

**COX v. SHERIFF'S COM'N OF COLES COUNTY No. 4-96-0088.**

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**Darrell COX, Plaintiff-Appellee**

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Plaintiff argues his 17 years of good service, most of them as a sergeant, should count for more when weighing discipline. However, there have been several incidents of progressive discipline during his 17 years **which did not serve to correct plaintiff's behavior** (emphasis added). Length of service and rank sometimes call for more severe punishment, however. See Crittenden v. Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, 139 Ill.App.3d 154, 162, 93 Ill. Dec. 671, 677, 487 N.E.2d 115, 121 (1985).