



LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**PERSONNEL ORDER**  
Lexington, Kentucky

DATE OF ISSUE  
December 2, 2025

EFFECTIVE DATE  
December 2, 2025

NUMBER  
PO:25-500

TO:  
RESIGNATION

AMENDS:

INDEX AS:  
OFFICER  
JOSHUA YEAGER / 59711

RESCINDS:

This is to advise on the resignation of Officer Joshua Yeager, to be effective, December 2, 2025.

*Lawrence B. Weathers*

Lawrence B. Weathers  
Chief of Police

LBW/rmh



Lexington-Fayette Urban County  
Division of Police  
**MEMORANDUM**  
Lexington, Kentucky

DATE OF ISSUE  
December 4, 2025

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NUMBER  
COP:  
25-0225

TO:  
Commander David Biroshik  
Public Integrity Unit

SUBJECT:  
Formal Complaint PIU2025F-012  
Officer Joshua Yeager / 59711

FROM:  
Lawrence B. Weathers  
Chief of Police

I met with Officer Joshua Yeager on October 8, 2025, in regards to a formal complaint. Officer Yeager requested to go before the Disciplinary Review Board.

Officer Yeager was scheduled to meet with the Disciplinary Review Board on November 13, 2025. The Disciplinary Review Board recommended termination.

I met again with Officer Yeager on December 2, 2025, and agree with the recommendation of termination from the Disciplinary Review Board.

Officer Yeager submitted his resignation, to be effective December 2, 2025.

*Lawrence B. Weathers*

Lawrence B. Weathers  
Chief of Police

LBW/rmh

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LEXINGTON POLICE  
DEPARTMENT  
**MEMORANDUM**  
Lexington, Kentucky

DATE OF ISSUE  
November 13, 2025

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NUMBER  
PIU25-147

<b>TO:</b> Lawrence Weathers Chief of Police	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Disciplinary Review Board Findings & Recommendation - PIU 2025F-012 Officer Joshua Yeager 59711
<b>FROM:</b> Commander David Biroshik Bureau of Investigation Public Integrity Unit	

On Thursday, November 13, 2025, the Disciplinary Review Board convened to review the Formal Complaint filed by Commander Daniel Burnett against Officer Joshua Yeager for violation of General Order 1973-02L, Disciplinary Procedures of Sworn Officers, Appendix B, Operational Rule 1.02 Misconduct.

Below is a list of the Disciplinary Board Members:

- Assistant Chief Brian Maynard
- Assistant Chief Sam Murdock
- Commander Darin Salyer
- Commander Kevin Metcalf
- Commander Chris Cooper
- Sergeant Brad Hawkins
- Sergeant William Powers
- Ms. Darlene Barber (Citizen Member)
- Ms. Allison Connelly (Citizen Member)

The Board reviewed and discussed information compiled during the administrative investigation conducted by Lieutenant Joe Anderson. The Disciplinary Review Board found Officer Yeager's conduct to be improper and made a recommendation of a Termination. This matter is being forwarded to you for consideration.

Officer Yeager was advised of the findings of the Disciplinary Review Board and their recommended discipline. Officer Yeager was advised he would be contacted by the Office of the Chief to set a date for you to confer with him.

Per the current Collective Bargaining Agreement Article 15, Section 5/I; a copy of this memorandum was mailed to Officer Yeager.

\_\_\_\_\_(e-mailed)\_\_\_\_\_  
Commander David Biroshik  
Bureau of Investigation  
Public Integrity Unit



Lexington-Fayette Urban County  
Division of Police

**MEMORANDUM**

Lexington, Kentucky

DATE OF ISSUE

October 10, 2025

EFFECTIVE DATE

NUMBER

COP:  
25-0204

TO: Commander David Biroschik Public Integrity Unit	SUBJECT: Disciplinary Review Board - Formal Complaint PIU2025F-012 Officer Joshua Yeager / 59711
FROM: Lawrence B. Weathers Chief of Police	

I met with Officer Joshua Yeager on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, in regards to a formal complaint. Officer Yeager has requested to have this formal complaint referred to the Disciplinary Review Board.

Please convene the Disciplinary Review Board.

