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## Above the Call of Duty: PBA member, SRO honored for dedication to students

BY KATHARINE JEF COATS  
EDITOR

Not every law enforcement officer can hum the tune that accompanies their inspiration to protect and serve their community, but Officer James Campbell can.

After serving five years as a military police officer in the Army, Campbell discovered an infatuation with law enforcement as a civilian, driven by the familiar beat of a TV theme song.

"I will blame that on the television show 'COPS,'" he said. "It was my favorite show growing up and played a huge influence on me choosing this path. It was also a very easy transition from the military to law enforcement."



Officer James Campbell at awards ceremony

As the child of an Army soldier and a working mom, Campbell grew up wherever Uncle Sam sent them. He was born at Fort Campbell, Ky., and finally established a hometown when his dad retired when Campbell was 12, after 20 years of service.

"After he retired, we relocated to Clarksville, Ind., a suburb of Louisville, Ky.," he said. "Clarksville was a small town where it seemed everyone knew each other," he added.

Campbell graduated from Clarksville High School in 2000 and joined the Army.

"I served in the U.S. Army in the military police, from November 2001 until November of 2006," he said. "I was assigned to 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division for my entire enlistment. I served two tours in Iraq, in 2003 and in 2005."

During that time, Campbell met his wife, Kerri. Eighteen years and counting, the two are raising son Zack, 14, and daughter Savannah, 7.

Upon leaving the military, Campbell enrolled in and completed basic mandate training at Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement. After graduating, he met his first LEO influencer.

"Sgt. Hank Edwards," said Campbell. "He was the first supervisor I had out of the academy. No matter what happened, he was always the calm in the storm. It didn't matter how bad you messed up or how bad the scene was, he was always calm, collected and encouraging."

"Early in my career I may not have always made the best decisions and, at times, allowed my emotions to drive my decision making, but Hank was always there to reel me back in and teach me better ways of doing things," Campbell continued.

"Unfortunately, Hank passed away from cancer a few years ago but I will never forget the lessons he taught me."

However, Campbell also acknowledges the military experiences that helped form his civilian career and professional drive.

"The events that shaped me into the man I am today all come from serving time in combat," he said. "You never truly know what you are capable of until you are put in a position to push yourself mentally and physically, especially when your actions or inactions could cause a friend their life."

While proud of his military service, Campbell acknowledges his favorite quote is "Only the dead have seen the end of war." The quote is attributed to Spanish philosopher George Santayana, who also said "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Campbell started his civilian law enforcement work in Bessemer, Ala. After three years at that city police department, Campbell took a position with Pelham, Ala., in 2009.

"I have been extremely fortunate in this aspect and have been able to spend time doing everything I ever wanted," said Campbell. "During my career, I have spent time as a SWAT operator, with a street crimes unit, as a K-9 handler, a hostage negotiator and as a school resource officer."

It is as an SRO where Campbell excelled to the point of being honored with an award for his dedication.

"The award I received was the Above the Call of Duty award presented to me by the president of The Alabama Association of School Resource Officers," he said. "I was selected for this award for my everyday dedication to the students of Pelham High School."

PBA plays an important role in his career as a protector of his family and livelihood.

"In today's society, officers have to have someone looking out for them," said Campbell. "I couldn't imagine working in this profession without the peace of mind the PBA offers. I would encourage anyone reading this to join the PBA if they are not already a member."

When Campbell isn't working, he enjoys spending time with his family and riding his motorcycle.

## Member thanks PBA as he assumes new role as police chief

By RANDY BYRD  
FOUNDATION AND MEDIA RELATIONS

Ronald Holt recently became the police chief of Richlands Police Department. Richlands is in Tazewell County, in the mountains of southwest Virginia. The police department serves a population of over 5,000 residents.

Holt was born in Princeton, W.Va., to Ron and Teresa Holt, and has one brother, Rodney. When Holt was 9, the family moved to Peterstown. He graduated from James Monroe High School in 2002.

Holt started his police career with Richlands Police Department in 2008, before transferring to Tazewell County Sheriff's Office. He returned to Richlands Police Department in September as its chief.

