

**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT – CITY OF ST. LOUIS**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS TRANSMITTAL SHEET**

Alleged Conduct Unbecoming an Detective

Complainant – Captain John Hayden

Subject: RE: Detective Phillip Edmond, et al.

IA Number: 07/068

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

(Rank)

John Hayden

Captain

Commander, Internal Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4-11-07



**Summary:**

In reference to an investigation conducted under IAD File #06/276, the complainant, Eric Johnson, informed Sgt. Sheila Pearson, an Internal Affairs Investigator, that the undercover detectives who arrested him may have used the St. Louis Cardinals World Series Tickets seized from him. Mr. Johnson said he was nearby when one of the detectives made a telephone call telling the person he contacted that he had tickets to the game and asked (the person called) if he or she wanted to attend the game. As a result of this additional allegation, a preliminary audit was conducted for complaint # 06-088953 to determine whether the tickets were in fact used. This investigation discovered that the two tickets seized under this report were scanned in by the Cardinals organization after Mr. Johnson's arrest. Due to this discovery, a comprehensive audit was conducted regarding all tickets seized during the World Series Games (10/24/06 – 10/27/06).

**Recommendation:**

- Allegation A: Sustained - Police Officer Phillip Edmond
- Allegation B: Sustained - Police Officer Michael Ehnes
- Allegation C: Sustained - Police Officer Thomas Kitchell
- Allegation D: Sustained - Police Officer Wendell Ishmon
- Allegation E: Sustained - Police Officer Thomas Kranz
- Allegation F: Sustained - Sergeant Phillip Menendez
- Allegation G: Sustained - Police Officer Steven Schwerb
- Allegation H: Sustained - Police Officer Joseph Somogye

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In sustaining the allegations involving the seven police officers, it is recommended each receive fourteen (14) days of Disciplinary Suspension and be reduced in rank to Probationary Police Officer for a period not less than one year.

In sustaining the allegation involving Sergeant Phillip Menendez, it is recommended he receive fourteen (14) days of Disciplinary Suspension and be reduced in rank to Police Officer for a period not less than one year.

POSITION	SIGNATURE	CONCURS		POLICY REVIEW REQUIRED	DATE
		YES	NO		
Inspector of Police	<i>Sac David Keith</i>	✓		NO	4/11/07
Chief of Police	<i>Col. Joseph Mokro</i>	✓		NO	4-12-07
Board of Police Commissioners					

The Vice/Narcotics Division was assigned to handle ticket scalping during the World Series, which consisted of one lieutenant, three sergeants and 18 detectives who made a total of 46 arrests and seized 100 tickets. This audit and the subsequent interviews disclosed that eight detectives had given 34 of the seized tickets, from 13 arrests, to various family members and friends to allow them admittance into several of the games. All of the tickets related to these 13 cases were located and it has been determined that 31 of these tickets were scanned in by the St. Louis Cardinals organization after the time of arrest indicated in the respective reports. Per the Cardinals organization, three seized tickets were not scanned in, however through testimony of the detectives, the tickets had in fact been used.

This investigation determined that the following detectives were implicated:

Sergeant Phillip Menendez	DSN 3920	Detective Phillip Edmond	DSN 6319
Detective Fred Lathan	DSN 5240	Detective Michael Ehnes	DSN 5628
Detective Thomas Kitchell	DSN 4974	Detective Wendell Ishmon	DSN 5037
Detective Thomas Kranz	DSN 4215	Detective Daniel Disterhaupt	DSN 9474
Detective Jason Scheel	DSN 4606	Detective Steven Schwerb	DSN 5494
Detective Mark Biondolino	DSN 4868	Detective Joseph Somogye	DSN 3913

Detective Disterhaupt was employed by the University City Police Department, but assigned to our Vice/Narcotics Division as part of a grant.

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The aforementioned detectives were supervised by the following personnel:

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Lieutenant Michael Deeba	DSN 3267
Sergeant Anthony Boone	DSN 3560
Sergeant Joseph Crews	DSN 3679
Sergeant Joseph Morici	DSN 4306

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An additional Employee Misconduct Report was prepared and assigned IAD File# 07/068. Lieutenant Jack Huelsmann, Deputy Commander of the Internal Affairs Division, assigned this case to Sergeant Sheila Pearson for investigation and report. Sgt. Stanley Mierzejewski was later added to the investigation to assist.

