

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Patrol Officer's Social Media Post

It was brought to the attention of the Tacoma Police Department that Patrol Officer Robert Hollingsworth posted a video to social media expressing personal political opinions while wearing a Tacoma Police Department uniform and sitting in a patrol vehicle. This post was made at the end of Officer Hollingsworth's last patrol shift prior to his official resignation date of March 13, 2022. In doing so, Officer Hollingsworth violated City policy.

The Department is in the process of serving the officer with administrative leave paperwork. This will include the surrender of the officer's service weapon, badge and Department Identification.

The Department had no prior knowledge of the individual's personal political views, or their intention to post those views to social media while at work.

The opinion expressed by this employee does not reflect the opinions of the City of Tacoma Police Department.

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