*Lawrence B. Weathers*

Lawrence B. Weathers  
Chief of Police

LBW/rmh

Attachment



LEXINGTON POLICE  
DEPARTMENT  
**MEMORANDUM**  
Lexington, Kentucky

DATE OF ISSUE  
September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

EFFECTIVE DATE

NUMBER  
PIU 25-107

<p>TO: Commander David Biroschick Bureau of Investigation Public Integrity Unit</p>	<p>SUBJECT: Summary of Formal Complaint on Officer Joshua Yeager PIU 2025F-012</p>
<p>FROM: Lieutenant Joe Anderson Bureau of Investigation Public Integrity Unit</p>	

Sir,

This memorandum will provide a synopsis of the investigation; however, other supporting documents may be viewed in conjunction with this memorandum.

On August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Commander Dan Burnett filed a formal complaint against Officer Joshua Yeager that alleged the following:

*During a separate PIU investigation it was determined that Officer J. Yeager sent and received inappropriate and inflammatory videos through a social media site, while conversing with another officer. These videos were offensive in nature and placed doubt on his integrity, judgment and character.*

If the above allegation is true, Officer Yeager has violated General Order 1973-02L Disciplinary Procedures of Sworn Officers, Appendix B, Operational Rule 1.02 Misconduct, which states:

*Officers shall conduct themselves at all times, both on and off duty, in such a manner as to reflect most favorably on the department and to not cast doubt on the officer's integrity, honesty, judgment, or character. Misconduct of an officer shall include that which tends to bring the department into disrepute or reflects discredit upon the officer as an employee of the department, or that which tends to impair the operation and efficiency of the department or officer.*

**Interview #1 With Officer Joshua Yeager**

Officer Yeager was interviewed while on-duty on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, at 1601 hours in the PIU office with Lieutenant Dillan Taylor also present. Commander Biroschik was in the office next door with our doors open. This interview was conducted as part of a separate PIU investigation into the actions of

- Never saw                    treat anyone differently.
- Never heard                utter a slur referring to different races or ethnicities
- Never heard                say anything disparaging about women.

- may have “liked” an Instagram post that was derogatory toward women because            pointed it out to Yeager. He could not remember the video.
- Was            beat partner once or twice a week. Does not remember            ever taking the lead on a call for service. Only remembers taking lead if he (            ) made a traffic stop.
- Did not watch the video            sent on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Became aware of it when Commander Burnett brought it to his attention.
- Received a video from Instagram from            on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Stated he did not watch it but the thumbnail appeared to be George Floyd in an AI video.
  - It was later confirmed by Sergeant McGowan this video was an AI video showing George Floyd selling a fictional product in a commercial. It would be considered unprofessional and inappropriate by any reasonable person.
  - Asked him what are the odds of there being a meme or video of George Floyd and it being derogatory in nature. He stated “Very high.”
- Exchanged private messages via Instagram with            that consisted of videos, usually AI, that were “shocking” because of how realistic they looked.
- Does not recall            sending any videos (except the final video sent on June 16<sup>th</sup>) that were “blatantly kind of racist or disrespectful...if anything more just immature or like, just funny videos...”
- Agreed he sent one AI video to            (as stated in his own memorandum) of a white, uniformed police officer ordering a coffee in a coffee shop. The barista sits the coffee down and the officer says “It’s black” and stands up and shoots the coffee with his firearm.
  - Stated the video was “shocking” because it looks real.
  - “I didn’t necessarily find humor from it.”
  - “...to me, if anything, it’s showing what other people think police do.”
  - “It was more like, oh crap, look how real it is and look what people are saying.”
  - “I think I interpret the coffee one a little differently. I don’t, I think that’s more dehumanizing towards police.”
  - “I didn’t find any humor and it; it was more the shock factor behind it.”
- stated in his memorandum he received an Instagram video from Yeager that was AI and show a male white pouring out water in front of African villagers.
  - Yeager agreed he sent that video to
  - “Again, that was when, like, holy crap, like this is, look how realistic this, like this is becoming and thinking that’s what’s going on.”
- Asked him if he saw any commonalities in the two videos he sent            other than both being AI.
  - “It’s, it’s depicting essentially white people trying to, I don’t know, almost dehumanize or go after black people and showing white people, like in that kind of negative light, like, look what they’re doing to these other people.”
- Asked if he saw any issues sending these two videos since he is a white, male, Lexington Police officer.
  - “From the way that, from my reaction, the way that I interpret the video one, it’s, I didn’t, you know, yes, I am a police officer and like, you know, I do represent the agency, but that this was more like, yes, it was a private chat, but I, my interpretation of those videos, me personally came from the idea of like more, it’s the shock factor, not the shock value of it. Not that like, I agree with these types of things. It’s more like, oh crap, look at this AI, look how real it is

and look what's going on. That's my interpretation of it. So just based on that, um, I don't see like a problem with those or, the, the sending of those based on my interpretation of them.”