### ALLEGATION A:

On October 24, 2006, at 17:30 hours, Detective Phillip Edmond effected the arrest of Jeffrey Bradshaw, at 400 Market Street. During this arrest, reported under complaint #06-088056, three World Series tickets were seized. The investigation determined Detective Edmond allowed two of these tickets to be used for gaining access into the World Series Game.

This investigation also determined that Detective Phillip Edmond seized two tickets from Mylan Hall, on October 25, 2006, at 16:45. This incident was reported under complaint #06-088344. Edmond allowed these seized tickets to be utilized for access into the World Series Game.

It is alleged that Detective Phillip Edmond violated the Police Manual Rule 7.004 (jj), which states, in applicable part, "Engaging in any conduct or act, on or off duty, which could bring discredit upon the Department or its personnel."

### FINDINGS A:

The police report concerning Mr. Bradshaw's arrest and the corresponding evidence envelope indicated the following three World Series tickets seized: Section #431, Row #7, Seats #12, 13 & 14. Ms. Nancy Landa, Ticket Sale Representative for the St. Louis Cardinals, checked the database containing information on tickets scanned into the games. She advised that two of the three tickets (Seats 13 & 14) were scanned on October 27, 2006, at 18:31 hours.

Note that the game originally scheduled for October 24, 2006, was "rained out" after fans were allowed into the stadium. Ticket holders then kept the tickets to this game and re-used them on October 27, 2006.

On October 25, 2006, at 16:45 hours, Detective Phillip Edmond arrested Mylan Hall, at 600 Olive Street, the incident was reported under complaint #06-088344. The police report and the evidence envelope were found to contain the following two World Series tickets: Section #431, Row #7, Seats #15 & 16. Ms. Landa reported that both tickets were scanned on October 27, 2006, at 18:31 hours.

Detective Edmond admitted to the violation in an interview held on March 13, 2007. Det. Edmond stated, on both occasions (complaint #06-088056 & 06-088344), that the four tickets were given to his fiancé, who along with her girlfriend, attended both games. Det. Edmond explained that, on October 25<sup>th</sup>, he gave his fiancé the first set of two tickets, however, she was denied access because the tickets had supposedly been reported stolen. She returned to him and he then gave her two additional tickets that she used to attend the game on October 27<sup>th</sup> (the makeup game). Det. Edmond added that, in both arrests, he was assisted by Det. Fred Lathan. Upon Det. Edmond informing Det. Lathan of his intention to give the tickets to his fiancé, Det. Lathan attempted to discourage Det. Edmond, but he proceeded without Det. Lathan's knowledge. Det. Edmond could give no plausible reason for all four tickets indicating that they had been scanned on the same date and time.

### ALLEGATION B:

On 10/25/06 at 14:38 hours, Detective Michael Ehnes effected the arrest of suspect Melvin Hackett, at 100 S. Broadway. During the arrest, reported under complaint #06-088366, two World Series tickets were seized. The investigation determined Detective Ehnes allowed both tickets to be used for gaining access into the World Series game.

This investigation also determined that Detective Robert Singh and Detective Ehnes completed an arrest, from 100 S. Broadway, in which two tickets were seized from Eric Johnson (the original complainant) on October 27, 2006, at 16:15. This incident was reported under This document is being produced by IAD pursuant to:

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complaint #06-088953. Detective Ehnes allowed these two tickets to be used for access into the World Series game.

It is alleged that Detective Michael Ehnes violated the Police Manual Rule 7.004 (jj), which states in applicable part, "Engaging in any conduct or act, on or off duty, which could bring discredit upon the Department or its personnel."

### FINDINGS B:

On October 25, 2006, at 14:38, Detective Ehnes arrested Melvin Hackett at 100 S. Broadway. This incident was reported under complaint #06-088366 which reflects, along with the evidence envelope, that the following two World Series tickets were seized: Section #139, Row #16, Seats #9 & 10. Ms. Landa reported that both tickets (Seats 9 & 10) were scanned on October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 19:18 hours.

