



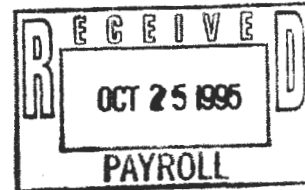
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS
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October 23, 1995
HQ-1-2811

LIEUTENANT MICHAEL D. EDMONSON
LOUISIANA STATE POLICE
RADIO MAINTENANCE/FLEET OPERATIONS
PERSONAL DELIVERY



RE: Suspension without Pay

Dear Lieutenant Edmonson:

Pursuant to Chapter 12 of the State Police Service Rules (particularly Rule 12.2), you are hereby notified by me, as the appointing authority, of your temporary suspension from State Police Service, without pay, for 16 hours, for the cause or causes stated below.

Your suspension is to take place beginning 8:00 AM on November 21, 1995 and ending at 4:30 PM on November 22, 1995.

Cause

My action in this regard is based on the evidence presented to me, a full summary of which has already been provided to you and is likewise attached to and incorporated with this letter. I have considered all the circumstances, as well as your lack of response to the pre-disciplinary letter in making my decision to suspend you.

The evidence reflected in the attached reports and documents, which are made a part hereof, shows that at or about 1330 hours on August 18, 1995, while off duty, you were involved in a preventable automobile accident on Government Street in Baton Rouge as described below.

You were stopped in a drive through lane of Whitney Bank on Government Street behind another vehicle. As you reached down to retrieve a check from the front seat, your foot slipped off the brake pedal causing your vehicle to move forward. When you realized you were moving forward, you attempted to brake again but your foot partially caught the accelerator causing your unit to move forward and strike the vehicle in front of you. Both individuals in this vehicle complained of minor injuries. Also, at the time of this accident, you had an unauthorized passenger, your son, in the vehicle.

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Lieutenant Edmonson, you are expected to drive defensively and attentively. Because of the nature of this accident, I hereby impose the disciplinary measure indicated above.

In accordance with Rule 12.3(a)2., made applicable to you as a permanent employee by Rule 12.2, you are informed that you may appeal this action to the State Police Commission within thirty (30) days and that the appeal must conform to the provisions of Chapter 13 of the State Police Commission Rules.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Fontenot

PAUL W. FONTENOT, Colonel
Superintendent
Louisiana State Police

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Attachments as per text

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Captain Kendall J. Fellon
Fleet Safety Officer
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Legal Section
Personnel
State Police Commission
Payroll