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## **SWIFT ACTION TAKEN ON MISCONDUCT BY OFFICERS**

*Two Officers Terminated; One Officer Demoted*

**DECATUR** – After a thorough review conducted by the Office of Internal Affairs, the DeKalb County Police Department has completed its investigation into a case involving accusations of sexual misconduct by three South Precinct uniform officers. Officers Corey Lowe-Williams and Gregory Rivera have been terminated, effective immediately, and Sergeant Walter West has been demoted to the position of Master Police Officer.

“We will not tolerate any misconduct by our police officers on or off duty,” said Police Chief William O’Brien. “We will always be fair in investigating allegations against our officers, but if it is determined misconduct has taken place, swift and appropriate action will be taken. We stand by our officers and hold them to the highest stands, and we will not accept anything less.”

Public Safety Director William Miller comments, “I have full faith and confidence in Chief O’Brien’s handling of this matter and upholding of each DeKalb police officer to the highest standard of professionalism.”

The incident was reported to Internal Affairs for investigation in early March 2009.

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