Holt has a bachelor's degree from Bluefield State University, where his mother and father taught. He received his master's degree from Liberty University in 2015. He is married to Brittany, who teaches first grade at Tazewell County Public Schools. They have one son, Christian, an honor student who plays football and baseball.

As he assumed his new role and reached a lifetime goal, Holt wanted the members and employees to know how valued his journey has been with PBA. Holt submitted a letter to PBA, detailing his positive affiliation and participation with the organization and thanking leaders for their guidance and expertise.

"As I begin a new chapter in my professional life, I cannot help but to reflect on the road that I've traveled that's led me to where I am at today. I have been a Virginia law enforcement officer for 15 years, during which time I have served in most capacities that our profession has to offer.

"I have worked town streets and county backroads in the patrol division, served as a DARE instructor in public school classrooms, worked undercover narcotics investigations, worked homicides and major crimes as a criminal investigator, hunted



Chief Holt with his family

some of the most dangerous fugitives known to law enforcement as a special deputy U.S. marshal, and I'm now serving as a chief of police, fulfilling one of my lifelong dreams. In my life away from law enforcement, I have been elected to public office twice, most recently serving as vice mayor in my small southwest Virginia town.

"While I am very proud of all of the achievements that I have accomplished in my personal and professional life, none have meant any more to me than my time serving as the president for the Greater Southwest Chapter of the Virginia Police Benevolent Association.

"While I have now served as chapter president for many years, and our chapter has enjoyed much success, the birth of our chapter and my leadership role were not ones that were realized in the traditional manner, rather it was born out of necessity.

"While I have been a PBA member for nearly my entire career as a law enforcer, it was not until a radical anti-law enforcement candidate filed for the office of the commonwealth attorney for my county that I realized that the PBA had so much more to offer than legal coverage when we find ourselves in a bind.

"Like so many others, I had never really given much



thought to the other numerous benefits of our PBA membership. It was not until I faced the possibility that an individual who did not hold my profession in very high regard could be my chief prosecutor, that I realized that the political action function of the PBA could be of great benefit to me.

"I began researching my options to get PBA members organized to fight back during this particular race. It was during this time that I met a man that has been one of the most influential leaders in my life, Sean McGowan, executive director of the Virginia Police Benevolent Association. Sean explained the process of political screenings.

"However, he advised me that our chapter was inactive, so we had no mechanism that we could use to screen political races until our chapter was functional and back in compliance. Feeling slightly overwhelmed, yet undeterred, I worked with Sean and a highly-motivated group of men and women to get our chapter back on the road to compliance. So was born my chapter, the Greater Southwest. I owe more than I can ever truly repay to Sean for his help during that process.

"Over the course of the last decade, the men and women of the Greater Southwest Chapter have been hard at work making an impact where and when we can. We have screened numerous political races.

"During these times we've unseated incumbents that were bad for our profession, elected friends of the PBA, developed meaningful relationships with policy makers and have carried out some of our most important functions, serving our law enforcers and their families in their most desperate times of need.

"I have personally seen the relief in a young officer's face when they realize that competent professionals are there to help when they've been faced with litigation. I have delivered checks to officers that have been injured in the line of duty, and even had the unfortunate privilege of delivering fundraiser proceeds to the family of a member killed in the line of duty -- the most humbling act I have carried out to date.

"During the time I have spent with the PBA, I have met some of the most caring and compassionate professionals working in our Georgia headquarters, each of whom have dedicated their work to making our profession better and safer for every one of our members.

"To simply say 'thank you' would be an insult to the hard work they do every day, but I will say it nonetheless. Thank you.

"While my season as a PBA leader is coming to a close as a result of my newly-held position, I will never stop being a supporter and believer in the mission of the PBA. I want to encourage the next generation of peace officers to be active in your local chapters, because you are the voice of our profession for years to come, and you'll always have supporters like me cheering you on and helping in any way that we can.

"Individually you can do things to make our profession better. However, working as a group there's no limit to the impact you can make on our profession today and for years to come. That is what the PBA is truly about.

"Godspeed to all of you who continue to serve behind the badge. You're all my heroes."



