



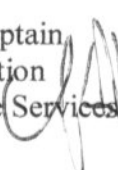
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DATE: June 10, 2003

SUBJECT: IA-2003-05-141, Neel, Dustin

On May 12, 2003, the Department of Public Protection, Internal Affairs' Division, received information from the Division of Corrections, which alleged officer misconduct.

The information consisted of an inmate letter that was intercepted by correctional staff and alleged that Correctional Officer Dustin Neel passed a note containing personal information from a male inmate to a female inmate. In addition, the correspondence indicated that the officer pick up a female inmate after her release and transported her to an unknown location.

There were no witnesses that could validate either allegation and the inmates identified in the correspondence had been released from custody and not able to be located or return telephone calls.

However, during the course of the investigation it was determined that Officer Dustin Neel did receive and accepted a personal call to his cell phone from a female inmate and failed to document the receipt of that telephone communication as required by Division policy.

On May 28, 2003, Officer Neel was interviewed and during the course of that interview decided that it was in his best interest to resign his position as a employee of Volusia County.

There was limited information available, however, internal reports, telephone logs, inmate files and the officer file were reviewed and there was no additional information that would support the allegations.

Therefore, the allegations as presented are NOT SUSTAINED. However, the officer was in violation of Division policy and has been separated from Volusia County employment and his separation from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement will indicate the

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officer resigned while under investigation for a agency violation and not involving morale character as defined by 11B-27.0011, F.A.C.

Therefore, with your approval, this case file will be closed without further action from this division.

Approved _____



Kevin Hickey, Director
Corrections Division

Disapproved _____

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cc: Francis T. Moore, Director
Department of Public Protection