

INTRA-DEPARTMENT REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE SHEET

Date: May 31, 2007  
To: Captain Mary Edwards-Fears, Commander, District Six  
From: Lt. Colonel David Heath, Inspector of Police  
Subject: COMPLETED INVESTIGATION  
IAD file #07/068  
RE: St. Louis Cardinals World Series Tickets Incident

Copies Sent To: Major Adkins

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After reviewing IAD file #07/068 concerning the seizure and use of St. Louis Cardinals World Series Tickets and the failure to properly supervise, I concur with the recommended dispositions and discipline.

The allegation(s) against PO Mark Biondolino, DSN-4868, and the recommended discipline are as follows:

- A. Improper Handling of Evidence/Property (3 counts); Violation of Rule 3, Section 3.115 (k) of the Police Manual -- SUSTAINED

**PO Biondolino is to receive FIVE (5) DAYS OF DISCIPLINARY LEAVE for sustained allegation A**

*Please notify the concerned personnel of the disposition of this complaint and initiate the recommended disciplinary action.* When discipline has been administered, forward a memo through the chain of command to this office indicating such and this file will be closed.

Before suspending a department employee, contact Internal Affairs for a suspension number.

This concludes the investigation.

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Lt. Colonel David Heath  
Inspector of Police

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**Jaster, Patricia J**

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**From:** Edwards-Fears, Mary E  
**To:** Jaster, Patricia J  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 31, 2007 2:05 PM  
**Subject:** Read: IAD file #07/068

Your message

**To:** Edwards-Fears, Mary E  
**Cc:** Adkins, Alfred; Biondolino, Mark J  
**Subject:** IAD file #07/068  
**Sent:** 5/31/2007 1:07 PM

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INTRA-DEPARTMENT REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE SHEET

Date: July 8, 2007  
To: Lt. Col. David Heath, Inspector of Police  
From: Captain Mary Edwards-Fears, Commander, District Six  
Subject: Disciplinary Leave  
IAD File #07/068 Improper Handling of Evidence  
Police Officer Mark Biondolino, DSN 4868  
Complainant Lieutenant Jack Huelsmann

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Sir,

Police Officer Mark Biondolino, DSN 4868, currently assigned to District Six, was informed that the complaint against him, bearing IAD File 07/068 for Improper Handling of Evidence was "Sustained" and the recommended discipline is a "Five-Day Suspension" which was served on June 9 - 13, 2007.

By signature, Police Officer Mark Biondolino acknowledged the suspension, which is attached for your review.

Officer Biondolino is aware that this matter will become a permanent record within his disciplinary files.

In the matter of Complaint by Lieutenant Jack Huelsmann involving Officer Mark Biondolino, this completes compliance with the directive of the Inspector of Police. I request this file be approved for file.

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Respectfully,

*Capt. Mary E. Edwards-Fears*

Captain Mary Edwards-Fears  
Commander, District Six

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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT – CITY OF ST. LOUIS  
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From: Captain Mary Edwards-Fears, Commander, District Six  
Subject: Disciplinary Leave  
IAD File #07/068 Improper Handling of Evidence  
Officer Mark Biondolino, DSN 4868  
Complainant Lieutenant Jack Huelsmann

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Police Officer Mark Biondolino,

After an investigation of a complaint filed by Lieutenant Jack Huelsmann, the Commander of the Internal Affairs Division and Inspector of Police both concur that the allegation of "Improper Handling of Evidence" be classified as "Sustained", and that you receive a "Five-Day Suspension".

In accordance with the recommended discipline, you are hereby issued this reprimand for your actions in this incident, which were contrary to Department Rules and Regulations, specifically, Violation of Rule 3, Section 3.115(k) of the Police Manual.

As a commissioned member of this Department, it is imperative that you abide by and obey its rules and regulations. You are strongly urged to familiarize yourself with the contents of the Police Manual and all other Department rules and regulations in order to avoid any future rule violations.

A copy of this reprimand shall become a part of your Division personnel file jacket.

