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Sanford Police Officer Placed on Administrative Leaving Pending Results of Use of Force Investigation

Sanford, FL (July 12, 2018): After receiving information regarding a video on social media which captured an officer performing a takedown maneuver of a handcuffed subject, Sanford Police Department has placed the officer on Administrative Leave pending the results of an Internal Affairs Investigation.

On July 10, 2018, Sanford Police Department received information regarding an incident which occurred on July 9, 2018 at The Barn, located at 1200 French Ave. Sanford Police then began an investigation into the incident.

After a preliminary review of the body camera footage, and additional information regarding the incident, the officer involved, Adam Johnson, was placed on Administrative Leave pending the outcome of the Administrative Investigation.

Regarding the incident and investigation, Chief Cecil Smith stated: "All aspects of the incident, including the events before, during, and after are currently being reviewed in order to determine if any violations of policy occurred. I had the opportunity to speak with the mother of the young man in the video and will continue to keep her informed regarding the progress of the investigation. We are thankful for proactive actions of our community members, in bringing any information, positive or negative, to our attention so we may continue to serve our community in an open and transparent manner. We ask for everyone's patience during this process as we conduct a thorough and complete investigation. We will continue to remain transparent and forthcoming with additional updates as the investigation allows."

Anyone with additional video or information regarding the incident to contact Captain Paul Herx at Paul.Herx@Sanfordfl.gov or 407-314-8937.

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