

# INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date  
February 1, 1991

To: Chief of Police William L. Hart (through channels)

Subject: IAS CASE #91-28/MISCONDUCT SUMMARY  
POLICE OFFICER JOEL SNYDER, BADGE 3600  
ASSIGNED: FIFTH PRECINCT  
APPOINTED: JULY 5, 1977  
ALLEGATION: CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT  
CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR

IAS INVESTIGATOR(S):  
Sergeant Walter J. Martin  
Investigator Janice M. Clark

On January 24, 1991, the Internal Affairs Section received an Inter-Officer Memorandum from Commander Billie Willis, of the Fifth Precinct. The report alleged that Police Officer Joel Snyder, badge 3600, of the Fifth Precinct, an Explorer Advisor for Post 505, sexually molested several female Explorers. This information was given to Commander Willis by Reverend Michael Cunningham, of the East Lake Baptist Church, 700 Conner.

According to [redacted], B/F/14, of 811 Conner, on October 26, 1990, the Explorers had a Halloween Party at the Brewer Recreation Center on Fairview and Warren. At the conclusion of the party, Officer Snyder, utilizing a Detroit Police Department van, drove several members of the Explorer group home including his wife and daughter. After dropping off all but seven Explorers, Officer Snyder drove to the Seventh Precinct for gas. Officer Snyder then returned the van to the Fifth Precinct and retrieved his personal vehicle.

Officer Snyder took the seven remaining Explorers to a store on Beniteau and E. Warren where he purchased beer, wine coolers and condoms. After leaving the store Officer Snyder went to 3250 E. Jefferson, the Balmar Motel.

Officer Snyder signed a registration form and was given the key for room #33. Once inside the room Officer Snyder and the Explorers consumed alcoholic beverages.

Later Officer Snyder engaged in sexual acts with [redacted] and [redacted], B/F/14. Officer Snyder also allowed [redacted] B/M/15, [redacted] B/M/15 and [redacted] B/F/14 to engage in sexual intercourse with each other.

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Lieutenant [redacted]  
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On 11-17-90, 11-21-90, 12-10-90, 12-12-90 and 12-19-90, records indicate that Officer Snyder printed his name and address on five separate registration cards at the Blue Bird Motel, 21360 Telegraph, Southfield, Michigan. According to Ms. she and Officer Snyder engaged in sexual intercourse at this motel on each of the above dates.

On February 1, 1991, as a result of evidence uncovered to this stage of the investigation, Officer Snyder was suspended from the department by Sergeant Donald Nash, badge S-1302, of the Fifth Precinct. The investigation is continuing.

Based on these facts and circumstances, it is recommended that Officer Snyder be charged with, but not limited to, the following violation of Department Rules and Regulations:

Charge I: CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER

SPECIFICATION 1: That he, Police Officer Joel Snyder, Badge 3600, assigned to the Fifth Precinct, did, while off duty, on October 26, 1990, unlawfully take seven minor students to a local motel where he furnished them with alcoholic beverages; such action which tends to bring the Department into disrepute and reflects discredit upon the individual as an officer; this being in violation of General Order 72-17, Section K, Subsection 65, M.C.L.A. 436.33.

SPECIFICATION 2: That he, Police Officer Joel Snyder, badge 3600, assigned to the Fifth Precinct, did, while off duty, on October 26, 1990, unlawfully take a minor female under the age of 16 to a local motel where Officer Snyder and this female engaged in sexual acts; this being in violation of General Order 72-17, Section K, Subsection 65, and M.C.L.A. 750.14a.

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