

△Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office△

NEWS RELEASE

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Upper Deck Investigation

The Professional Standards unit of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office has conducted and completed an investigation regarding the role of three Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Deputies who were working off-duty at an event on the evening of February 27, 2010, at an establishment known as the Upper Deck.

Based on all of the information obtained during this investigation, I have determined the policy of the Sheriff's Office regarding off-duty employment was appropriate and clear. That policy however, will be revised in the near future to more precisely outline the entire off-duty employment requirements and expectations. Additionally, I found no credible evidence that any of the involved deputy sheriffs participated in the party or consumed any alcoholic beverages.

I have found that the three deputy sheriffs present were negligent in the performance of their duty as Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Deputies as it relates to their role in preventing the distribution of alcohol and the consumption of alcohol by minors attending the event. As a result of this finding, I have suspended all three deputy sheriffs from duty without pay for a period of three days each.

The three deputy sheriffs; Sgt. Darren Baumberger, Sgt. Craig Blessinger and Deputy Brian Bishop have all been relieved of duty as of this time and have begun serving their respective suspensions.

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