Officer Walton's first sustained formal complaint since his employment began on May 4, 2015.

I have read KRS 95.450, 95.460 and 15.520, and attest that I fully understand all rights guaranteed by these statutes, including the rights to have formal charges preferred and a hearing conducted on those charges.

Further, I, with knowledge of the provisions and my rights under KRS 95.450, 95.460, and 15.520 and in consideration of the recommendation of the Chief of Police of the Lexington Police Department, acknowledge that the appropriate punishment for this conduct is:

Two (2) month suspension without pay and  
in the future.

I do hereby voluntarily accept the above disciplinary action, provided that the punishment awarded by the Urban County Council will not exceed the above recommendation of the Chief of Police.

If the Urban County Council rejects the above recommendation, I will be so notified, in which case I may withdraw my acceptance, and will be entitled to all rights, as applicable, under KRS 95.450, 95.460 and 15.520, and this agreement will not be used against me or by me in any hearing in determination of my guilt of punishment.

In further consideration of the acceptance of the above recommendation and penalty by the Urban County Council, I do for myself, my heirs, legal representatives, as assigns hereby expressly release and forever discharge the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, its officers, agents, employees, and their successors and assigns from all claims, demands, actions, damages or causes of action and from all liability for damages of whatsoever kind, nature of description that I ever had, now have or may have against the aforementioned entities created by or arising out of the action contained herein.

D. Walton  
Employee Signature

6/8/23  
Date

[Signature]  
Chief of Police Signature

6/8/23  
Date

**ACTION BY URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

☒ APPROVE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION

6/15/2023

☐ DISAPPROVE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION

[Signature]

Signature of Authorized Representative of  
Urban County Council

**SUSPENSION SERVICE GUIDELINES:**

Suspensions will be served as outlined in General Order series 1973-02 Disciplinary Procedures of Sworn Officers.



Lexington-Fayette Urban County  
Division of Police

**MEMORANDUM**

Lexington, Kentucky

DATE OF ISSUE

June 2, 2023

EFFECTIVE DATE

NUMBER


COP:  
23-0189

TO: Kenneth Armstrong, Commissioner Department of Public Safety		SUBJECT: Formal Complaint - PIU2023F-002 - Detective Derrick Walton
FROM: Lawrence B. Weathers Chief of Police		

I initially met with Detective Derrick Walton on May 1, 2023, in regards to a Formal Complaint for violation of General Order 1973-02K, Disciplinary Procedures of Sworn Officers, Appendix B, Operational Rule 1.01, Adherence to Laws, Regulations and Orders. Detective Walton was referred to the Disciplinary Review Board (DRB).

Detective Walton went before the Disciplinary Review Board (DRB) on May 18, 2023. I then met with Detective Walton a second time on May 31, 2023. I concur with the disciplinary recommendation from the DRB. Recommended discipline two (2) months Suspension without Pay and in the future.

Detective Walton accepted the recommended discipline on May 31, 2023.

*Lawrence B. Weathers* 

Lawrence B. Weathers  
Chief of Police

LBW/rmh

Attachment



Lexington Police Department  
**MEMORANDUM**  
Lexington, Kentucky

DATE OF ISSUE  
05/18/2023

EFFECTIVE DATE

NUMBER  
PIU:  
23-039

TO:  
Lawrence Weathers  
Chief of Police

SUBJECT:  
Disciplinary Review Board Findings &  
Recommendation - PIU 2023F-002  
-Officer Derrick Walton 53663-

FROM:  
Commander Chad Bacon  
Bureau of Investigation  
Public Integrity Unit

On Thursday, May 18, 2023 the Disciplinary Review Board convened to review the formal complaint filed by Lieutenant Brian Peterson against Officer Derrick Walton for violation of General Order 1973-02K, Disciplinary Procedures of Sworn Officers, Appendix B, Operational Rule 1.01 Adherence to Laws, Regulations and Orders.