- I advised him I had sent AI videos showing a cat riding an alligator but no one is being dehumanized and no one is being made to look like a villain.
- “And my, my intent's not to celebrate. And I even said that I, in my, my intent not to celebrate what's going on. Like I don't believe sending something like that means you agree in a positive light, what that message is.”
  - Asked if sent a message with the videos, something that would let someone know he did not agree or support the idea(s) being represented in the videos. He did not send any message with either video.
- Asked what the media would say if they became aware.
  - “I mean, they could, they could, I mean, just how things like that happen in the media anyways. They could just spin it anyway they want. I mean, that could happen with anything.”
- Asked if he could go through his phone and find any videos or pictures he sent that did not involve anyone being dehumanized.
  - It is unknown if it was a video he sent to anyone but he quickly brings up a video on Instagram of a guy sleeping in a chair and being woken up by fireworks going off under his chair. The second video was a meme about an FTO and his recruit joking about the recruits’ new addictions to caffeine, Zyn, and ER nurses.
- Commander Biroschik asked if someone could view any of the videos he sent and take them out of context and view them as inappropriate, racist, sexist, or otherwise problematic.
  - “I’m sure you could find somebody. Sure. I personally don’t think so. I know like any of my friends or family, whoever that I would send anything to, surely would not.”
- “Like at no point was I, did I feel that I ever sent anything that was, and I noted that in my memo that portrayed, that showed where like I agreed with like racism or with like dehumanizing other populations. That's not, that's not my intent or my thought process behind any of these videos.”

## **Interview #2 With Officer Joshua Yeager**

Officer J. Yeager was interviewed regarding his formal complaint on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 1458 hours in the PIU office. Lieutenant Dillan Taylor was also present. Officer J. Yeager was on-duty at the time of the interview.

- Read the signed formal complaint and ensured he received a copy prior to his interview.
- Advised I had no questions since he was previously interviewed and no new information had been brought forward. Asked if he had anything else he wished to say.
  - Apologized for putting the department in this position, realized he was unprofessional.
  - Felt bad for leaving his shift short since he was reassigned.
  - Disappointed in himself and felt like he knew better and used poor judgement.
  - Is appreciative of the feedback he received in his first interview and reflected on his decisions after speaking to other officers about his situation.

- Felt like he got too comfortable talking with other officers and realized private conversations can become public.
- Was unaware of behavior and stated beliefs. He would have reported him to a supervisor if had knowledge of that. Whatever issues had, he (Yeager) is not like him.
- The content of the videos does not reflect who he is and what he believes.
- He has never treated anyone differently based on any factors and hopes his 3 years of service and interactions with the community and his friends is proof of that.
- Has already reduced his social media exposure.
- Realized he still represents the department when he is off-duty and not in uniform.

## Summary

- Officer J. Yeager sent two A.I. videos to resigned effective 7/31/2025, prior to the investigation into his actions being completed.) that were inappropriate and inflammatory.
  - These two videos were offensive in nature and placed doubt on his integrity, judgement, and character.
- On August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, sent another video to Officer Yeager and at least one other officer. This video is an AI video of George Floyd appearing in a fictional commercial for a fictional medicine. It would most certainly be considered inappropriate by a reasonable person.
- During his first interview, Officer Yeager did not appear to appreciate the seriousness of his actions or the possible ramifications. He also did not seem to view the videos he sent as inappropriate or inflammatory.
  - Stated he now understands and regrets his decisions and apologized for engaging in the behavior.
  - Has taken steps to prevent this from occurring again.

## Conclusion

Officer Yeager sent two inappropriate and inflammatory videos to another officer through a social media site. Both videos were offensive in nature and place Officer Yeager's integrity, judgement, and character in doubt. It has been demonstrably proven Officer Yeager has violated General Order 1973-02L Disciplinary Procedures of Sworn Officers, Appendix B, Operational Rule 1.02 Misconduct.

