



Chief of Police Jonathan Dunnam

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BRPD OFFICER ARRESTED

Today, Baton Rouge Police Detectives have arrested MICHELLE D. PATTERSON, 28 on charges of Injuring Public Records and Malfeasance in Office.

Investigators believe that on September 26, 2017, PATTERSON responded to the Kelly Terrance Apartments, 999 Rosenwald Road, regarding a female in the parking lot with a large bag of marijuana. The female was located and a marijuana cigarette was found in her possession. The female was issued a misdemeanor summons and PATTERSON confiscated the marijuana cigarette. The actions taken by PATTERSON were captured on her issued body camera.

The next day, PATTERSON typed her report of the incident mentioning the events that occurred, documenting that a misdemeanor summons was issued, and that the marijuana cigarette was placed in evidence. Later, the same day, PATTERSON deleted the initial report and changed the report to leave out the fact that a misdemeanor summons was issued or that a marijuana cigarette was found. PATTERSON submitted the false report, which a supervisor later approved. The original misdemeanor summons written was later found in PATTERSON'S issued police vehicle.

Baton Rouge Police started an internal investigation that led to this discovery.

PATTERSON has been a Baton Rouge Police Officer for around 2 years, assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division. She is currently on Administrative Leave.

PATTERSON was booked in the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison on charges of Injuring Public Records and Malfeasance in Office.

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