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ARREST OF TUCSON POLICE OFFICER

On January 17, 2019, the Tucson Police Department's Office of Professional Standards Unit was advised of possible criminal misconduct involving Officer Richard Daniel. The incident occurred on January 13, 2019, and included an allegation of unlawful sexual conduct with an adult female who was the subject of an investigation he was conducting. Detectives with the Tucson Police Department investigated the allegation and were able to establish probable cause for the arrest of Officer Daniel. The Office of Professional Standards conducted a separate, but parallel administrative investigation into the incident.

On January 20, 2019, Officer Daniel was arrested for one count of Unlawful Sexual Conduct; Peace Officers [ARS 13-1412(A) - Class 5 Felony] along with one count of Tampering with Physical Evidence [13-2809(A1) - Class 6 Felony] and was booked into the Pima County Jail. Detectives are continuing their investigation and additional charges are pending. Officer Daniel has been served a Notice of Intent to Terminate and was placed on Imposed Leave Without Pay while the investigation continues. Additional details will be released as they become available. Officer Daniel has been with the department for 3 years. His photograph is attached below.

Investigations involving the conduct of our officers are taken seriously. The actions and behaviors exhibited by Richard Daniel are not reflective of the honorable men and women who are devoted every day to the mission of serving and protecting the members of the Tucson community.



Richard Daniel

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