



**ORMOND BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
Christopher Roos, Support Services Captain



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Robert J. Godfrey, Chief of Police  
**From:** Christopher Roos, Captain  
**Date:** 8/13/2019  
**Subject:** IA 19-004

Complainant:

City of Ormond Beach

Employee:

**Sergeant William Warmington**

Witnesses:

Robert Ott  
David Lank  
DW Smith  
Jenna Rinehart  
Karen Rinehart  
DW Smith

### Allegation Summary

Sergeant William Warmington had regular or continuous association or dealing with a person, specifically Jenna Rinehart, who is not an immediate family member and is known to have a lifestyle of continuing criminal activity, or is known to be under investigation for felonies by this or any other law enforcement agency. His conduct, specifically having an association with Jenna Rinehart, would cause an adverse impact on the operation of the department. It would also damage the public respect and confidence in the members of the department and cause substantial doubts concerning his honesty or fairness in regards to an ongoing investigation.

## Investigation

Mr. Robert Ott lodged a complaint on January 16, 2019. The complaint was that there was drug activity involving Jenna Rinehart and the residence located at 52 Sandcastle Avenue. Jenna Rinehart's residence on record is 52 Sandcastle Avenue.

On April 17, 2019, a complaint was received by Captain Smith that Sergeant Warmington was involved in a relationship with a known criminal, Jenna Rinehart, who lived at 52 Sandcastle Avenue. The complaint was made verbally to Captain Smith by Corporal David Lank.

On April 19, 2019, Ormond Beach Police Department was dispatched to 52 Sandcastle Avenue in reference to a drug overdose death. It was discovered during the investigation the decedent was Jenna Rinehart's husband.

Information was brought to this investigator's attention that Ormond Beach Police Department was actively working the residence at 52 Sandcastle Avenue as a drug house. There were six (6) documented Directed Patrols conducted on Sandcastle Avenue by Sergeant Warmington's squad, between January 17, 2019 and April 7, 2019.

During the investigation, a transaction archive report (TAR) was obtained to determine if Sergeant Warmington had conducted any criminal checks of Jenna Rinehart. The TAR report indicated that Sergeant Warmington had not conducted a criminal history check on Jenna Rinehart.

The TAR report contained Jenna Rinehart's criminal history; the TAR report, including her history was reviewed.

During the investigation, a check of a publicly available website was checked to determine if Jenna Rinehart had any local arrests. The results of the check were printed and included in the investigative file.

A check of Force Watch was conducted to determine if Sergeant Warmington was in the area of Sandcastle Avenue for any extended periods of time. The check of Force Watch did not indicate any extended stays in the area.

Interviews of Jenna Rinehart, Karen Rinehart, and Sergeant Warmington were obtained from VCSO investigators. Said interviews were reviewed.

Interviews of the listed witnesses were conducted (dates of interviews included in summary).

An interview of Sergeant Warmington was conducted (date of interview included in summary).

Some of the details from the interviews are provided below.



On April 19, 2019, at approximately 1330 hours, Detectives McGuire and Mather of the Volusia County Sheriff's Office interviewed Jenna Rinehart. Jenna Rinehart stated the following:

- Jenna advised that she attended her daughter's softball game with Sergeant Warmington. She advised that her mother also attended; however she rode with Sergeant Warmington to and from the game. She rode to the game with Sergeant Warmington, on his personally owned motorcycle.
- While talking about Michael, Jenna stated, "I'm just starting to get clean myself, this is all new to me", referring to her drug history.
- Jenna referred to Sergeant Warmington as a "friend" who she met several years ago, but just got reacquainted with about one month ago.
- Jenna stated she met Sergeant Warmington (years ago) during a traffic stop where she was arrested for driving without a license.
- Jenna stated that she recognized "Lee's" phone number in Michael's phone. According to Jenna, Lee is a drug dealer. Jenna advised she didn't have "Lee's" phone number memorized, but she did have it saved in her phone.
- Jenna stated that she met "Lee" last year and that she would purchase Heroin from him. She stated that she only purchased drugs from Lee last year (2018) and early this year (2019).
- Jenna stated in the beginning of this year she was still "pretty bad at it", referring to her drug habit.
- Jenna advised that she injected or snorted heroin while using.
- Jenna and "Lee" (drug dealer) are Facebook Friends.
- When asked the last time Jenna ordered drugs from Lee she stated, "its been a couple weeks".
- Jenna stated that Sergeant Warmington and she "like each other" but it hasn't gotten physical.
- Jenna stated that she and Sergeant Warmington have been texting back and forth for a month or two.
- Jenna stated that she is a convicted felon.
- Jenna stated that Sergeant Warmington provided his phone number to her at which time she provided her phone number.

