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Baton Rouge Police Department Reaches Settlement with Former BRPD Officer Hamadeh

Baton Rouge Police Chief Murphy Paul announced that the Baton Rouge Police Department and former Baton Rouge Police Officer Yuseff Hamadeh entered into an agreement allowing Mr. Hamadeh to resign from the police department in lieu of any further proceedings related to Hamadeh's termination. Mr. Hamadeh resigned from his position as a Baton Rouge Police Officer effective February 14, 2019.

Mr. Hamadeh was terminated by the Baton Rouge Police Department for violation of the following department policies: Truthfulness, Carrying out Orders, Body Worn Camera, and Conduct Unbecoming an Officer. Mr. Hamadeh appealed his termination to the Baton Rouge Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board on the basis that the termination was not justified. He then filed a motion with the Civil Service Board to nullify the termination on the basis that the Department violated the Police Officer's Bill of Rights (La. R.S. 40:2531) by denying him assistance of counsel during his polygraph examination. The Department adamantly disputes Mr. Hamadeh's argument. However, the Civil Service Board ruled in Mr. Hamadeh's favor. The Baton Rouge Police Department was in the process of appealing the Civil Service Board's ruling when the Department received a violated the Police Officer's Bill of Rights. And, if it that happened, then Mr. Hamadeh would have to be reinstated to his position as a Baton Rouge police officer."

Chief Paul stated, "The Department is not willing to take that risk. We believe it's in the best interest of this community that Mr. Hamadeh is no longer policing the citizens and visitors of the City of Baton Rouge."

In compliance with La. R.S. 15:1212(B)4 and La. R.S. 40:2405(J), BRPD submitted documentation to the Louisiana Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) requesting revocation of Mr. Hamadeh's certification and entry into their Louisiana Uniform Law Enforcement Statewide Reporting Database.

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