

Another Loudoun Deputy Charged with Domestic Assault

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2016 Cop Domestic Violence Chad Neff

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office announced today that a deputy was placed on administrative leave after being charged with domestic assault in Woodstock.

A similar incident involving another deputy occurred in Leesburg over the weekend.

In yesterday's case, Deputy First Class Chad Neff, 32, was charged with misdemeanor domestic assault by members of the Woodstock Police Department. He was released by a magistrate on his own recognizance. Neff joined the agency almost 5 years ago. He is on paid administrative leave pending an internal investigation.

On Monday, the Sheriff's Office announced that Deputy Josiah Kennedy, 29, was charged with misdemeanor domestic assault by members of the Leesburg Police Department on Friday. He also was placed on administrative leave.

Sheriff Mike Chapman said in a statement that even in the face of the national tensions involving law environment and day-to-day stress of the job, professional behavior is required by his deputies at all times, on and off-duty.

Chapman said the agency is expanding the availability of a contracted psychologist for his staff. Last year, the agency established a Chaplain Unit to provide guidance and comfort for deputies in times of crisis.

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