Below is a list of the Disciplinary Board Members:

- Assistant Chief Brian Maynard
- Assistant Chief Shawn Coleman
- Commander Al Johnson
- Commander Kevin Metcalf
- Commander Matt Greathouse
- Sergeant Phillip Johnson
- Sergeant William Powers
- Ms. Darlene Barber (Citizen Member)
- Ms. Allison Connelly (Citizen Member)

The Board reviewed and discussed information compiled during the administrative investigation conducted by Lieutenant Jeff Jackson. The Disciplinary Review Board found Officer Walton's conduct to be improper and made a recommendation of a 2 month suspension without pay and  
in the future. This matter is being forwarded to you for  
consideration.

Officer Walton was advised of the findings of the Disciplinary Review Board and their recommended discipline. Officer Walton was advised he would be contacted by the Office of the Chief to set a date for you to confer with him.

Per the current Collective Bargaining Agreement Article 15, Section 5/I; a copy of this memorandum was provided to Officer Derrick Walton.

\_\_\_\_\_(e-mailed)\_\_\_\_\_  
Commander Chad Bacon  
Bureau of Investigation  
Public Integrity Unit





Lexington-Fayette Urban County  
Division of Police

**MEMORANDUM**

Lexington, Kentucky

DATE OF ISSUE

May 1, 2023

EFFECTIVE DATE

NUMBER  
COP:  
23-0126

TO:

Commander Chad Bacon  
Public Integrity Unit

FROM:

Lawrence B. Weathers  
Chief of Police

SUBJECT:

Formal Complaint  
PIU2023F-002  
Detective Derrick Walton

I am recommending that Detective Derrick Walton be scheduled to go before the Disciplinary Review Board in regards to his Formal Complaint (PIU2023F-002).

*Lawrence B. Weathers*  
*(Signature)*

Lawrence B. Weathers  
Chief of Police

LBW/rmh

Attachment

cc: Public Integrity Unit



LEXINGTON POLICE  
DEPARTMENT  
**MEMORANDUM**  
Lexington, Kentucky

DATE OF ISSUE  
March 30, 2023

EFFECTIVE DATE

NUMBER  
PIU: 23-023

TO:

Lawrence Weathers  
Chief of Police

SUBJECT:

Formal PIU2023F-002  
Detective Derrick Walton 53663  
Summary

FROM:

Lieutenant Jeff Jackson  
Bureau of Investigation  
Public Integrity Unit

Sir,

This memorandum will provide a synopsis of the investigation; however, other supporting documents may be viewed in conjunction with this memorandum.

On February 27th, 2023 Lieutenant Brian Peterson filed a formal complaint against Detective Derrick Walton that alleged the following:

*On October 30, 2022 at approximately 1854 hours, Detective Derrick Walton was off-duty driving his personal vehicle when he was involved in motor vehicle collision in Scott County, Kentucky. Detective Walton was deemed at-fault in the collision, which caused injuries to the other motorist. As a result of the collision he was arrested for Operating a Motor Vehicle under the influence of Alcohol KRS 189A.010(1B)-1st offense (Aggravating Circumstances) and Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree KRS 508.060. On February 2, 2023 Detective Derrick Walton pled guilty to Operating a Motor Vehicle under the influence of Alcohol KRS 189A.010(1B) - 1st offense (Aggravating Circumstances) and Reckless Driving KRS 189.290.*

*If the above allegation is true, Detective Derrick Walton is in violation of General Order 1973-02K Disciplinary Procedures of Sworn Officers, Appendix B, Operational Rule 1.01 Adherence to Laws, Regulations and Orders which states: "Officers shall abide by all laws, ordinances, and regulations, of the United States, Commonwealth of Kentucky, and Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government."*

**Investigation**

On October 30, 2022 at 1854 hours, Derrick Walton was involved in an at-fault collision in Scott County. Upon Georgetown Police's arrival, he was taken into custody on charges of Operating a Motor Vehicle under the influence of Alcohol KRS 189A.010(1B)-1st offense (Aggravating Circumstances) and Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree KRS 508.060. He was transported to the Scotty County Detention Center and provided a breath sample resulting in .203g/ per 210L of breath. The occupant of the other vehicle involved was transported to Georgetown Hospital for injuries to his head and hand.

On February 2, 2023 Derrick Walton pled guilty to Operating a Motor Vehicle under the influence of Alcohol KRS 189A.010 (1B) - 1st offense (Aggravating Circumstances) and Reckless Driving KRS 189.290. The Scott County Attorney's office advised that the operator of the other vehicle was treated for a concussion at the hospital the evening of the collision. Due to the minor nature of the injury, the charge of Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> was amended to Reckless Driving by the County Att. Office.

As part of his guilty plea, Derrick Walton was sentenced to 15 days of home incarceration, the requirement of an ignition interlock device installation on his personal vehicle, and completion of an addiction recovery program. Prior to sentencing, Walton had already

This, along with adherence to the ignition interlock procedures and maintenance resulted in the ability for Walton to have his license reinstated after a four (4) month period of suspension. The first week of May 2023 is the projected reinstatement date. A financial fine was also part of the final judgement.

### **Interview with Detective Derrick Walton**

I interviewed Detective Walton on March 7, 2023 at 1305 hours in the Public Integrity Unit office. Lt. David Biroshchik was also present for the interview along with FOP attorney Scott Crosbie.

Detective Walton stated the following:

Detective Walton stated that he was driving his personal vehicle on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 after dropping his father off following a golf tournament. He advised that he had drank throughout the day, but did not believe at the time that he was too intoxicated to drive. As he drove on McClelland Circle at the bypass in Scott County, he entered the intersection at Paynes Depot Road as he believed the light changed to red. His foot slipped from the brake onto the accelerator in part due to the spiked golf shoes he was wearing, causing him to strike another vehicle from the rear that he believed turned right into the lane in front of him.

The collision report included a statement from the other driver involved that he was stopped in traffic on McClelland Circle at Paynes Depot waiting for the light to turn green. When the light turned green, he was struck from behind by Walton.

Detective Walton advised that Georgetown Police along with EMS responded to the scene, resulting in his eventual arrest for DUI and Wanton Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup>. Walton admits now that he was too intoxicated to drive that evening.

Detective Walton advised that he

The last time that he drank was when he entered his vehicle that day.

Detective Walton admitted that he without telling anyone, keeping it even from his closest co-workers and friends. At no point in the interview did



Detective Walton try to shift blame onto anyone else, or the department. He takes full responsibility for all circumstances that have brought him to this point. He stated that a component of his drinking was the pressure of the assignment he was in at the time (Personal Crimes Detective) and the idea that policing requires fearlessness and always getting the right answer led him to put pressure on himself.

I asked Detective Walton what the department could do to help him continue his progress in his career and personal life in the future. He indicated that the department could not do anymore for him than it has, and discussed how the department has been extremely supportive of him. He indicated that he would be proud to wear the uniform again if given the opportunity, and would like to be a resource for officers struggling with similar circumstances. After a year of sobriety he can attain a peer support certification

Detective Walton also asserted that he has the resources in place to help prevent a possible relapse or repeat of this incident, and

On March 9, 2023, he was involuntarily transferred from his position as a Personal Crimes Detective in the Bureau of Investigations to the Bureau of Patrol, but remains in an administrative assignment pending this investigation.

### **Conclusion**

Detective Walton does not dispute any of the findings and takes full responsibility for his actions.

Detective Walton has

He did not wait for a court order to do so, he has been proactive in his actions to ensure that this kind of incident will not occur again. He was very vocal about his regret for how his actions could reflect on the department, and knows that these incidents can affect the public's opinion of the department, despite it having occurred off-duty.

(e-mailed)

Lieutenant Jeff Jackson  
Bureau of Investigation  
Public Integrity Unit

cc: file - PIU2023F-002



Lexington Police Department  
**MEMORANDUM**  
Lexington, Kentucky

DATE OF ISSUE

February 27, 2023

EFFECTIVE DATE

NUMBER

PIU: 23-018

TO:

Assistant Chief Roger Holland  
Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT:

FORMAL COMPLAINT

FROM:

Commander Chad Bacon  
Bureau of Investigation  
Public Integrity Unit

**COMPLAINANT:** Lieutenant Brian Peterson

**ACCUSED OFC.:** Detective Derrick Walton

**ALLEGATION:** Violating General Order 1973-02K Disciplinary Procedures of Sworn Officers, Appendix B, Operational Rule 1.01 Adherence to Laws, Regulations and Orders

**ALLEGED CIRCUMSTANCES:** On October 30, 2022 at approximately 1854 hours, Detective Derrick Walton was off-duty driving his personal vehicle when he was involved in motor vehicle collision in Scott County, Kentucky. Detective Walton was deemed at-fault in the collision which caused injuries to the other motorist. As a result of the collision he was arrested for Operating a Motor Vehicle under the influence of Alcohol KRS 189A.010(1B)-1st offense (Aggravating Circumstances) and Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree KRS 508.060.

