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Subject; Donald Bolton

Mr. Bolton had been talked to about the time limit on reports and format. Mr. Bolton was talked to before this reprimand was given to him. Mr. Bolton did not talk with me about this reprimand but I did go over the time allowed and format at the next officer meeting again. On 8/30/88 I again went over three late reports that Mr. Bolton had not turned in on time, #87-904 which was turned in fourteen days late and #87-911 which was turned in seventeen days late. The third report was turned in. Since Mr. Bolton had again failed to turn in reports on a timely fashion the first letter stayed in his file. Also Lennie Fitzpatrick had the same problem which Mr. Bolton signed on his evaluation.

On December 22, 1987 Mr. Bolton was suspended because of his action and conduct. Mr. Bolton read and was asked if he understood the suspension and why he was being suspended. Mr. Bolton said he understood. Mr. Bolton also said he understood about the five days to appeal. Mr. Bolton did slam the office door and front door when he left. Mr. Bolton then signed the suspension.

Mr. Bolton did refuse to answer questions after being informed about the rights he had. Police officers do not have the right to silence and do have to answer all questions asked. This is taught at the police academy and is also set forth in Gardner v. Bradvick 392 U.S. 273 88 S.Ct. 1913c19687. Refusing to answer questions after being advised his warning set forth alone is grounds for dismissal by the courts. Again Mr. Bolton had been talked to and informed about the time allowed on reports.