On October 27, 2006, at 16:15, Detectives Singh and Ehnes arrested Eric Johnson, at 100 S. Broadway. This incident was reported under complaint #06-088953, which reflects, along with the evidence envelope, that the following two World Series tickets were seized: Section #132, Row #29, Seat #21 & 22. Ms. Landa advised that both tickets were scanned on October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 18:24 hours.

Detective Michael Ehnes admitted to the violation when questioned on March 15, 2007. Det. Ehnes stated that, on both occasions (complaint #06-088366 & 06-088953), the four tickets were given to his wife and son to attend two separate games held on 10/25/06 & 10/27/06. Det. Ehnes added that he asked Det. Singh to give him the two tickets from Mr. Johnson's arrest. Det. Singh complied and was aware of Det. Ehnes' intention to give tickets to his family on both occasions.

### ALLEGATION C:

On October 24, 2006, at 15:38 hours, Detective Thomas Kitchell effected the arrest of Kenneth Lee, at 100 S. Broadway. During the arrest, reported under complaint #06-088060, four World Series tickets were seized. The investigation determined Detective Kitchell allowed two of the four tickets to be used for gaining access into a World Series game.

It is alleged that Detective Thomas Kitchell violated the Police Manual Rule 7.004 (jj), which states in applicable part, "Engaging in any conduct or act, on or off duty, which could bring discredit upon the Department or its personnel."

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### FINDINGS C

On October 24, 2006, at 15:38, Det. Kitchell was the arresting detective, with Det. Wendell Ishmon assisting, in the arrest of Mr. Lee. This incident was reported under complaint #06-088060. The police report indicated, and the evidence envelope verified, that the following four

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World Series tickets were seized: Section #431, Row #9, Seats #19 & 20; and Section #167, Row #20, Seats #11 & 12. Ms. Landa indicated that only two of the four tickets (Section #431, Row #9, Seats 19 & 20) were scanned on October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 18:42 hours.

Detective Thomas Kitchell admitted to the violation in an interview held on March 14, 2006. Det. Kitchell said he gave his wife and son two tickets to attend the game. Det. Kitchell further stated he was not aware of what occurred with the additional two tickets.

#### **ALLEGATION D:**

On 10/24/06 at 15:38 hours, Detective Wendell Ishmon assisted Detective Kitchell in the arrest of Kenneth Lee. During the arrest, reported under complaint #06-088060, four World Series tickets were seized. The investigation determined Detective Ishmon allowed two tickets to be used for gaining access into the World Series game.

It is alleged that Detective Wendell Ishmon violated the Police Manual Rule 7.004 (jj), which states in applicable part, "Engaging in any conduct or act, on or off duty, which could bring discredit upon the Department or its personnel."

#### **FINDINGS D:**

On 10/24/06 at 15:38, Detective Ishmon assisted Detective Thomas Kitchell in the arrest of Mr. Lee, which was reported under complaint #06-088060. The report and the evidence envelope verified, that the following four World Series tickets were seized: Section #431, Row #9, Seats #19 & 20; and Section #167, Row #20, Seats #11 & 12. Ms. Landa advised that only two of the four tickets (Seats 19 & 20) were scanned on October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 18:42 hours.

An interview was conducted with Detective Ishmon on March 14, 2006, during which he admitted giving two of the four tickets to his son, and his son's mother so they could attend the game. As mentioned in Findings C, Ms. Landa indicated that only two of the four tickets (Section #431, Row #9, Seats 19 & 20) were scanned on October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 18:42 hours. Ms. Landa noted that, due to the high volume of fans entering the stadium, human error could account for the ticket discrepancy.

#### **ALLEGATION E:**

On October 24, 2006, at 21:28 hours, Detective Thomas Kranz effected the arrest of Jeremiah Johnson, at 100 S. Broadway. During the arrest, reported under complaint #06-088087, two World Series tickets were seized. The investigation determined Detective Kranz allowed one of the two tickets to be used for gaining access into the World Series Game.

