



# Fort Myers Police Department

For Immediate Release

Officer Jason Jackson was terminated on 11/29/21 for the following sustained charges:

2 charges of interfering with an internal affairs investigation

7 charges of associating with convicted felons

1 charge of maintaining a personal relationship with an active/former Confidential Informant

1 charge of maintaining a sexual relationship with an active/former Confidential Informant

1 charge of engaging in sexual contact with a former Confidential Informant

2 charges of failing to devote time and attention to the service of the city

This case started with a recommendation from the Freeh Report in 2016 then led to a four-year FBI investigation which ended in April 2021. Once FMPD received documents from the FBI, it launched an Internal Affairs investigation that lasted 5 months. FMPD interviewed 27 community members, many of them Dunbar residents, who had concerns about this officer's actions on and off duty.

*"The allegations that prompted this investigation are not representative of the men and women of the Fort Myers Police Department who risk their lives to make our city safer. This type of behavior is not tolerated at the Fort Myers Police Department. I hold our officers to the highest possible standard. We have made great strides in professionalizing the department by improving training, reaching Advanced CALEA certification, using technology to police smarter, and dramatically reduced violent crime. This behavior is from a past chapter, and we have closed the book on that era of FMPD"*

Fort Myers Police Chief Derrick Diggs