

Summary: Investigation of U.S. Park Police, New York Field Office Management Officials

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We investigated allegations that management at the U.S. Park Police (USPP) New York Field Office (NYFO) should not have allowed a detective to return to duty, and should not have allowed a captain to remain on duty while he had a restraining order against him. We also investigated allegations NYFO management was operating an illegal onsite vending business under the pretense of benefitting the Badge, Floral and Benefit Fund (BFBF).

We found no evidence to support the allegations that NYFO management was negligent in returning the detective to duty or allowing the captain to remain on duty; however, we did find evidence that NYFO management operated an unauthorized onsite soda-and-snack vending machine operation.

We determined NYFO management followed appropriate protocol and collected the detective's service weapon, placed him on light duty, and referred him to the Federal Occupational Health (FOH) Law Enforcement Medical Program. FOH determined the detective was medically fit to return to full duty without restrictions or accommodations, and NYFO management reinstated him.

We determined NYFO management followed proper USPP policy and the terms of the restraining order regarding the NYFO Captain. NYFO management collected the Captain's service weapon and placed him on light duty pending an investigation by USPP Internal Affairs, which cleared the Captain to return to full duty. Subsequently, NYFO management placed him back on full duty, and required him to secure his service weapon at work while off duty to comply with the restraining order until it was dismissed and vacated.

We determined NYFO management did not operate an illegal business through the BFBF. The BFBF was managed and operated by USPP Headquarters in Washington, DC, not NYFO management, and received money from USPP memorabilia sold in USPP field offices.



During our investigation, we also determined that NYFO management operated an unauthorized onsite soda-and-snack vending machine operation. NYFO sold food and beverage items in six onsite vending machines without authorization, which violated departmental regulations and the Randolph-Sheppard Act.

This is a summary of an investigative report that was issued to the USPP Chief for review and action. We required a response.