# South Carolina scholarship student talented on, off soccer field

By KATHARINE JEFACOATS  
EDITOR

Jordan Lester, a marketing student at Anderson University in South Carolina, said he is proud of his father -- and the feeling is mutual.

"Knowing my dad is out spending his time keeping people safe makes me extremely proud and honored to be the son of such an amazing man," said Jordan Lester.

The 2022 graduate of Dorman High School in Roebuck is one of more than 20 recipients of a scholarship issued annually through the Police Benevolent Foundation. He became eligible because his father, Spartanburg County sheriff's Deputy First Class Clarence Martin Lester Jr., is a PBA member.

"Being able to get a scholarship in general for college is something to be proud of, but to get a scholarship that not only honors me, but my dad as well, is that much more meaningful," said Jordan

Lester. "Earning this scholarship was a way for me to honor an impactful figure in my life, which is my dad."

Deputy Lester is an SRO. It helps that he has a background in youth development and outreach, and as a Special Victims Unit investigator.

"That experience has equipped me with tools and resources to be able to serve my students, teachers and their families," he said. "I'm assigned to an elementary school, so it's all fist bumps, high fives and autograph Fridays."

Deputy Lester has been in law enforcement more than 10 years. He sees his career as a calling -- one that works hand in hand with an even higher calling.

"When people are in trouble, they usually call the police or the pastor," he said. "I have been a licensed and ordained minister for 28 years. I enjoyed being involved in church ministry, but I see law enforcement as an opportunity to serve my community on a much greater scale."



Jordan Lester with dad Deputy Lester, mom Monica and favorite teacher, at left



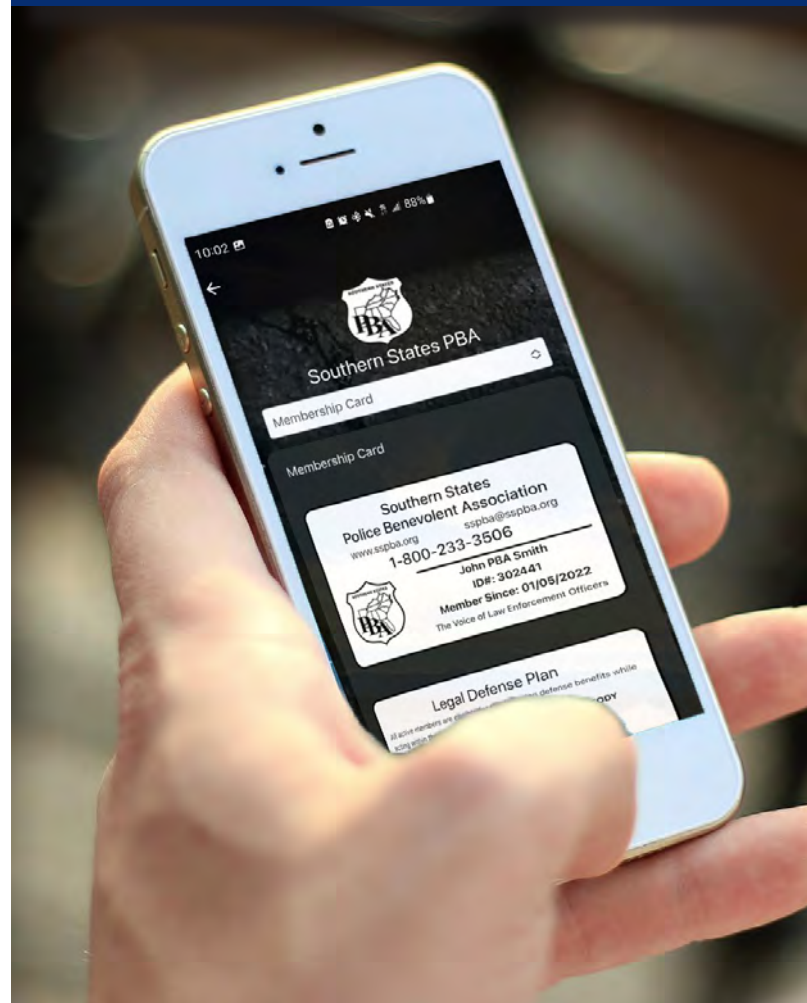


Jordan Lester with dad Deputy Martin Lester

Off the field, Jordan Lester maintained a 4.4 GPA and was a member of the Honors Society. Deputy Lester said he beamed with pride when people complimented him on his son's high school successes.

