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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Fort Worth Police Officer Terminated Following Shooting Investigation**

FORT WORTH, Texas – A Fort Worth Police Officer has been terminated following his involvement in a recent off-duty shooting.

On Friday, October 18, 2024, Officer William Martin #3572 was terminated following an administrative investigation into an off-duty incident that occurred on September 3, 2024.

On Tuesday, September 3, 2024, South Division patrol officers responded to a call of a hit-and-run on IH-35, near Morningside Drive. A man was reported driving away from the location after hitting Officer Martin's vehicle. Officer Martin followed the driver, got out of his vehicle, and fired a gun into the man's vehicle. The driver was struck by gunfire and taken to the hospital for treatment, where he survived his injuries.

The Major Case Unit began an investigation into this incident. Officer Martin was placed on restricted duty pending the outcome of the investigation. Once the Major Case Unit's investigation was completed, it was determined that probable cause existed for the offense of Aggravated Assault Deadly Weapon. An arrest warrant was then prepared and signed by a judge. On Friday, September 20, 2024, Officer Martin was arrested for Aggravated Assault Deadly Weapon and booked into the Tarrant County Jail.

Following his arrest, Officer Martin was placed on detached duty, and the Internal Affairs Unit began an administrative investigation. After a thorough review of the Internal Affairs investigation, Officer Martin's chain of command determined that the level of force used was unjustified. Chief Noakes concurred with the chain of command's determination and terminated Officer Martin's employment with the department.

The Fort Worth Police Department is filled with officers who do the job right every day. Our department will continue to hold employees accountable who do not meet the standards expected of a Fort Worth police officer, and in doing so, we will continue to be transparent and open with our community.

Officer Martin had been with the department for 19 years and was assigned to the Support Bureau at the time of the incident.

Prior news releases related to this case from September 3rd and 20th can be found here:  
<https://police.fortworthtexas.gov/Public/newsroom>

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