Lieutenant Joe Anderson  
Bureau of Investigation  
Public Integrity Unit



Lexington Police Department  
**MEMORANDUM**  
Lexington, Kentucky

DATE OF ISSUE  
August 25, 2025

EFFECTIVE DATE

NUMBER  
PIU: 25-078

<b>TO:</b> Assistant Chief Newman Bureau of Patrol	<b>SUBJECT:</b>  FORMAL COMPLAINT
<b>FROM:</b> Lieutenant Joe Anderson Bureau of Investigation Public Integrity Unit	

**COMPLAINANT:** Commander Daniel Burnett

**ACCUSED OFC.:** Officer Joshua Yeager

**ALLEGATION:** Violating General Order 1973-02L Disciplinary Procedures of Sworn Officers, Appendix B, Operational Rule 1.02 - Misconduct.

**ALLEGED CIRCUMSTANCES:** During a separate PIU investigation it was determined that Officer J. Yeager sent and received inappropriate and inflammatory videos through a social media site, while conversing with another officer. These videos were offensive in nature and placed doubt on his integrity, judgment and character.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

- The Bureau Commander and Officer Yeager should sign the Acknowledgment Sheet and process this complaint.
- The Commanding Officer should provide the attached copy of the Form 111 and the Officer's Rights Packet to Officer Yeager.
- Officer Yeager should contact the Public Integrity Unit to arrange for a time to provide a formal statement.

DATE

TIME

Bureau Commander D. J. B. 44366 08-25-2025 1626

Supervisor B.L. STA 44990 08.25.2025 1624

Officer John Geary 08.25.2025 1623

Accused officer would like the Public Integrity Unit to notify the FOP President or their designee that a formal complaint is filed against them. (Circle One)  YES or NO

Returned to the Public Integrity Unit Joe Anderson 08-26-2025 / 1045

Joe Anderson

Lieutenant Joe Anderson  
Bureau of Investigation  
Public Integrity Unit

mrj

enclosures

cc: Chief Lawrence Weathers  
file - PIU2025F-012

**LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
FORMAL COMPLAINT FORM**

FORM 111 (2/24)

File #: PIU2025F-012

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Employee Involved: Officer Joshua Yeager			Employee #: 59711	Hire Date: 05/22/2022
Present Assignment: Bureau of Patrol / West Sector - Second Shift				
Complainant: Commander Daniel Burnett		Complainant Address: 150 E. Main Street		
Complainant Phone #: (859) 258-3600	Alternate Complainant Phone #: N/A	Complainant Email: dburnett@lexingtonpolice.ky.gov		
Date of Incident: Multiple	Time of Incident: Various	Location of Incident: Various Locations	Date and Time Reported:	How Reported: <input type="checkbox"/> Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Email

**DESCRIPTION OF ALLEGATIONS:**

During a separate PIU investigation it was determined that Officer J. Yeager sent and received inappropriate and inflammatory videos through a social media site, while conversing with another officer. These videos were offensive in nature and placed doubt on his integrity, judgment and character.

If the above allegation is true, Officer Yeager has violated General Order 1973-02L Disciplinary Procedures of Sworn Officers, Appendix B, Operational Rule 1.02 Misconduct.

I swear/affirm that the facts set out in the allegations herein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Complainant Signature: *Daniel Burnett* Date: 8/25/2025  
 Subscribed and sworn before me this date: 8-25-25 Melanie R. Votaw KYNP20919  
(Date) (Notary)

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness:**  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded By: Bureau of Investigation, Public Integrity Unit

File #: PIU2025F-012

Employee: Officer Joshua Yeager

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

[Finding: PC=Proper Conduct, IC=Improper Conduct, IE=Insufficient Evidence, PF=Policy Failure, UC=Unfounded Complaint]

Finding **Policy Violation**

IC	General Order 1973-02L Disciplinary Procedures of Sworn Officers, Appendix B, Operational Rule 1.02 Misconduct.

Chief of Police Determination:  Case Be Closed  Corrective Training  Recommend Disciplinary Action (see below)

Materials Reviewed: Recommended Termination

Comments:  
Reviewed PIU synopsis

Signature: Lawrence B. Weathers Digitally signed by Lawrence B. Weathers Date: 2025.10.10 08:43:19 -0400 Date: October 10, 2025

**DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD**

Finding **Policy Violation**

IC	General Order 1973-02L Disciplinary Procedures of Sworn Officers, Appendix B, Operational Rule 1.02 Misconduct.

