



LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT
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CHIEF OF POLICE

June 19, 2020

Detective Brett Hankison #6120
Criminal Interdiction Division

Public Integrity Case #20-019

Dear Detective Hankison:

Please be advised of my present intention to terminate your employment with the Louisville Metro Police Department. However, on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] you will have an opportunity, with counsel or union representative, if you desire, to provide me with additional information or mitigating factors. I intend to take this action based upon my review of the Public Integrity Unit investigation file, which was initiated on March 13, 2020. The investigation conducted by the Louisville Metro Police Department's Public Integrity Unit was provided to me on Tuesday evening, June 16, 2020 for review. The following is the result of my subsequent review.

Violations of:

Standard Operating Procedure 5.1.2 Obedience to Rules and Regulations (4 counts) **-Sustained**
Standard Operating Procedure 9.1.12 Use of Deadly Force (10 counts) **-Sustained**

I have determined you violated Standard Operating Procedure 5.1.2 Obedience to Rules and Regulations when your actions displayed an extreme indifference to the value of human life when you wantonly and blindly fired ten (10) rounds into the apartment of Breonna Taylor on March 13, 2020. These rounds created a substantial danger of death and serious injury to Breonna Taylor and the three occupants of the apartment next to Ms. Taylor's. I make my determination pursuant to the preponderance of the evidence.

You also violated Standard Operating Procedure 9.1.12 Use of Deadly Force when you used deadly force by blindly firing ten (10) rounds into Breonna Taylor's apartment without supporting facts that your deadly force was directed at a person against whom posed an immediate threat of danger or serious injury to yourself or others. In fact the ten (10) rounds you fired were into a patio door and window which were covered with material that completely prevented you from verifying any person as an immediate threat or more importantly any innocent persons present.