On October 25, 2006, at 15:00 hours, Detective Kranz effected the arrest of Takih Chester, at 800 Clark Ave. During this arrest, reported under complaint #06-088351, two World Series tickets were seized. The investigation determined Detective Kranz allowed these two tickets to be used for gaining access into the World Series Game.

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On October 26, 2006 at 15:30 hours, Detective Kranz was assisted by University City Police Detective Daniel Disterhaupt, and arrested Mathew Eversgerd, at 100 S. Broadway. During the arrest, reported under complaint #06-088671, two World Series tickets were seized. The investigation showed Det. Kranz allowed these two tickets to be used for gaining access into the World Series Game.

It is alleged that Detective Thomas Kranz violated the Police Manual Rule 7.004 (jj), which states in applicable part, "Engaging in any conduct or act, on or off duty, which could bring discredit upon the Department or its personnel."

### FINDINGS E:

On October 24, 2006, at 21:28 hours, Detective Kranz arrested Jeremiah Johnson, at 100 S. Broadway, which is reported under complaint #06-088087. The police report, along with the evidence envelope, found the following two World Series tickets were seized: Section #440, Row #8, Seats #15 & 16. Ms. Landa reported that one of the two tickets (Seat# 15) was scanned on October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 18:56 hours.

On October 25, 2006, at 15:00, Detective Kranz arrested Takih Chester, at 800 Clark Ave. This arrest was reported under complaint #06-088351. The evidence envelope was found to contain the following two World Series tickets: Section #246, Row #2, Seats #3 & 4. Ms. Landa said that both tickets were scanned on October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 18:00 and 18:01 hours.

On October 26, 2006, at 15:30, University Police Detective Disterhaupt arrested, with Det. Kranz assisting, arrested Mathew Eversgerd, at 100 S. Broadway. This arrest was reported under complaint #06-088671. The evidence envelope was found to contain the following two World Series tickets: Section #167, Row #11, Seats #7 & 8. Ms. Landa advised that both tickets were scanned on October 26, 2006, at 18:31 hours.

Detective Kranz was interviewed on March 14, 2006, during which he admitted to the violation. Det. Kranz stated that, after the arrest on October 24<sup>th</sup>, he gave one ticket to his mother for entry into the game. On both October 25<sup>th</sup> & October 26<sup>th</sup>, he gave the tickets to his uncle for entry into each of those World Series games.

### ALLEGATION F:

On October 25, 2006, at 15:00 hours, then Detective Phillip Menendez arrested Demond Screws, Jermaine Carter and Lonell Harris, at 100 S. Broadway. Six World Series tickets were seized during the arrests which were reported under complaint #06-088349. The investigation showed Detective Phillip Menendez allowed the six tickets to be used for gaining access into the World Series game.

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On October 26, 2006, at 18:00 hours, Detective Menendez arrested Steven Eaves, at 500 Market St. Four World Series tickets were seized during the arrest, which was reported under complaint #06-088715. The investigation revealed that Detective Menendez allowed the tickets to be used for gaining access into the World Series game.

It is alleged that Sergeant Phillip Menendez violated the Police Manual Rule 7.004 (jj), which states in applicable part, "Engaging in any conduct or act, on or off duty, which could bring discredit upon the Department or its personnel."

#### **FINDINGS F:**

On October 25, 2006, at 15:00, then Detective Menendez arrested Demond Screws, Jermaine Carter and Lonell Harris, which was reported under complaint #06-088349. The police report, along with the evidence envelope, showed the following six World Series tickets to have been seized: Section #172, Row #16, Seats #9 & 10; and Section #337, Row #1, Seats #7 & 8; and Section #441, Row #6, Seats #5 & 6. Ms. Landa said that all six tickets had been scanned on October 27<sup>th</sup>, between 17:29 and 19:07 hours.

On October 26, 2006, at 15:30, then Detective Menendez arrested Steven Eaves, at 500 Market St., which was reported under complaint #06-088715. The evidence envelope was found to contain the following four World Series tickets: Section #235, Row #1, Seats #4; Section #452, Row #3, Seats #15, 16, & 17. Ms. Landa reported that all four tickets were scanned on October 26<sup>th</sup>, between 18:01 and 20:10 hours.