- Jenna stated Sergeant Warmington asked her if it was ok to call her after they exchanged phone numbers.
- Jenna stated that Sergeant Warmington has told her that he likes her.
- Jenna stated that Michael's behavior, her husband, changed recently (ie: making animal sounds) and that is when she started to slow down her drug use to separate herself from the situation.
- When asked when this behavior started, Jenna stated, "Just in the last few months, I mean like, but not actually that long, I'm sorry not even I'd say maybe the last month maybe, and that's when I started slowing down like I had to separate myself".
- Jenna stated that she and Sergeant Warmington have been texting and he drives by her street a lot. She further indicated that the drive-byes of her home are done while Sergeant Warmington was on duty.

On April 19, 2019, at approximately 1455 hours, Karen Rinehart was interviewed by Detective McGuire with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office. During the interview, Karen Rinehart stated the following:

- Karen Rinehart stated that Jenna and Michael's relationship is not good because Jenna is seeing other men. She indicated that one of the people she is seeing is Sarge, who she later clarified was Sergeant Warmington.
- Karen Rinehart stated that Jenna and Sergeant Warmington went to Jenna's Daughter's softball game together.
- Karen Rinehart stated that she believed Jenna and Sergeant Warmington are dating.
- Karen Rinehart has not seen Sergeant Warmington at her home.
- Karen Rinehart stated that Michael told her he uses heroin. Michael told Karen that he got his drugs through Jenna.
- Karen Rinehart stated that "Perry" overdosed with Heroin that was provided to him by Jenna Rinehart. Perry was administered NARCAN prior to going to the hospital (Occurred around two weeks prior to interview, CAD shows that this incident may have occurred on March 29, 2019).
- Karen Rinehart stated that Jenna steals from her (money).
- Karen Rinehart never witnessed Sergeant Warmington do anything illegal.



- When Karen Rinehart was asked if Sergeant Warmington knew Jenna used drugs, she responded, "Honestly, how could he not."
- Karen Rinehart stated Jenna did not appear to be under the influence of drugs while she was at the softball game with Sergeant Warmington.
- Karen Rinehart never saw Sergeant Warmington's police car at the house.
- Karen Rinehart suspects that the relationship between Jenna and Sergeant Warmington was romantic in nature.

On April 19, 2019, at approximately 1616 hours, Karen Rinehart was interviewed a second time by Detective McGuire with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office.

- Karen Rinehart advised that Jenna would leave the house in the middle of the night. Karen Rinehart was advised by an unidentified source that Jenna was using crack cocaine.
- Karen Rinehart stated that Jenna Rinehart stole \$200 from her recently.
- During the interview with Karen Rinehart, Ms. Rinehart's caretaker, Miss Sandy, was present. Ms. Sandy stated that Jenna told her that she wasn't high today but had "smoked pot".
- Karen Rinehart stated that Jenna Rinehart has at least 22 arrests. The 22 arrest photos are located on a public website.

On April 19, 2019, at approximately 1841 hours, Sergeant Pagliari and Detective McGuire with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office interviewed Sergeant Warmington. Sergeant Warmington provided the following information:

- Sergeant Warmington stated that he recently became friends with Jenna Rinehart.
- Sergeant Warmington advised he hung out with Jenna on the front porch of her home. This was after the incident (03/29/2019) where a male subject overdosed inside the home, but prior to Michael's overdose death on 04/19/2019.
- Sergeant Warmington stated that he has an ex-wife that was a drug addict. He added that she is an ex-wife because of the addiction.
- Sergeant Warmington classified his relationship with Jenna Rinehart as friends.

