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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Fort Worth Police Officer Terminated Following Use of Force Incident**

FORT WORTH, Texas – A Fort Worth Police Officer has been terminated following his involvement in a use of force incident.

On Wednesday, December 18, 2024, Officer Matthew Krueger #4454 was terminated following an administrative investigation into an on-duty incident in late June.

On Sunday, June 23, 2024, at 3:26 a.m., Fort Worth Police officers responded to a hit-and-run vehicle collision in the area of 1000 Foch St. The incident involved a suspected intoxicated driver who crashed into another vehicle and a structure before fleeing the scene on foot. While officers were investigating, a woman approached them and used her cell phone to record their actions. Officer Krueger asked and advised her multiple times to move across the street to secure the scene. When she failed to comply, she was placed under arrest.

During the arrest, Officer Krueger used force to take the woman into custody, resulting in injuries that required medical care at an area hospital. After being treated, the woman was released from the hospital, booked into jail, and charged with interference with public duties, resisting arrest and/or detention, evading arrest, and making a false alarm or report.

The Fort Worth Police Major Case and Internal Affairs Units began immediate and congruent investigations into this incident. Officer Krueger was transferred from Patrol to a unit with no public interaction, pending the outcome of the investigation.

After a thorough review of the Internal Affairs investigation, Officer Krueger's chain of command determined that the level of force used was unjustified and violated departmental policy. Police Chief Neil Noakes concurred with the chain of command's determination and terminated Officer Krueger's employment with the department.

Officer Krueger had been with the department for just under eight years and was assigned to the Patrol Bureau at the time of the incident.

The Fort Worth Police Department is committed to excellence, with officers dedicated to serving our community with integrity every day. We will continue to hold all employees accountable to the high standards expected of Fort Worth police officers, ensuring transparency and openness within our community.

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