"Random people would approach me and tell me how respectful and how much of a great leader Jordan is," he said. "I would tell them that I tell Jordan that his character is more important than any goal he kicks. Your character will be with you for a lifetime."

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Deputy Lester said he and his wife, Monica, could not be happier with their son's academic and athletic successes. Jordan was a standout soccer player at Dorman and was named team captain in his sophomore year, All-Region Player of the Year, All-State and All-Area Player to Watch. He scored 17 goals during his junior year.

Boys soccer Head Coach Joshua D. Eskew praised the younger Lester as a well-rounded student in his recommendation letter submitted for the PBF scholarship.

"I have had the privilege to watch Jordan grow academically, by observation in the classroom, and I have seen him mature as an athlete and leader for our soccer team," wrote Eskew. "I believe he has demonstrated a desire to be a lifelong learner, and display the level of discipline necessary to succeed in college and beyond."

## Passion for narcotics interdiction drives W.Va. PBA member

By RANDY BYRD  
FOUNDATION AND MEDIA RELATIONS

As a K9 handler and a member of the Criminal Interdiction Response Team, Officer Dalton Condo developed a passion and skill set for removing narcotics from the streets of Martinsburg, W.Va.

Martinsburg is a city of about 20,000 residents located within an hour of Baltimore and Washington, D.C. The Martinsburg Police Department has 45 sworn officers.

During his tenure, Condo has been involved in various narcotics cases. Martinsburg is directly off I-81 and runs into I-70 which is 10 miles north of the city. This intersection makes the area one of the largest drug trafficking hubs in the country. The city is still battling the opioid epidemic and has one of the highest overdose rates in the country.

Condo got into law enforcement because he wanted to help the community, fight the war on drugs and protect people.

“My interest in narcotics work started at the beginning of my career and has continued to develop since then,” he said.

His work with his partner, Ryker, a Belgian Malinois, started in 2021, and this led to large quantities of marijuana, heroin, fentanyl, crack cocaine and methamphetamine being removed from the streets along with guns, currency and vehicles involved in the illegal trade.

“Narcotics are a major contribution to most violent crimes, so I try to focus on prevention of those violent crimes by getting the narcotics dealers off the streets and putting them in prison,” said Condo.

Condo grew up in Williamsport, Md., a small town along the Potomac River surrounded by a supportive community. He graduated from Smithsburg High School in 2014.

As a three-sport letterman, he received numerous awards to include being named all-county and all-conference in wrestling and football. He was also



Officer Condo and K9 partner Ryker

captain of both of those teams.

After high school, he attended West Virginia University, graduating with a degree in criminology, and law and legal studies in 2018. He later completed the 178th Basic Class at the West Virginia State Police Academy in Charleston, W.Va., before starting with Martinsburg. He has been an officer for four years.

His efforts as a police officer have led to numerous awards and commendations including the Elks Club Officer of the Year in 2019.

An avid outdoorsman, he loves hunting, hiking and training with Ryker. He also continues to be a fervent WVU football fan.

Condo recently became a member of the PBA. “I became a PBA member to know that I can go to work every day and have an organization willing to back me and protect me in everything I do in this career field,” he said.



## Political Update

The PBA has been active in the interview and endorsement process during the 2022 Primary and General Election cycle in five states. Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Alabama and Virginia endorsed 228 candidates on the local, state and federal levels. These endorsed candidates were running for US Senate, US Congress, governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, insurance commissioner, agriculture commissioner, labor commissioner, court of appeals, district attorney, sheriff, county commissioner, city council, court clerk and judicial seats.

If you would like to be involved in the political process in 2023, please contact your division president, chapter president, executive director or staff representative in your state.



