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### **Chief David O. Brown Discipline Officer**

Dallas Police Chief David O. Brown disciplined Sergeant Paul Figueroa, #7104, during a hearing held this morning.

Sergeant Figueroa was involved in the following incidents:

On November 1, 2014, officers from the Murphy Police Department responded to a domestic disturbance at the home of Sergeant Figueroa and his wife. During their investigation, Murphy police officers took photos of the scene which revealed bruises on the wife's arms, a broken wall, and a broken door. Additionally, Murphy officers documented a series of text messages between the wife and a female acquaintance that described the assault and her fear in making matters worse if police were called.

Murphy Police subsequently filed a Class A Family Violence Assault offense against Sergeant Figueroa in which he was indicted by a Collin County Grand Jury on January 8, 2015.

During a second incident that occurred on November 8, 2014, officers from the Wylie Police Department responded to a call from the wife alleging Sergeant Figueroa had been following her. During the incident, one of the officers at the scene was wearing a body camera that was recording his conversation with the wife inside the apartment when Sergeant Figueroa approached the apartment door from the outside. On the body camera recording, sounds could be heard from the door handle being turned. The recording also showed both officers and the wife reacting to the door handle being turned and the door move.

The officers immediately confronted Sergeant Figueroa and he became confrontational before turning and walking away. Sergeant Figueroa was subsequently issued a criminal trespass warning by the Wylie Police Department. During an Internal Affairs investigation, Sergeant Figueroa wrote in two separate statements he did not try and open his wife's door.

An Internal Affairs investigation concluded that Sergeant Figueroa engaged in adverse conduct when he caused a family violence disturbance which resulted in a police response by the Murphy Police Department, and that he caused a separate incident during which he received a criminal trespass warning from the Wylie Police Department. The investigation also concluded that Sergeant Figueroa made misleading written statements during his Internal Affairs investigation.

Sergeant Figueroa was XXXXXXXXXX for his actions. He was hired in August 1994 and was assigned to the North Central Division.

Under civil service rules, Sergeant Figueroa has the right to appeal his discipline.

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