- On April 19, 2019, Sergeant Warmington and Jenna were originally supposed to meet for lunch. Jenna called Sergeant Warmington and requested a change in plans. Sergeant Warmington and Jenna Rinehart went to Jenna's daughter's softball game instead. Sergeant Warmington picked up Jenna at her home that evening and they rode on Sergeant Warmington's personal motorcycle to the game.
- Sergeant Warmington advised Jenna called him at approximately 0700 hours on the day of Michael's death to advise him of the overdose/death.
- Sergeant Warmington advised that Jenna admitted to him that she is a past addict.
- Sergeant Warmington advised he and Jenna Rinehart have been friends for about a month.
- Sergeant Warmington stated that previously he and Jenna rode his personal motorcycle to the Standish Beach Approach and hung out for about 10-15 minutes.
- Sergeant Warmington stated that after the softball game he and Jenna Rinehart went to his personal office where they ate some take-out Pizza Hut and watched videos on TV.
- Sergeant Warmington advised the Bob (Ott) complained of activity at the house. Sergeant Warmington stated that he had his guys set up watch and they never saw any activity. He stated they set up a few times.
- Sergeant Warmington stated that he and Jenna Rinehart hung out together on two occasions.
- Sergeant Warmington stated that Jenna confirmed the short term traffic (Ott complaint) at the house, but stated that traffic was for Michael, not for her.
- Sergeant Warmington stated that Jenna also stated that the short term traffic may be Grub Hub.
- Sergeant Warmington admitted that he and Jenna did a lot of flirting with one another.
- Sergeant Warmington considered himself a "safe friend".
- Sergeant Warmington advised that after the Baker Act call (believed to be on January 31, 2019 according to CAD records), Jenna slipped him a piece of paper with her phone number on it.



- Sergeant Warmington stated that he called her to confirm it was a real number for her.
- Sergeant Warmington stated that once Jenna became a little flirtier, he realized she was interested in more.
- Sergeant Warmington advised Corporal Brennan during shift change on April 19, 2019, (date of Michael's death) that he could not go to the overdose death since he was in a personal relationship with Jenna Rinehart.
- Sergeant Warmington advised that he made it very clear to Jenna Rinehart that he was married.
- Sergeant Warmington stated that Bob (Ott) provided a brief description of the alleged suspect and vehicle description of the short term visitor during their conversation on April 18, 2019. This was prior to Sergeant Warmington and Jenna going to the softball game.

On April 24, 2019, at approximately 1000 hours, Mr. Robert Ott was interviewed and stated the following:

- Mr. Ott advised that he is familiar with Jenna Rinehart. She lives [REDACTED]
- Mr. Ott advised that he has witnessed what he believes is drug activity at the home where Jenna lives. It should be noted that Mr. Ott is a retired Police Officer with over 20 years of Law Enforcement Experience.
- Mr. Ott sent emails to Sergeants Garner and Warmington about the drug activity at Jenna Rinehart's home. Mr. Ott references Jenna Rinehart in the email he sent. A copy of the email which was sent on 01/16/2019 is included in the IA file.
- Mr. Ott never witnessed Sergeant Warmington conduct any extra patrols in the area; however Sergeant Warmington did text Mr. Ott on occasion stating he had driven through the area and did not witness any activity.
- Mr. Ott observed Sergeant Warmington, who was off duty at the time, at Jenna Rinehart's home on April 18, 2019, at approximately 1800 hours.
- Mr. Ott and Sergeant Warmington spoke for approximately 15 minutes on April 18, 2019. The conversation occurred in the street in front of Mr. Ott's house.

- Mr. Ott advised that Sergeant Warmington and Jenna Rinehart left Jenna's house on his motorcycle shortly after his conversation with Sergeant Warmington that evening.
- Mr. Ott provided me with video surveillance from his home security system. The video shows Sergeant Warmington arriving at Ms. Rinehart's home on April 18, 2019.
- During Mr. Ott and Sergeant Warmington's conversation in front of his home, Sergeant Warmington made a reference to OBPD policy and he was not aware of any known criminal activity. Mr. Ott advised that he told him that was not true, that criminal activity was occurring at the home.
- Mr. Ott's quote from the interview about the previous mentioned conversation is as follows: "Are you really sure that this is a good idea based on what you and I have been talking about and he (Warmington) said, um made a reference to the policy, of this department, and that he wasn't aware of any known criminal activity so he thought he was ok."
- Mr. Ott advised that Sergeant Warmington had texted him several weeks earlier advising he was doing a "safe call". He further texted him that he had a conversation with Jenna several days earlier.
- Mr. Ott provided the phone number used to communicate with Sergeant Warmington. The number provided was not Sergeant Warmington's City issued cellular phone.
- Mr. Ott indicated that each time an officer extra patrolled the house, they just missed the suspicious vehicles at the house.
- Mr. Ott stated that he observed Jenna Rinehart exit her home and make what he described as a hand to hand exchange (unknown date the week prior to this interview, but after the internal investigation started).