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

- The Bureau Commander and Detective Walton should sign the Acknowledgment Sheet and process this complaint.
- The Commanding Officer should provide the attached copy of the Form 111 and the Officer's Rights Packet to Detective Walton.
- Detective Walton should contact the Public Integrity Unit to arrange for a time to provide a formal statement.

DATE

TIME

Bureau Commander G. Newman 2/28/23 8:30a  
Supervisor B. B. B. 2/27/23 9:40a  
Officer Derrick Walton 2/27/23 9:40a

Accused officer would like the Public Integrity Unit to notify the FOP President or their designee that a formal complaint is filed against them. (Circle One) YES or (NO)

Returned to the Public Integrity Unit C. Bacon 2/28/23 9:30 AM

C. Bacon  
Commander Chad Bacon  
Bureau of Investigation  
Public Integrity Unit

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enclosures

cc: Chief Lawrence Weathers  
file – PIU2023F-002

**LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**FORMAL COMPLAINT FORM**  
FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

FORM 111 (5/21)

File #: PIU2023F-002

Employee Involved: Walton, Derrick			Employee #: 53663	Hire Date: 05/04/2015
Present Assignment: Bureau of Investigations				
Complainant: Lieutenant Brian Peterson			Complainant Address: 150 E. Main Street	
Complainant Phone #: (859) 258-3700	Alternate Complainant Phone #: N/A		Complainant Email: N/A	
Date of Incident: 10/30/22	Time of Incident: 1926	Location of Incident: McClelland Circle / Paynes Depot(Scott Co.)	Date and Time Reported: February 3, 2023	How Reported: <input type="checkbox"/> Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email

**DESCRIPTION OF ALLEGATIONS:**


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I swear/affirm that the facts set out in the allegations herein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Complainant Signature:  Date: 2/22/23  
Subscribed and sworn before me this date: 2-27-23 Melanie R. Votaw  
(Date) (Notary)  
My Commission Expires: 2-3-2025

**Witness:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded By: Bureau of Investigation, Public Integrity Unit

File #: PIU2023F-002Employee: Walton, Derrick**CHIEF OF POLICE**

[Finding: PC=Proper Conduct, IC=Improper Conduct, IE=Insufficient Evidence, PF=Policy Failure, UC=Unfounded Complaint]

Finding Policy Violation

	G.O.1973-02K Disciplinary Procedures of Sworn Officers, Appendix B, Operational Rule 1.01 Adherence to Laws, Regulations, and Orders

Chief of Police Recommendation: ☐ Case Be Closed ☐ Corrective Training ☒ Disciplinary Action (see below)

Materials Reviewed:

Reviewed PIU summary

Comments:

Referred to the Disciplinary Review Board.

Signature: *Shirley B. Weather*Date: May 1, 2023**DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD**

Finding

Policy Violation

IC	G.O.1973-02K Disciplinary Procedures of Sworn Officers, Appendix B, Operational Rule 1.01 Adherence to Laws, Regulations, and Orders

Disciplinary Review Board Recommendation: ☐ Case Be Closed ☐ Corrective Training ☒ Disciplinary Action (see below)

Comments:

Two (2) month suspension without pay and

in the future.

Signature: *COBACD #3554*Date: May 18, 2023**CHIEF OF POLICE FINAL RECOMMENDATION**☐ Case Be Closed ☐ Corrective Training ☒ Disciplinary Action (see below)

Comments:

Two (2) month suspension without pay and

in the future.

Signature: *Shirley B. Weather*Date: June 2, 2023

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