

PROBABLE CAUSE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

CASE NO. 008-815-09-18

1. Aaron Lamar Colquitt is certified (Juvenile Correctional Officer).
2. Officer Colquitt was employed with the most recent law enforcement unit from 10/02/2017, until he was terminated on 05/06/2019.
3. Officer Colquitt is not currently employed by a law enforcement unit.
4. Officer Colquitt has a certification that is on Medical Hold.
5. Officer Colquitt did not report his arrest from 09/11/2018.
6. Officer Colquitt did not submit a response to this investigation.

CASE SUMMARY

On 04/28/2018, Officer McHale with the Atlanta Police Department (APD) was dispatched to a residential burglary. Officer McHale's report indicates he met with the homeowners, whom he identified in the report as Mr. Kelly, Mr. Nix, and Mr. Lurie. Mr. Nix reported that when he returned home, he noticed one of the side windows was propped open with a glass jar, and the back door was left open. All three residents reported multiple items missing, such as clothing, a Nintendo Switch, along with a Taurus .38 caliber handgun. The offender information was listed as unknown at the time.

According to a supplemental narrative by Detective Romer, he was assigned this investigation and determined Officer Colquitt pawned the stolen Nintendo as his Georgia identification was used for the transaction. Detective Romer's report reflected he contacted Officer Colquitt via phone, who advised him that he bought the item on LetGo. Detective Romer documented that he asked Officer Colquitt if he would email him the transaction information, and he (Officer Colquitt) stated he would. Detective Romer wrote that weeks went by without him receiving any information from Officer Colquitt.

Detective Romer wrote that he received an email from Jenni, who was an employee at Labels Consignment Shop and also received an email from Mr. Kelly. From the emails, Mr. Kelly advised while he was shopping, he noticed some clothing for sale at this shop that was stolen from his home. Detective Romer stated Mr. Kelly was able to provide the store with receipts for the clothing. Detective Romer stated Jenni informed him that Officer Colquitt had consigned these clothing items. Detective Romer noted Officer Colquitt again provided all of his contact information to Labels to complete the transaction.

Detective Romer said he attempted to reach Officer Colquitt at the same phone number he made contact with him previously; this time a female answered the phone and advised that he had the wrong number. Detective Romer said he attempted to email Officer Colquitt using the same email address he had provided; however, he received no response after multiple attempts

to contact him.

Detective Romer wrote that he contacted the Fulton County Complaint Room, who advised they believed he had enough probable cause for an arrest warrant. Detective Romer obtained an arrest warrant for Officer Colquitt for Theft by Receiving.

According to the incident report, on 09/11/2018, APD Officer Mercure was notified that Officer Colquitt was being held at the Baldwin County Jail on the Atlanta warrant for Theft by Receiving Stolen Property; he was transported to the Fulton County Jail. A copy of the incident report and supplemental narratives are included in the case file. Also included in the case file is a copy of the Fulton Jail Record that showed Officer Colquitt was booked and charged with Theft by Receiving Stolen Property (misdemeanor) on 09/11/2018, and released on a Surety Bond in the amount of \$2,000.00 on 09/12/2018.

On 10/28/2019, the Theft by Receiving Stolen Property charge was Nolle Prossed – Restricted (Non-Criminal Justice). A copy of the State Court Case Summary was downloaded and is included in the case file.

On 08/23/2021, this investigator attempted to contact Officer Colquitt via phone, and received an automated message that the person called does not have a voice mailbox set up at this time. An email was sent to the address on Officer Colquitt's demographics page. A copy of the email was printed and placed in the case file.

This investigator received a call from Officer Colquitt, who said he has paperwork that showed his theft charge was a mistake; he was asked if he would like to provide a copy and he said he would take a picture of the document and email it to me sometime this week. Officer Colquitt mentioned that he had no interest in maintaining his POST certification, nor was he planning to return to law enforcement. As such, this investigator offered to send him a surrender form. The form was completed and emailed to Officer Colquitt this same day. The email contained a synopsis of our discussion to include the surrender form and instructions. A copy of the email is included in the case file. The phone call was partially recorded, downloaded to a disc, and placed in the case file.

As of 10/25/2021, this investigator has not received a copy of the documentation from Officer Colquitt that he mentioned about the theft charge being a mistake, nor has he returned the signed surrender form.

On 10/31/2021, this investigator checked Officer Colquitt's POST demographics page, which still showed he last accessed the Gateway on 12/20/2018, at 8:55 am.

Note: It was discovered during the POST investigation that Officer Colquitt was terminated from the Department of Juvenile Justice on 05/06/2019, for Failure to Return to Work from a Leave of Absence. A copy of the termination paperwork is included in the case file.

DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

Date: 03/15/2019 (Date of Incident)
Offense: Employee Misconduct
Disposition: Letter of Concern (Copy of Investigation included in case file)

Date: 05/21/2018
Offense: Job Performance
Disposition: Performance Improvement Plan

Date: 05/16/2018
Offense: Standard of Conduct and Ethics (Job Performance)
Disposition: Letter of Reprimand

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Date: 09/18/2012
Offense: Simple Battery
Disposition: Nolle Prossed (06/16/2014, Dismissed)

Date: 10/24/2012
Offense: Criminal Trespass (Also disrupting a Public School)
Disposition: Nolle Prossed (09/09/2013, Dismissed)

Date: 04/30/2014
Offense: Criminal Trespass
Disposition: Guilty, Confinement three (3) days, forty (40) hours community service, eleven (11) months', twenty seven (27) days probation, and court cost \$50.00

VIOLATION

It is hereby asserted this individual is in violation of the following sections of O.C.G.A. 35-8-7.1 (a)(4),(6),(7),(8),(11) as attached:

In accordance with O.C.G.A. 35-8-7.1 (b) (1), the Probable Cause Committee makes the following recommendations to the Council:

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Chairman, Probable Cause Committee
Date:

Chairman, P.O.S.T. Council
Date: