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**Toledo Police Officer Charged for Purchasing Marijuana On-Duty**

Toledo, OH (January 24, 2025): On January 23, 2025 a Toledo Police Officer was criminally charged with Dereliction of Duty, a second-degree misdemeanor, for purchasing marijuana while on duty.

On January 23, 2025, Toledo Police detectives charged Officer Jeremy Berndt with Dereliction of Duty. An investigation by the department’s Detective Bureau found that Officer Berndt had purchased marijuana while on duty. Apart from the department’s criminal investigation, the Internal Affairs Bureau is conducting a internal investigation. Officer Berndt has been relieved of duty. Officer Berndt is a 21 year veteran of the department and regularly assigned to Field Operations.

“It is an understatement to say that I was disappointed when I was informed that one of our officers was being investigated for criminal conduct. The community places great trust in the over 600 sworn officers of the Toledo Police Department to abide by and uphold the law. When an officer breaches that trust, they must be held accountable. We hold our officers to a high standard of personal and professional conduct, and that will always be the case under my administration.”

– Chief of Police Michael Troendle

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