Sergeant Menendez was interviewed on March 13, 2006, and admitted to the violation. Sgt. Menendez stated that, after both arrests, he gave the tickets to an uncle, who in turn dispersed the tickets to various family members, so that they could attend the games. Sgt. Menendez added that, although his partner, Detective Jason Scheel, and he had a conversation regarding his intentions to allow his family to use the tickets, Det. Scheel was not present when the tickets were given away.

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#### **ALLEGATION G:**

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On October 25, 2006, at 16:30, Detective Steven Schwerb arrested Kenneth Simpson, at 400 Clark Ave. During this arrest, reported under complaint #06-088352, two World Series tickets were seized. The investigation showed Det. Schwerb allowed the tickets to be used for gaining entry into the World Series game.

It is alleged that Detective Steven Schwerb violated Police Manual Rule 7.004 (jj), which states in applicable part, "Engaging in any conduct or act, on or off duty, which could bring discredit upon the Department or its personnel."

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**FINDINGS G:**

On 10/25/06 at 16:30, Detective Schwerb arrested Kenneth Simpson at 400 Clark Ave, which was reported under complaint #06-088352. The police report, and the evidence envelope showed that the following two World Series tickets were seized: Section #332, Row #9, Seats #5 & 6. Ms. Landa advised that both tickets were scanned on October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 19:06 hours.

Detective Schwerb was interviewed on March 12, 2006, and admitted to the violation. Det. Schwerb stated he gave the two tickets to a friend. Det. Schwerb added that he did not discuss his intentions with his assist, Det. Biondolino.

**ALLEGATION H:**

On October 25, 2006, at 15:00, Detective Joseph Somogye arrested Willie Miller, at 800 Clark Ave. During the arrest, reported under complaint #06-088346, two World Series tickets were seized. The investigation determined Detective Somogye allowed both tickets to be utilized for gaining access into the World Series game.

On October 26, 2006, at 15:10, Detective Somogye arrested Scott Holtz, at 200 S. 4th Street. During the arrest, reported under complaint #06-088629, three World Series tickets were seized. The investigation showed Detective Somogye allowed all three tickets to be utilized for gaining access into the World Series game.

It is alleged that Detective Joseph Somogye violated Police Manual Rule 7.004 (jj), which states in applicable part, "Engaging in any conduct or act, on or off duty, which could bring discredit upon the Department or its personnel."

**FINDINGS H:**

On October 25, 2006, at 15:00, Detective Somogye arrested Willie Miller, at 800 Clark Ave, reported under complaint #06-088346. The report and the evidence envelope both found the following two World Series Tickets were seized: Section #351, Row #2, Seats #7 & 8. Ms. Landa reported that the above tickets were used on October 27<sup>th</sup>, between 18:48 and 19:12 hours.

On October 26, 2006, at 15:10, Detective Somogye arrested Scott Holtz, at 200 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., reported under complaint #06-088629. The evidence envelope was found to contain the following three World Series tickets: Section #154, Row #4, Seats #5, 6, & 7. Ms. Landa said that two of the three tickets (Seats 5 & 6) were scanned on October 26, 2006, at 19:03 hours.

Detective Joseph Somogye was interviewed on March 12, 2006, and admitted to the violation. Det. Somogye stated that after he had seized the tickets from his arrest on October 25<sup>th</sup>, he gave them to his wife and sister-in-law to use. He said that, after the October 26<sup>th</sup> arrest, he gave the tickets to his wife so that she and two of their children could attend the game. Det. Somogye



added that, although two tickets were scanned, he did use all three tickets. Det. Somogye further stated that he did not discuss his intentions with his assisting detective, Det. Mark Biondolino.

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This investigation will be continued in a separate ARTS, wherein possible allegations will be considered, involving the following commissioned department members:

Lieutenant Michael Deeba, DSN 3267  
Sergeant Anthony Boone, DSN 3560  
Sergeant Joseph Crews, DSN 3679  
Sergeant Joseph Morici, DSN 4306  
Police Officer Robert Singh, DSN 6357  
Police Officer Mark Biondolino, DSN 4868  
Police Officer Fredrick Lathan, DSN 5240

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