

CITY OF ROCKFORD

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

In Re Matter of:)
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Officer Kevin Nordberg)

COMPLAINT

I, Chet Epperson, Chief of Police for the City of Rockford, Illinois, hereby allege the following against Officer Kevin Nordberg:

COUNT 1

1. On or about December 8, 2006, at or about 7:43 a.m., Officer Nordberg while on-duty, working overtime, and using a Rockford Police Department issued computer, posted a message on the Rockford Register Star's website's internet forum "StoryChat" that was not in performance of any police assigned duty.

COUNT 2

2. On or about March 8, 2007, at or about 4:57 p.m., Officer Nordberg while using a Rockford Police Department issued computer, posted a message on the Rockford Register Star's website's internet forum "StoryChat" that characterized the actions of a fellow Rockford Police Department police officer as "stupid" and "ignorant", and said posting was not in performance of any police assigned duty.

COUNT 3

3. On or about March 29, 2007, at or about 11:47 a.m., Officer Nordberg while on-duty and using a Rockford Police Department issued computer, posted a message on the Rockford Register Star's website's internet forum "StoryChat" that stated "shut your hole"

and, "I am sorry that your foster mother dropped you on your head when you were a baby."
Said message was in reply to a posting by another "StoryChat" user and was not in performance of any police assigned duty.

COUNT 4

4. On or about March 29, 2007, at or about 12:35 p.m., Officer Nordberg while on-duty and using a Rockford Police Department issued computer, posted a message on the Rockford Register Star's website's internet forum "StoryChat" that stated, "it is nice that you don't have to work and were able to find some old geezer who likes women with fat thighs to seduce so you could be taken care of" and "dumbass." Said message was in reply to a posting by another "StoryChat" user and was not in performance of any police assigned duty.

COUNT 5

5. On or about March 29, 2007, at or about 12:54 p.m., Officer Nordberg while on-duty and using a Rockford Police Department issued computer, posted a message on the Rockford Register Star's website's internet forum "StoryChat" that stated, "trailer trash" and "fat ass". Said message was in reply to a posting by another "StoryChat" user and was not in performance of any police assigned duty.

COUNT 6

6. On or about March 29, 2007, at or about 1:12 p.m., Officer Nordberg while on-duty and using a Rockford Police Department issued computer, posted a message on the Rockford Register Star's website's internet forum "StoryChat" that stated "first of the month is coming so you should be getting your welfare check." Said message was in reply to

a posting by another "StoryChat" user and was not in performance of any police assigned duty.

COUNT 7

7. On or about March 29, 2007, at or about 1:23 p.m., Officer Nordberg while on duty and using a Rockford Police Department issued computer, posted a message on the Rockford Register Star's website's internet forum "StoryChat" that stated, "you don't have a brain of your own." Said message was in reply to a posting by another "StoryChat" user and was not in performance of any police assigned duty.

COUNT 8

8. On or about March 29, 2007, at or about 1:33 p.m., Officer Nordberg while on-duty and using a Rockford Police Department issued computer, posted a message on the Rockford Register Star's website's internet forum "StoryChat" that stated, "I did not know you were frigid." Said message was in reply to a posting by another "StoryChat" user and was not in performance of any police assigned duty.

COUNT 9

9. On or about March 29, 2007, at or about 1:43 p.m., Officer Nordberg while on-duty and using a Rockford Police Department issued computer, posted a message on the Rockford Register Star's website's internet forum "StoryChat" that was not in performance of any police assigned duty.

COUNT 10

10. On or about March 29, 2007, at or about 1:51 p.m., Officer Nordberg while on-duty and using a Rockford Police Department issued computer, posted a message on the Rockford Register Star's website's internet forum "StoryChat" that was not in performance of any police assigned duty.

COUNT 11

11. On or about May 25, 2007, at or about 8:59 a.m., Officer Nordberg while on-duty and using a Rockford Police Department issued computer, posted a message on the Rockford Register Star's website's internet forum "StoryChat" that stated "you really are a dumb one." Said message was in reply to a posting by another "StoryChat" user and was not in performance of any police assigned duty.

The actions of Officer Nordberg as described above in Counts 1 through 11 listed above constitute violations of the following Rules and Regulations of the Rockford Police Department:

Section II, Paragraph 1: "All sworn personnel shall devote themselves to the attainment of department goals, and will conduct themselves at all times in such a manner as to reflect credit upon the department with emphasis on personal integrity and professional devotion to the law enforcement profession."

Section III, Paragraph 2: "Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its goals, or which brings discredit upon the department."

Section III, Paragraph 9: "Incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of any assigned duty."

Section III, Paragraph 48: "Any other act or omission of an act contrary to good order and discipline or constituting a violation of any of the provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, the Rules and Regulations of the Rockford Police Department, the written Orders of the Rockford Police Department, or in the case on the non-sworn employees, any violations of the Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Commission governing competitive class employees."

Section III, Paragraph 47: "Use department stationary for personal correspondence or use department property for private purposes."

The actions of Officer Nordberg as described above in Count 2 constitute additional violations of the following Rules and Regulations of the Rockford Police Department:

Section III, Paragraph 24: "Publicly criticizing the official actions of another member."

The actions of Officer Nordberg as described above in Counts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11 constitute additional violations of the following Rules and Regulations of the Rockford Police Department:

Section III, Paragraph 7: "Use of coarse and disrespectful language toward any fellow officer or other person."

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that a hearing be held in regard to this
Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,



Chet Epperson
Chief of Police

SIGNED LAS
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