Acknowledged: P.O. Mark Biondolino 4868/306  
Police Officer Mark Biondolino, DSN 4868

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Respectfully,

Capt. Mary Edwards-Fears 2480/306  
Captain Mary Edwards-Fears  
Commander, District Six

**NOTIFICATION OF SUSPENSION FROM DUTY**

**COL. JOSEPH MOKWA**  
**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Notification Number	07048
Date of Suspension	06/09/07
I.A.D. Number Assigned	07/068

Sir:

Notification has been received that the herein named member of the Department has been suspended from duty for investigation of the charges specified in accordance with the provisions of the Police Manual regarding suspensions.

Name of Member Suspended	Mark Biondolino	DSN	4868	Badge Number	535
Rank	Police Officer	Assignment	306		

**HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FROM DUTY BY**

Name	Mary Edwards-Fears	Rank	Captain	DSN	2482
Assignment	306				

**DETAILS OF SUSPENSION AND CHARGE**

Date of Suspension	06/09/07	Time Suspended	Five days	Amount of Time Suspended - Day(s)	Five (5)
<i>(5 lines of text allowed)</i>					
<b>CHARGE</b>	Improper Handling of Evidence/Property (3 counts); Violation of Rule 3, Section 3.115(k) of the Police Manual				

**SPECIFICATIONS - (15 lines of text allowed)**

On May 31, 2007, Police Officer Biondolino was notified that the Internal Affairs Division has sustained the above allegation and recommended a suspension period of five (5) days. Biondolino will begin the suspension on June 9, 2007.

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<b>Notification Received</b>	Name of Officer Receiving Report		Rank	DSN
	Karen Corey		Ofc. Coordinat	1280
	Date/Time Received	5/31/07, 3:50 p.m.		

- Original - Chief of Police
- Copy - Secretary to the Board
- Copy - Bureau of Professional Standards
- Copy - Commanding Officer, Bureau
- Copy - Human Resources
- Copy - Budget and Finance

DATE: June 1, 2007 INTERNAL AFFAIRS FILE No. 07/068

EMPLOYEE NAME AND DSN: Mark Biondolino, DSN 4868

RANK/JOB TITLE: Police Officer ASSIGNMENT: District Six

STATEMENT OF OFFENSE: (Give Essential Facts)  
**FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF DISCIPLINE ONLY**

P.O. Biondolino incorrectly packaged evidence from arrest report #06-088099 and placed it into an evidence bag indicating complaint #06-088654 and similarly placed the corresponding evidence from complaint #06-088099 into an evidence bag bearing complaint #06-088654. Per the arrest report from complaint #06-088654, there were no tickets seized. Additionally, one standing-room-only ticket seized per complaint #06-088355 has not been located. The two National League Championship Series Tickets located in the corresponding evidence bag, appear to have been seized during an arrest conducted by Biondolino on 10/17/06 per complaint #06-086046. It is alleged that Officer Mark Biondolino violated Police Manual Rule 3, subsection 3.115(k), which reads in applicable part: "Each Police Officer shall be accountable for the securing, receipting and proper transporting of all evidence and property coming into his custody."

**RECOMMENDED DESCIPLINARY PUNISHMENT:**

Officer Biondolino is to receive five (5) days of Disciplinary Leave.

SUBMITTED BY: Capt. Mary E. Edwards-Fears 2488/306  
 Capt. Mary Edwards-Fears, Commander, District Six

I, P.O. Mark Biondolino, above referred to, state that I am fully informed as to the nature of a complaint against me, involving a violation of Police Department rules, detailed in Internal Affairs File No. 07/068; that I am advised of the recommendations for disciplinary punishment to be imposed upon me; that, as applicable, I realize I have the right to refer this matter; 1) for a full investigation and review by the Chief of Police, or, 2) for disposition by a Summary Hearing Board; that I am not being coerced into signing this consent; and that I have not been promised a lesser penalty for signing. Being fully aware of these options, I wish to:

- Waive my rights as indicated above and accept the recommended punishment
- Have these charges decided by a Summary Hearing Board (commissioned)
- Have these charges fully investigated and reviewed by the Chief of Police (civilian)

If the recommended discipline is less than a suspension or if accepting discipline of less than 16 days suspension, and the employee wishes to make a statement, attach statement and initial here: \_\_\_\_\_

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[Signature] 4868/306 LT.  
 (Employee Signature) [Signature] 2629/306  
 (Witness Signature)

POSTION	SIGNATURE	CONCURS		POLICY REVIEW REQUIRED	DATE
		YES	NO		
N/A					