Disciplinary Review Board Recommendation:  Case Be Closed  Corrective Training  Disciplinary Action (see below)

Comments:  
Termination

Signature: David Biroshik Digitally signed by David Biroshik Date: 2025.12.03 12:56:45 -0500 Date: November 13, 2025

**CHIEF OF POLICE FINAL DETERMINATION**

Case Be Closed  Corrective Training  Recommend Disciplinary Action (see below)

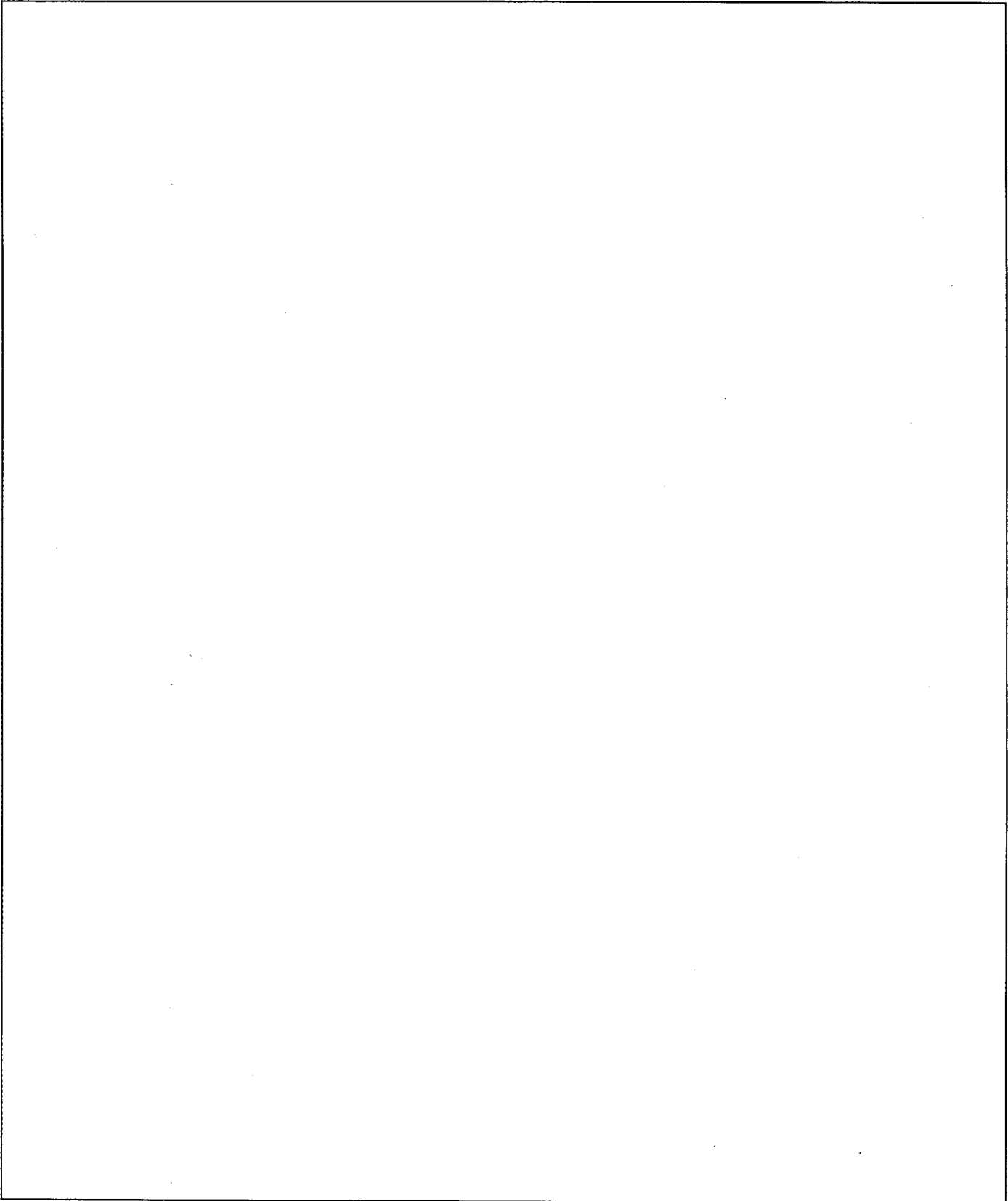
Comments:  
Termination

Signature: Lawrence B. Weathers Digitally signed by Lawrence B. Weathers Date: 2025.12.03 12:58:21 -0500 Date: December 2, 2025

File #: PIU2025F-012

Employee: Officer Joshua Yeager

**ALLEGATIONS CONTINUED:**



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