

Rivera Verification Packet – Lorain Daily

This packet consolidates key verified records obtained from the Lorain Police Department regarding the April 17, 2025, off-duty crash involving Sgt. Eric Rivera. All information below has been reconstructed accurately from official documents contained in the original investigation files (Rivera Records 1–4).

1. Administrative Leave Letter (April 21, 2025)

Summary Reconstruction:

Addressed to Sgt. Eric Rivera, dated April 21, 2025. States he is being placed on paid administrative leave pending an internal investigation into the April 17, 2025 off-duty vehicle incident. Prohibits him from performing police duties, entering police facilities, or operating city-owned vehicles. Specifies the leave will remain in effect until the completion of the investigation. Signed by the Safety-Service Director and Acting Chief.

2. Internal Affairs Case Summary Sheet (IA-25-13)

Summary Reconstruction:

Case Number: IA-25-13 Incident Number: 2025-11116 Officer: Sgt. Eric Rivera #3568 Investigation Initiated: April 21, 2025 Allegations Sustained: • Gross Misconduct • Ethics and Professional Behavior • Vehicle Use • Care of Property and Equipment • Standards of Conduct Findings: Sustained on all counts. Disciplinary Action: Demotion from Sergeant to Patrol Officer; restitution of \$15,691 to the City of Lorain. Date Closed: May 2025 Command Approval: Reviewed and signed by OPS Commander and Safety-Service Director.

3. OPS Executive Summary

Summary Reconstruction:

Describes the April 17, 2025 crash while Rivera was off duty in a city cruiser. Notes vehicle struck two parked cars and a shed near Long Avenue and West 9th Street. States Rivera drove home and later reported the incident. Patrol supervisor observed heavy front-end damage. Breath alcohol tests: 0.138 / 0.131 recorded at Mercy Hospital. Rivera claimed to have consumed 'several alcoholic beverages' after returning home. Concludes that Rivera's actions fell below the standards expected of supervisory personnel and damaged public trust. Recommends disciplinary action consistent with sustained violations.