

## Domestic violence allegations involving St. Johns deputies leads to 2 resignations, 1 firing

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David Michael Nogowski

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A St. Johns County Sheriff's deputy, who was arrested by his colleagues on a single charge of domestic battery over the weekend resigned Monday morning. His resignation marks the third such instance in the last month that a deputy has either resigned or been fired as a result of allegations of domestic violence.

Of the three recent instances, one deputy was fired after an internal affairs investigation and the other two resigned. Sheriff's Office spokesman Cmdr. Chuck Mulligan called the recent string of incidents an "anomaly."

"This is not characteristic of what we see at the Sheriff's Office," he said. "Although they do occur from time to time, to have three in a row in a short period of time is not normal."

The most recent incident occurred in the early hours of Saturday morning when sheriff's deputies arrested Timothy Brian Robertson just after 12:30 a.m. on a single count of domestic battery. Prior to his resignation, Robertson had been a traffic deputy with the Sheriff's Office.

Robertson's arrest report indicates he was taken into custody after a woman he lives with claimed he slapped her on her "left upper arm area" and then pushed her. The deputy who filled out the report indicated the woman had redness on her arm and a child they have together said he or she had heard the woman say, "Ow, you hit me."

Robertson submitted a resignation letter on Monday morning.

"He turned it in Aug. 15 and the sheriff signed it Aug. 15," Mulligan said.

The resignation came about two weeks after another traffic deputy tendered his resignation under slightly different circumstances.

Kevin Douglas Nickmeyer resigned July 30, a day after the 7th Circuit State Attorney's Office filed charges against him in Flagler County, records show.

Nickmeyer is facing a single charge of domestic battery and one count of domestic assault.

According to the charging affidavit in the case — dated May 4 — the charges stem from a Dec. 30 incident between Nickmeyer and his wife who said that he had grabbed her by the front of her dress during an argument and began "twisting the center of her brassiere" and pushed her

against a countertop. A supplemental document attached to the affidavit indicates the wife later submitted video evidence of that incident and one other that she said was recorded by the couple's 11-year-old daughter.

Nickmeyer entered a written plea of not guilty to the charges on Aug. 2.

The other incident in the recent spate occurred in June when then-corrections deputy David Michael Nogowski was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a single count of domestic battery.

The arrest report indicates Nogowski was arrested in the early morning hours of June 14 after his wife told deputies he had held her down to grab a set of car keys from her. The deputy who filled out the report wrote that he observed "a bruise and redness" on the woman's lower left shoulder and "a vertical scratch running down her right leg" that he felt was consistent with her statement.

The State Attorney's Office filed the formal charge of domestic battery against Nogowski on June 30. He has also entered a written plea of not guilty.

Nogowski was fired from the Sheriff's Office on July 19 after an internal affairs investigation — opened June 15 — found that he violated three policies including a prohibition against lying and another against the "commission of a criminal act." The third policy was a sustained finding of "conduct unbecoming," documents show.

Mulligan said that apart from a part-time civilian employee who was arrested in Jacksonville in January — and subsequently fired — no other Sheriff's Office employees have been arrested this year, and that it has been well over a year since a complaint of domestic violence has been lodged against a deputy.

"We had three in this period," he said of the recent occurrences, "But we had no reported incidents in all of 2015."

Mulligan said Nogowski's and Nickmeyer's cases have been forwarded on to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for review and Robertson's was in the process of being sent.

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