



# TARPON SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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John Loibl, a Detective with the Tarpon Springs Police Department resigned on August 13, 2013 (Start date of employment 9/1/2005), while under an active investigation for departmental policy violations to include morale character violations. The investigation continued without his cooperation, and has concluded. Enough evidence was found to justify termination of employment if John Loibl was still employed; these findings have been sent to FDLE's Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission for their review through the Criminal Justice Professionalism Program.

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 our agency received information from the Tarpon Springs Probation and Parole Office that one of our officers might be involved inappropriately with a female probationer (Felony). The allegations made were that a Detective from Tarpon Springs Police Department had brought the probationer to the local Tarpon Springs Probation and Parole Office for her monthly meeting in his unmarked police vehicle, and that he may have driven her out of the county in this same vehicle.

After reviewing these allegations, Chief Robert P. Kochen immediately ordered a formal Internal Affairs (IA) investigation in-order to begin the process of determining if any agency policies were violated.

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Captain Barbara Templeton and Sergeant Edward Miller began a thorough IA investigation by formally interviewing members of the Tarpon Springs Probation and Parole Office along with the probationer (Nickole Carter) who was allegedly personally involved with Detective Loibl. Following these interviews, Chief Kochen immediately placed Detective Loibl on administrative leave with pay while this investigation was to be conducted.

The following are some accounts of events that were gathered in the course of this IA investigation by Capt. Templeton and Sgt. Miller, after interviews were conducted and evidence was obtained.

Detective Loibl had met Nickole Carter while off duty in the Summer of 2010 while at Busch Gardens "standing in line for a ride" (at this time she was on Probation out of Tampa for Possession/Controlled Substance), and the two began a friendship which developed into a more intimate relationship (Det. Loibl was/is married) while she lived in Tampa.

October of 2012, Detective Loibl helped find Ms. Carter a place to stay in Tarpon Springs, and helped her get a job at a Subway in Tarpon Springs. He would stop by her trailer in his



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unmarked car on duty during his work day while her children were at school, where they would be involved in a sexual relationship. This would occur once or even a few times a week from the time she moved into Tarpon Springs. Furthermore, Detective Loibl would pick her up in his unmarked police car (Black Ford 500) and bring her to her probation office appointments at the Tarpon Springs Probation and Parole Office for her monthly meetings with her probation officer.

On one such visit on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Ms. Carter requested permission from her probation officer to leave the County to visit her Mother in Perry, FL. The probation officer see's the vehicle (not able to see the driver) being driven by Det. Loibl and approaches him believing that he may be the ex-boyfriend of Ms. Carter whom she is not permitted to be around, and confronts the driver who she recognized as Detective Loibl (this was the first time he had been observed at Probation office). He advised her that Ms. Carter was his cousin and he was just helping her out with a ride today, and asked her not to say anything to anyone at the PD because he called out sick to take Ms. Carter to Perry to visit her mother. Detective Loibl did call out sick on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, advising of being ill.

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 the probation officer obtained further details from Ms. Carter about her relationship with Detective Loibl, and Ms. Carter advised her that she is Detective Loibl's "mistress", at this time the probation officer notified Sgt. Miller at TSPD and this is where the investigation was initiated.

No one within the department had any prior knowledge of the actions of Detective Loibl, and the individual (Nikole Carter) with whom he had been involved with has no prior criminal dealings with the Tarpon Springs Police Department.

The entire IA case file will be made available for media review at the Police Department.

Respectfully,

*Capt. J.P. Young*  
Captain Jeffrey P. Young



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