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05-20-19

Officer Micah Sensel,

On 05-20-19 it has come to my attention that while attending on-duty training through this department that you displayed behavior which caused concern to both a fellow officer and the instructor of the driving course you were attending. The concern expressed by your fellow officer included that you were lethargic and even displayed behavior including believing someone was present in the car that was not.

Based upon the information I received, I immediately ordered you be removed from the training class and for you to be given medical attention if required. Lt Hempen was ordered to drive to your location in Carbondale and give you a ride back to the Centralia Police Department, provided you did not need some form of immediate medical attention. After being picked up by Lt Hempen, he communicated that he felt that either you were experiencing some type of medical emergency with symptoms consistent with or similar to a stroke, or that you were heavily impaired by some medication or intoxicant. Due to this fact, Lt Hempen decided to divert to the nearest Emergency room located at Good Samaritan hospital in Mt Vernon Illinois.


Chief Atchison responded to the Emergency room and witnessed for himself what he felt were signs of some form of impairment.

Prior to attending this class on 05/19/19, Sgt James Ramsey and TC Codie Melton communicated to Lt Greg Dodson that Officer Sensel was acting lethargic and slurring his speech. Sgt Ramsey stated that he observed this behavior on the evening of May 13<sup>th</sup> and TC Melton stated his observations were on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Pursuant to Article 27 of the Patrolman's Fraternal Order of Police Labor Contract with the City of Centralia Police Department regarding Employee Drug and Alcohol Testing, you are hereby notified that the City will be requiring you submit to testing under the guidelines set forth in the labor contract.

You are also hereby notified that you have the right to have an additional sample tested by a clinical laboratory or hospital facility of the officer's own choosing, at the officer's own expense, provided the officer notifies the EMPLOYER within 72 hours of receiving the results of this testing.

You shall not be subject to any adverse employment action except for temporary reassignment or relief from duty with pay during the pendency of the testing procedure.

  
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Brian Atchison  
Chief of Police

5-20-19

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05-21-2019

Micah Sensel,

Pursuant to ILCS 725/1, "Uniform Peace Officer's Disciplinary Act" you are hereby notified of the commencement of a formal investigation into your actions on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Pending results of a drug test with cause following an incident where you were removed from on duty Emergency Vehicle Operations Training in Carbondale. The investigation includes probable violations of Centralia Police Department Policy 00-136 Standards of Conduct including, but not limited to "No officer shall report to work or be on duty as a law enforcement officer when alcohol, medication or other substances have impaired his or her judgment or physical condition" and "Officers must report the use of any substance, prior to reporting for duty, which impairs their ability to perform as a law enforcement officer".

Additionally a criminal investigation has been turned over to the Illinois State Police concerning a suspected controlled substance that was located in your back pack that was not labeled as prescribed to you.

The above noted investigations, one administratively by the Centralia Police Department and the second which is a criminal investigation by the Illinois State Police, will run simultaneously and parallel to each other.

This letter shall serve as notification that you are being suspended with pay pending administrative review of an incident in which you were likely under the influence of medications or other substances while on duty as a law enforcement officer.

During your suspension you are not considered a law enforcement officer, thereby making you subject to all laws and regulations associated with the handling and transportation of firearms.

  
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05-22-2019

Chief Brian Atchison  
222 S. Poplar St.  
Centralia, IL 62801

Chief Atchison,

I hereby request to be placed on Administrative Leave to participate in an in-patient drug treatment program. I understand that my accrued sick time will be exhausted first, followed by my comp time and vacation time until all of my earned time is exhausted. I am aware that I will then have the option of requesting to be placed on the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

  
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Micah Sensel



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05-22-2019

Micah Sensel,

I will approve your request to be placed on Administrative Leave with the following conditions; Administrative Leave is granted exclusively to participate in an in-patient drug treatment program. You also need to understand that your accrued sick time will be exhausted first, followed by your comp time and vacation time until all of my earned time is exhausted. You also need to be aware that you will then have the option of requesting to be placed on the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

After completion of the in-patient drug treatment program, your Administrative Leave will be re-evaluated.

If you discontinue participating in the in-patient drug treatment program prior to completion, your Administrative Leave status will be re-evaluated, with the result including the possibility of termination of employment.

Additionally a criminal investigation has been turned over to the Illinois State Police concerning a suspected controlled substance that was located in your back pack that was not labeled as prescribed to you. As a result your status of being on Administrative Leave status could change.

The above noted investigations, one administratively by the Centralia Police Department and the second which is a criminal investigation by the Illinois State Police, will run simultaneously and parallel to each other.

Your participation in this in-patient drug treatment program does not constitute a resolution to the criminal or administrative investigations being conducted. This is an independent action being taken on your part to seek help for your self-admitted drug problem.

During your Administrative leave, the same conditions apply as described in your letter of suspension dated 05-21-2019; you are not considered a law enforcement officer, thereby

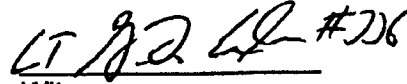
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you are subject to all laws and regulations associated with the handling and transportation of firearms. You are also commanded to immediately surrender any police badges or identification to a member of command of the Centralia Police Department.

During the time you are on Administrative Leave, you are not allowed to be on the premises at 222 S. Poplar, without making prior arrangements with Chief Atchison.

  
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Brian Atchison  
Chief of Police

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Witness

Received and Acknowledged by:

  
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Micah Sensel

## Status Change - Electronic Form E

Entered On: 5/22/2019

**Centralia Police Dept**  
222 South Poplar  
Centralia, IL 62801  
(618) 533-7802 (Phone)

Form E Signed

Form E Signed By: cballantini  
Form E Signed On: 5/22/2019

### Officer Information

<b>PTB ID</b>	65131353
<b>Last Name</b>	Sensel
<b>First Name</b>	Mich
<b>Middle Name</b>	J
<b>Prior Names</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>	██████████
<b>Sex</b>	Male
<b>Highest Education Level</b>	Some College

### Status Change Information

<b>Type of Employment</b>	Law Enforcement
<b>Employment Status</b>	Full Time
<b>Rank</b>	Police Officer
<b>Date of Appointment</b>	4/10/2017
<b>Additional Comments</b>	This officer has been placed on Administrative leave with no law enforcement powers at the present time.

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