On April 24, 2019, at approximately 1541 hours, I interviewed Corporal David Lank. Corporal Lank was interviewed and stated the following:

- Corporal Lank is familiar with Jenna Rinehart from previous police contacts.
- Corporal Lank was aware of the complaint filed by Mr. Ott.
- Corporal Lank advised the shift was briefed, by Sergeant Warmington, about Jenna Rinehart's home being a suspected drug house (Unknown date, but sometime shortly after Mr. Ott's complaint in January 2019.)



- Corporal Lank advised that Sergeant Warmington told him that after an overdose investigation at the house, he and Jenna became friends.
- Sergeant Warmington showed Corporal Lank two photographs of Jenna Rinehart, on his phone. The photographs depicted Ms. Rinehart's cleavage and face. The photographs were described by Corporal Lank as "sensual".
- Corporal Lank indicated that after Sergeant Warmington showed him the photographs he remembered that a few days earlier he observed Sergeant Warmington leave work on his personal motorcycle, while off duty, and drive to the area of Sandcastle Drive. He indicated this occurred on Friday April 12, 2019.
- Corporal Lank advised that Sergeant Warmington told him that he went to Jenna's home, off duty, at which time Jenna changed into her bathing suit and they went to the Standish Beach Approach together.

On May 30, 2019, at approximately 1258 hours, Captain Chris Roos interviewed Jenna Rinehart at her home. Jenna Rinehart stated the following:

- Jenna advised that she met Sergeant Warmington years ago.
- Jenna advised that Sergeant Warmington responded to Jenna's home for a medical call involving an overdose of a male who lived in the home sometime in March 2019 (believed to be March 29, 2019). It was on this call that Sergeant Warmington and Jenna exchanged contact information.
- Sergeant Warmington texted Jenna the next day to obtain permission to contact her via telephone.
- Sergeant Warmington would text her and let her know that he would be driving down her street.
- Jenna advised that after going to her daughter's softball game with Sergeant Warmington that they stopped at his office space that he rents on E. Granada Blvd.
- Jenna indicated that they hung out in Sergeant Warmington's office watching videos on TV.
- Jenna stated that Sergeant Warmington did not inform her that he was married.
- Jenna classified her relationship with Sergeant Warmington as a "puppy type crush."

- Jenna stated that she was arrested a few weeks ago for possession of Methamphetamines (after Michael's Death). This arrest occurred after this investigation was started.
- Jenna stated that before the arrest for possession of Methamphetamines, her last arrest was sometime last year for driving with a suspended license (September 7, 2018).
- Jenna advised that prior to that she was arrested for running an escort service in Daytona Beach.
- Jenna stated that she has been arrested a lot.
- Jenna stated that she is not clean at the time of the interview (05/30/2019)
- Jenna confirmed that she and Sergeant Warmington walked the beach about a week prior to Michael's Death. He met her at the house, while off-duty, prior to the walk.
- Jenna stated she and Sergeant Warmington kissed during the encounter when they walked the beach together.
- Jenna referred to the trip to the softball game with Sergeant Warmington as a date.
- Jenna advised that Sergeant Warmington and her spoke about her criminal history and he knew of her drug and prostitution history.

On June 11, 2019, at approximately 1638 hours I interviewed Karen Rinehart. Karen Rinehart provided the following information:

- Karen Rinehart is familiar with Bill Warmington and knows that he is a Sergeant with the Ormond Beach Police Department.
- Karen Rinehart described Sergeant Warmington and Jenna Rinehart's relationship as "friendly".
- Karen Rinehart stated that she suspects that Jenna Rinehart and Sergeant Warmington would meet during the night, however she was unable to provide any specific dates or times.
- Karen Rinehart was not aware of any contacts between Sergeant Warmington and Jenna Rinehart after the death of Michael (April 19, 2019)
- Karen Rinehart described Jenna Rinehart and Sergeant Warmington's relationship as "friends with benefits".



