

Annual Major Discipline Reporting Form
Internal Affairs Policy & Procedures | Appendix L

Pursuant to Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive No. 2022-14, every state, county, and local law enforcement agency in New Jersey is required to submit to the Attorney General and the County Prosecutor, and publish on the agency's public website, a brief synopsis of all complaints where a termination, reduction in rank or grade, and/or suspension of more than five days, as well as sustained findings listed in the above directive, regardless of the type or severity of discipline imposed, was assessed to an agency member. For the purposes of this report, please include all major disciplines in which a plea agreement was reached or final sanction was imposed during the time period listed below. In addition, include all discipline from earlier years which was has been on appeal, the final appeal was resolved during 2023, and the discipline remains in one of the enumerated categories.

Time period: January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023
 County: Bergen
 Agency: Bergen Co Prosecutor's Office
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No.	Disciplined Officer		Sanction			Resigned, retired, transferred, or separated while JA Pending	Specify other sanction type, if applicable	Sustained Charge	Synopsis
	Rank	First Name	Last Name	Terminated?	Demoted?				
1	Lt.	Kevin	Matthew	No	No	No	No	Indictable Offense	Lt. Matthew was charged with Official Misconduct (2 Counts) (N.J.S.A. 2C:30-2A), Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (2 Counts) (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A(1)), Tampering with Public Records Information (N.J.S.A. 2C:28-7A), Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence (N.J.S.A. 2C:28-6(2)), and Structuring Financial Deposits (N.J.S.A. 2C:21-25E(3)) for behavior that occurred while employed with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office. It is alleged that he removed narcotics evidence from storage without lawful authorization, later returned the drugs in conditions substantially different than when he signed the evidence out, kept razor blades with cocaine residue in his office, and structured cash deposits at banks in order to avoid transaction reporting requirements. The charges against Lt. Matthew remain open and he is presumed innocent at this time.
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For Sustained Charge(s), regardless of the type or severity of discipline imposed, please use A SHORT HAND description like the below, rather than a statute or ordinance:

- Discrimination or bias:** Discrimination or Bias against any person b/c of the individual's actual or perceived race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, genetic information, sex, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality, familial status, or any other protected characteristic under N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.
- Excessive Force:** Officer utilized excessive force
- Untruthful/Candor:** Officer was untruthful or has demonstrated a lack of candor
- False Report:** Officer has filed a false report or submitted a false certification in any criminal, administrative, employment, financial, or insurance matter in their professional or personal life
- Improper Search, Seizure, Arrest:** Officer intentionally conducted an improper search, seizure or arrest
- Evidence Mishandling:** Officer intentionally mishandled or destroyed evidence
- Domestic Violence:** Domestic violence, as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:25-19
- Indictable Offense:** Officer was charged with any indictable crime under New Jersey or an equivalent offense under federal law or the law of another jurisdiction related to the complaint

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