Georgia State House Rep. Lauren McDonald with members after interview



NC Division President David Rose and US Senator-Elect Tedd Budd at fundraising event



Hopewell, Va., City Council candidate Michael Harris with members



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# Profile: Ky. K9 handler Officer Nick Adams and partner Crickett

BY KATHARINE JEFFCOATS  
EDITOR

Stanford police Officer Nick Adams grew up fascinated with law enforcement work, thanks to the long-running and popular Fox reality show, "COPS."

Adams and his brother, Jake, were raised in Kings Mountain, Ky., by parents Ricky and Sherry Adams. Ricky Adams works as an electrician and his wife is a Realtor.

"I got into law enforcement for the excitement of not knowing what the day holds," said Nick Adams. "I love the unknown factor of my career choice. I used to work in a factory before this and it seemed like it was the same old tasks day in and day out. I also have always wanted to do this job ever since watching 'COPS' on TV when I was a small child."

Through hard work and perseverance, Adams achieved his goal of donning the blue uniform of a police officer and works as a K9 handler at Stanford (Ky.) Police Department. His partner is Crickett, a German shorthaired pointer.

The long road took him through a brief stint in college, a couple of factory jobs and work as a cadet with Bowling Green Police Department. "Total time in law enforcement is seven years," he said. "I have only been a fulltime sworn officer for three years of that. I know that is tricky, but that has been my start in my career."

Adams is rooted in rural Kentucky, hailing from a traditional small hometown where everyone knows everyone. He graduated Lincoln County High School in Stanford in 2007. He was active in FFA and completed a co-op and internship at the Stanford Police Department. But, most importantly, he started dating his wife, Latasha, in 2006.

"I am married to my 'high school sweetheart,' as they call it," said Adams. "We have been together since 2006. We married in 2013. She is a registered nurse for a local hospital. I am a proud father of two boys who are daylight and dark different from one another -- Gatlin, who is 6 years old, and Gauge,



Stanford, Ky., police Officer Nick Adams and his K9 partner, Crickett, conducting a sweep

who is 4 years old. The youngest is the wild one, and the oldest loves taking care of his little brother."

After high school graduation, Adams did start college, attending classes at Western Kentucky University.

"I found out the hard way that college was just not for me," he said. "It was hard to juggle jobs and school work, plus the big city living."

He did get his feet wet while at WKU, working as a non-sworn cadet at Bowling Green Police



Department in 2011.

“Basically, we closed city parks, issued parking citations and took theft reports,” said Adams. “We also could do ride-alongs with officers as much as we wanted as well. This is really when the addiction to policing started. After the first ride-along, I was hooked.”

After about a year, Adams moved back home, having had a hard time finding an agency that was hiring. He returned to factory work to pay the bills but became a special deputy for the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office in 2016. His next step included completing rookie school at Department of Criminal Justice Training in Richmond, Ky.

“Basically, the responsibilities I had were to serve civil papers, but I would also assist in answering calls and providing backup to deputies,” he said. “In 2019, LCSO decided to hire me full-time and send me through DOCJT. I ended up getting offered a job with my current agency, Stanford Police Department, in 2020. I then went through DOCJT in early 2021 and graduated in late 2021. COVID screwed DOCJT all up just like the rest of the world.”

Once he was a certified law enforcement officer, Adams joined PBA.

“I became a PBA member for the peace of mind, knowing that this association will protect me knowing I do my job in a professional manner,” he said.

Adams said he has been positively influenced by several folks in his life, including his family, whom he considers his biggest supporters. He looks to Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson’s motto for his favorite quote, “Blood, sweat and respect. First two you give, the last one you earn.”

A strong role model is retired Duke basketball Coach Mike Krzyzewski, known as Coach K.

“My favorite leader is, hands down, Coach K of the Duke Blue Devils,” said Adams. “I love how he demanded excellence from his players and demanded respect. I would give anything to meet him one day.”



Stanford K9 handler Nick Adams and partner Crickett

In fact, Adams counts Duke basketball, fishing and spending quality time with his family among his hobbies and favorite pastimes. Judging by the names of his children and pets, Adams also enjoys a fondness for weaponry.