- Karen Rinehart stated she found out Jenna Rinehart failed to appear in court and was planning to leave the state. Karen was told by her bondsman that if Jenna left the state it would cost Karen \$3000 since she signed the bond.

On June 25, 2019 at approximately 1708 hours, I interviewed Captain DW Smith. Captain Smith provided the following information:

- Captain Smith advised that on or about Wednesday (April 17, 2019), he was contacted by Corporal Lank. Corporal Lank reported that Sergeant Warmington showed him some pictures of Jenna and confided in him that he and Jenna Rinehart went to the beach together.
- Captain Smith advised that he spoke with Mr. Ott about his complaint about suspicious activity at Jenna Rinehart's name. Mr. Ott confirmed to Captain Smith that he spoke to Sergeant Warmington about this issue, naming Jenna in the complaint.
- Captain Smith advised that after Michael's death, Captain Smith and Chief Godfrey contacted Sergeant Warmington prior to his shift and placed him on administrative leave due to the circumstances.
- Captain Smith stated that Sergeant Warmington made a reference to the wording in the memorandum that indicated he was aware of the Ormond Beach Police Department Policy regarding association with persons involved in criminal conduct.

On July 22, 2019 at approximately 1809 hours, I interviewed Sergeant Warmington in the presence of Ned Golden, FOP representative. Sergeant Warmington advised the following:

- Sergeant Warmington describe his relationship with Jenna Rinehart as friends.
- Sergeant Warmington stated he original met Jenna in 2015 on a traffic stop where she was arrested.
- Sergeant Warmington stated that in March 2019, he re-met Jenna Rinehart, at Jenna's home, during an overdose call involving Michael Ordway.
- Sergeant Warmington confirmed that in January 2019, Mr. Ott made a complaint about late night traffic at the house.
- Sergeant Warmington stated that Mr. Ott specifically mentioned Jenna Rinehart in his complaint.

- Sergeant Warmington advised that he and Mr. Ott texted and emailed about the complaint.
- Sergeant Warmington advised that his shift did three or four crime suppression details in her neighborhood, specifically watching for traffic coming to and from Jenna's residence (CAD records indicated 6 Directed Patrol Requests were conducted).
- Sergeant Warmington stated he was aware of Jenna Rinehart's criminal history.
- Sergeant Warmington stated he was aware of Jenna Rinehart's previous drug history.
- Sergeant Warmington advised that at the end of March 2019, he looked up Jenna's prior arrests on the Volusia County Corrections Public Access Website.
- Sergeant Warmington advised he was aware of Jenna's arrest history.
- Sergeant Warmington advised he never confronted Jenna about any current criminal activity prior to their friendship.
- Sergeant Warmington stated that Mr. Ott told him that he observed Jenna making hand to hand transactions.
- Sergeant Warmington advised that he went to Jenna's home, while off-duty, (around April 10<sup>th</sup>) after a football meeting. They hung out on porch for a few minutes, went for a motorcycle ride to Standish Beach Approach, walked onto beach for a few minutes, then went to a convenience store and then he took Jenna home.
- Sergeant Warmington advised that he and Jenna talked on the way to the softball game on April 18, 2019, and he advised her if she was starting up (drug use), he could not talk to her or hang out with her.
- Sergeant Warmington stated during the conversation that Jenna told him she was clean and that Michael was using. She further advised that the traffic coming to and from the house was for Michael.
- Sergeant Warmington advised that on the date of the overdose, he notified Jenna that he had been in the area.
- Sergeant Warmington stated that his ex-wife became an addict while they were together. He stated that he knew about Jenna going to prison.
- Sergeant Warmington stated there was some flirtation between him and Jenna.



- Sergeant Warmington stated that Jenna did indeed kiss him, but it was a thank you.
- Sergeant Warmington stated that the relationship between Jenna and him never became physical.
- Sergeant Warmington was asked if he thought it was wise to start a relationship with someone who lived at a complaint house. Sergeant Warming advised that he thought it was a good thing that he could contact someone in a problem area and communicate with them it is a good thing. It puts you in a position to help someone.
- Sergeant Warmington stated that he did not have any contact with Jenna since the day of Michael's death. There was an attempted contact by Jenna shortly after Michaels death.
- Sergeant Warmington confirmed that he showed Corporal Lank photos of Jenna. Sergeant Warmington described the photographs as glamour shots.
- Sergeant Warmington indicated that Jenna texted him on her birthday to advised that her date was arrested for possession of marijuana and hash. Sergeant Warmington advised that he approved the report (OBPD case #19-03-00318, which CAD indicates Sergeant Warmington did indeed approve the SA-707).
- Sergeant Warmington advised that Jenna told him that the traffic at the house may be for the roommate (mother allowed him to stay there).
- Sergeant Warmington stated that if he thought Jenna was engaged in continuous criminal behavior he would not have befriended her, but would have used her as an informant instead.

At the conclusion of Sergeant Warmington's interview, Ned Golden was permitted to make a statement. Mr. Golden feels the policy is vague and ambiguous. Mr. Golden believes that this incident would fall into a policy failure since the policy has to be interpreted.

## Finding of Facts

- Sergeant Warmington and Jenna Rinehart became involved in a personal relationship/friendship during the month of March 2019.
- The relationship/friendship began after Sergeant Warmington responded to Jenna Rinehart's home in regards to a drug overdose involving Jenna's husband, Michael.
- Jenna Rinehart has been arrested and booked into the Volusia County Branch Jail at least 20 times since 2008.
- Jenna Rinehart's criminal history has arrests for crimes related to the following:
  - Drug Possession
  - Prostitution
  - Traffic Offenses
  - Uttering a Forgery
- On 09/28/2012 and again on 03/15/2016 Jenna Rinehart registered with Volusia County under Florida State Statute 775.13, Registration of Convicted Felons.
- Jenna Rinehart purchased Heroin as recently as "early 2019".
- Robert Ott and Sergeant Warmington communicated, beginning in January 2019, about the short term traffic and possible drug activity at 52 Sandcastle Drive, Jenna Rinehart' residence, and her involvement.
- Sergeant Warmington authorized Crime Suppression details on his patrol shift, targeting Jenna Rinehart's home, 52 Sandcastle Avenue, for potential drug related criminal acts.



## Conclusion

As to the allegation that Sergeant Warmington violated **C-1-19 (1.3); Violation of Rules:** Members will not commit any acts or omissions that constitute a violation of any rules, regulations, directives, or orders of the Ormond Beach Police Department, I recommend that this violation be **Sustained**, as the investigation shows the accused member committed all or part of the alleged violation.

As to the allegation that Sergeant Warmington violated **C-1-19 (3.52) Association with Criminals:** Members will avoid regular or continuous association or dealings with persons, other than immediate family, who are known to have a lifestyle of continuing criminal activity (e.g., drug use, sexual offenses, burglary, theft, or dealing in stolen property), or are known to be under investigation for felonies by this or any other law enforcement agency, I recommend this violation be **Sustained**, as the investigation shows the accused member committed all or part of the alleged violation.

As to the allegation that Sergeant Warmington violated **C-1-19 (3.9) Conduct Unbecoming of Member of the Police Department:** Defined as any conduct or act which has an adverse impact upon the operation of the Department, and damages public respect and confidence in the Department and its employees. Such conduct may include, but is not limited to, participation in any immoral, indecent, or disorderly conduct, or conduct that causes substantial doubts concerning a person's honesty, fairness, or respect for the rights of others or the laws of the state or nation, regardless of whether such act or conduct constitutes a crime. As provided for by the labor contract, any charge of "conduct unbecoming an officer", or other similar charge, shall include specifications supporting the accusation.

The specific supporting accusation is that Sergeant Warmington's conduct of becoming involved in a personal relationship with a subject who was the subject of a police investigation involving illegal drug activity may cause substantial doubts concerning his honesty or fairness in regards to such ongoing investigation, I recommend this violation be **Sustained**, as the investigation shows the accused member committed all or part of the alleged violation.

Captain's Comments:

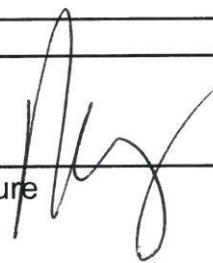
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