

News Release

City of Fort Pierce

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Investigations into Chief Diane Hobley-Burney are Concluded

It is the responsibility of the City of Fort Pierce to ensure that any allegation of misconduct on the part of a City employee is promptly and thoroughly investigated and that appropriate action is taken based upon the results of the investigation.

At this time, all internal and external investigations into Chief Diane Hobley-Burney are concluded and the matter is closed.

On April 19, 2016, the City Manager tasked the Human Resources Department with conducting an investigation into a complaint received from a citizen regarding Chief Hobley-Burney. The investigation has now been concluded and disciplinary action has been taken. Based upon the findings, Chief Hobley-Burney has been issued a five-day suspension effective July 18, 2016. She is expected to return to work on July 25, 2016.

On July 6, 2016, the City Manager and City Attorney met with the State Attorney with regard to allegations contained in Special Investigator Murray's letter. The City of Fort Pierce was pleased to learn that the State Attorney found no criminal violations.

The City of Fort Pierce continues to move forward and remains committed to working together to serve and protect the citizens of Fort Pierce.