



PROBABLE CAUSE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL Investigations Division

		Officer Status:	File Review Required
Case Number:	002-604-08-23	Officer Name:	Errol D. Farrell Jr.
Is the Officer on POST Probation?	☐ YES ☒ NO	Officer Certification:	Multi-Certified
If Yes, Case Number:		Is the Probation History Included?	☐ YES ☐ NO
Is there a companion case?	☐ YES ☒ NO		
If Yes, Case Number(s):			
Did Parent Agency Complete Internal Investigation?	☒ YES ☐ NO		
Was there a Criminal Investigation?	☐ YES ☒ NO		
If Yes, agency responsible for criminal case:			
Is criminal case included?	☐ YES ☐ NO		
Is criminal case concluded?	☐ YES ☐ NO		
Is Officer Currently Employed?	☒ YES ☐ NO		
If Yes, Current Agency:	CLAYTON COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE		
Did Officer submit a response to POST?	☐ YES ☒ NO		
If arrested: Did Officer self-report?	☐ YES ☐ NO		
Polygraph/Voice Stress Administered?	☐ YES ☒ NO		
Results of Polygraph/Voice Stress:	Please select:		
Is a juvenile involved?	☐ YES ☒ NO		

Executive Summary

Officer Errol Farrell was employed with City of South Fulton Police Department from 11/13/2018, until he was terminated on 08/09/2023, for violating agency policies. On 07/05/2023, at approximately 03:00 a.m. Officer Farrell and a female associate became victims of an armed robbery that occurred at a local park. Officer Farrell and the female were having sex at the park when they were approached by an unknown male. The female was kidnapped from the location by the male and jewelry was taken from Officer Farrell. Officer Farrell notified a co-worker who in turn notified 911. While being interviewed at the precinct, the female contacted Officer Farrell and met with him, returning the stolen jewelry. An Internal Affairs Investigation was initiated, which determined Officer Farrell had violated several agency policies as a result of his actions at the park with the female. Due to other incidents involving Officer Farrell that were categorized as conduct unbecoming, Officer Farrell was terminated.

The narrative summary is based on the following facts and events:



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Violations: Conduct Unbecoming

Separation Status: Terminated

Officer/Candidate: Errol Farrell
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Exhibits:

- a. All POST documents
- b. Witness List
- c. South Fulton Police Department Incident Report
- d. South Fulton Police Department IA Report
- e. (DVD) South Fulton Police Department IA Report
- f. Officer Fact Sheet

Narrative:

On 07/05/2023, Officer Errol Farrell informed Sergeant J. Hardy that he and a female associate, identified as Stephanie Browner, were at Welcome All Park at approximately 3:00 AM. Officer Farrell recounted that they were situated at the rear of the park, near the baseball field, engaged in consensual sexual intercourse when an unidentified black male approached them, armed with a rifle. According to Officer Farrell, the male indicated that the encounter was not directed at him, and instructed Ms. Browner to come with him. The male then demanded that Officer Farrell give him the jewelry he was wearing. Officer Farrell said Ms. Browner walked off with the armed male subject. Officer Farrell indicated in his initial report that he believed Ms. Browner was acquainted with the armed suspect.

Following the preliminary investigation, Officer Farrell relocated to the Roosevelt Highway Precinct, where he was interviewed by SFPD Criminal Investigation Division. Shortly thereafter, Ms. Browner arrived at the precinct and returned Officer Farrell's jewelry.



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On 08/03/2023, during a recorded interview, (include the case file) Officer Farrell was asked several questions related to the incident, which revealed the following responses:

Officer Farrell was not a current resident of the City of South Fulton; however, he knowingly chose to enter a closed park within the City of South Fulton.

Officer Farrell stated he was unfamiliar with the City ordinances regarding city parks and recreational areas; however, he explained that while acting in the capacity of a Sworn Police Officer, he has removed individuals from closed businesses or areas.

Officer Farrell confirmed that he was familiar with the meaning of “persons of questionable character” and was in the company of a female who was a “person of questionable character.”

Officer Farrell admitted to drinking alcohol prior to leaving his residence, driving his personal vehicle and entering the City of South Fulton.

Officer Farrell admitted to not reporting the crime to 911 services; however, he called an officer to report the crime. The officer then contacted 911 to report the incident and notified City of South Fulton Police supervision.

Officer Farrell admitted that his actions reflected poorly upon the agency and reflected adversely upon his integrity.

Officer Farrell admitted Ms. Browner returned the stolen jewelry after he messaged her on Instagram.

A view of Officer Farrell's Internal Affairs file revealed that he has had several incidents which were categorized as conduct unbecoming:

2020 – Received a three-day suspension (2020-004494): Conduct Unbecoming; Camera Systems; Duty to Make a Report; Inefficiency; and Incompetence

2022 – Received an Oral Reprimand (2022-004429): Conduct Unbecoming

2023 – Received a two-day suspension for Conduct Unbecoming; Alcohol Beverages-Off Duty



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On 08/09/2023, Officer Farrell was terminated for violation of the following agency policies: Conduct Unbecoming, Fraternizing with Person(s) of Questionable Character, Familiarization with State Laws, City Ordinances, South Fulton Police Department Rules, and Policies and Procedures.

DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

Noted above

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Date: 08/27/2011
Offense: Suspended License
Disposition: Nolo

VIOLATION

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

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

Chairman, Probable Cause Committee

Chairman, P.O.S.T. Council

Date: _____

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