“Cool thing about me is all of my pets and my children have gun-themed names,” he said. “Examples of dogs that I have, Remi, Buck, Daisy and Gunner. Also, if you paid attention, my K-9 partner is Crickett, which is small arms company. I had to keep the theme going. Also my children, Gatlin aka Gatlin Gun. Also, Gauge which is pretty self-explanatory in the gun world.”

Adams partnered up with Crickett in June 2022 when she was acquired to replace an aging K-9 unit. He said the department was looking for a narcotics K-9.

“We located a grant through AKC Reunite and obtained funds for most of the cost of the K-9,” he said. “I wanted a German shorthaired pointer and we located a place that trains them in Warren, Ohio, which was Tri-State K9.”

Adams said he spent three weeks in Ohio with Tri-State owner Dave Blosser, whom he describes as a “dog whisperer.”

“It’s unreal,” he said. “Just knowing how my K-9 operates and her becoming not only my partner at work, but I view her as one of my children. Crickett is a 1-year-old GSP. She is a very high energy dog and can’t get enough work. As a matter of fact, she never gets tired of working. She loves to play hard

## Georgia county commissioner becomes valued friend of PBA

By RANDY BYRD  
FOUNDATION AND MEDIA RELATIONS

The PBA political process is a time-honored tradition that has been in place for decades and was created by the late founder Charlie Maddox.

This process involves the members deciding which races to get involved in, along with the issues they want to address politically.

After approval from the legal staff, the questions are mailed to the candidates with an invitation letter. This allows the candidate the opportunity to prepare for what is a job interview and to understand the significant issues facing officers.

On the day of the interview, the candidate meets with the screening committee. This group of members volunteers their time to grade the candidate's responses to the questions and make recommendations to the board on final endorsements.

Once the endorsements are made, all candidates are notified of their results. The board then goes to work to help the candidates get elected.

After the candidate is elected, PBA leaders (through their chapters) begin the work to improve the professional lives of the members. This work oftentimes translates to mutual respect and meaningful relationships.

Augusta-Richmond County Commissioner Brandon Garrett is one such candidate. Originally endorsed by the Augusta River Chapter in 2018 and again this year, Garrett has become a great friend of the PBA.

During his time in office, he supported better pay, equipment and benefits for officers. He also supported better pension rate structures for first responders and much-needed bonuses for law enforcement during the pandemic.

Garrett has enjoyed his working relationship with the PBA.

"I appreciate the way they are able to use one voice



Commissioner Garrett with Augusta River Chapter member David James and chapter President Bracken

to help facilitate changes needed at the local level," he said. "It helps with cohesiveness."

Larry Bracken serves as president of the Augusta River Chapter and has been at the forefront of working on issues with Garrett.

"Since being elected, he has worked tirelessly to achieve better pay and retirement for all law enforcement officers in our city," Bracken said. "In the past couple of years, when some elected officials turned their backs on law enforcement, Commissioner Garrett stood up for the men and women in blue and has never wavered.

"He is not only a good friend to law enforcement, but also the constituents he serves," continued Bracken.

Garrett was born in Augusta but was raised in



Archdale, N.C., until his freshman year of high school. His family returned to Georgia and the small town of Waynesboro.

Garrett graduated from Burke County High School in 1998. He continued his education at Augusta Tech and later graduated from Southern Wesleyan University with a bachelor's degree in business management in 2010.

Garrett has been in the marketing business for 22 years.

"I am passionate about helping local and national

businesses grow and succeed," he said. Garrett is married to Candace. She is a Hephzibah, Ga., native and taught public school for 12 years. They are raising their three children on family land in south Richmond County, where Candace homeschools the kids.

"As a family, we work, learn, play and worship in the Central Savannah River Area," he said. "Together we hope to spend our lives serving our Lord and helping our fellow man."

The Augusta River Chapter is looking forward to its continued work with Garrett.

## Recovery and Memorial Funds



In addition to the comprehensive benefits package that PBA offers its members, the Police Benevolent Foundation works with members and their families to help with unexpected expenses or losses. Some examples in 2022 include heart transplants, loss from fire, traffic accidents, shot in the line of duty and cancer, to name a few. This year, we assisted 13 members.



The president of the Southeastern Chapter of the NCPBA presenting a check to Deputy Hesse



Deputy Sharp is presented the check by deputies Eggers, Ladnier and Hicks



MS Division President Andy Matuszewski presents check to Officer Tew

If you are a member, or know of a member, in need, please contact your division president, chapter president, executive director or staff representative in your state.

## For the first time, North Carolina court permits officer's constitutional challenge to Giglio letter to proceed

BY JONI FLETCHER CAWTHON  
LEGAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

For several years, one of PBA's primary concerns regarding law enforcement employment has been Giglio impairment letters and their potential to end an officer's career.

Giglio letters are issued by prosecutors when they have concerns about a law enforcement officer's credibility and viability as a prosecution witness. In many cases, these letters permanently disqualify an officer from serving as a witness on behalf of the state. Losing this key component of the job – the ability to testify – often results in the officer being terminated from employment.

Although the daunting challenge in regard to these matters has been the lack of an avenue to contest Giglio letters when they are issued by district attorneys, a recent decision by a North Carolina court has provided some reason for optimism.

In February 2020, Asheville police Officer Anthony Sorangelo and other officers were called to respond in regard to an apparently intoxicated man on the side of a busy road. After officers were present with the subject for some time, they made the decision to take the subject into custody.

The subject objected by cursing, throwing objects at officers and, eventually, kicking Sorangelo in the groin as he placed the subject into the patrol vehicle. Sorangelo delivered one quick strike and the subject complied.

After Sorangelo self-reported the use of force, the SBI investigated the incident and did not find or conclude that Sorangelo had committed a crime or had used unlawful force.

Nevertheless, DA Todd Williams instructed the SBI to charge Sorangelo with misdemeanor simple assault.

In addition, Williams issued a Giglio letter in which he stated that his office would no longer



use Sorangelo as a witness “without first disclosing impeachment evidence of potential criminal wrongdoing via a summary memorandum of the charged conduct.”

The letter read further that Williams would no longer use Sorangelo as a witness in any future misdemeanor cases.

No finding of untruthfulness – the standard basis for the issuance of Giglio letters – was made. Shortly thereafter, Sorangelo's employment was terminated by Chief David Zack. The termination letter, which was a public record, recited the substance of Williams' Giglio letter.

When Sorangelo's criminal case went to trial in February 2021, the court granted Sorangelo's motion to dismiss the case on the basis that the use of force was lawful. The judge went so far as to state that Sorangelo should never have been charged.

After the criminal charge was dismissed, Sorangelo requested that Williams rescind his Giglio letter. He received no clear response to his request. Eight months later, in preparation for his termination appeal, Sorangelo learned that Williams did, in



fact, send Zack a letter rescinding the initial Giglio letter at the conclusion of the February trial.

Although the city had made the substance of the initial Giglio letter public, the city did not communicate the “vindication letter” to Sorangelo and made no change to his terminated status. In the meantime, Sorangelo lost multiple employment opportunities.

In 2021, PBA authorized Raleigh attorney Jeff Warren to file suit in Buncombe County Superior Court against Williams, the City of Asheville and Zack on Sorangelo’s behalf.

All defendants subsequently filed motions to dismiss, and a hearing on their motions was held Sept. 6, 2022. On Sept. 19, the court denied the motions.

Judge Jacqueline Grant ruled that Sorangelo had

stated a claim for the violation of his North Carolina constitutional rights to 1) procedural due process and 2) to enjoy the fruits of his labor arising from the Giglio letter and the subsequent suppression of that letter’s retraction by the City of Asheville.

The judge stated that Sorangelo’s amended complaint “contains sufficient allegations to state a claim upon which relief may be granted and, therefore, is sufficient to survive the Defendants’ Motions to Dismiss.”

This decision marks the first time that a North Carolina court has recognized the violation of an officer’s constitutional rights arising from the issuance of a Giglio letter.

It provides North Carolina officers with a foot in the door as they seek due process in regard to the devastating impact of Giglio letters.



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