

## Suspended officer indicted for assault

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A grand jury today indicted a suspended Prince George's County Police officer. Corporal Stephen Downey is charged with second degree assault and misconduct in office.

The allegations against the officer involve conduct in October of 2018 while the officer was on duty. Corporal Downey is accused of hitting a handcuffed suspect several times during an arrest. A fellow officer who was on the arrest scene immediately notified his supervisor, who contacted the Internal Affairs Division. The Internal Affairs Division launched its own investigation which was then brought to the State's Attorney's Office for consideration of criminal charges.

Chief Stawinski issued this statement following the indictment:

"I want the community to know that when an officer is accused of wrongdoing, those accusations are taken seriously and are thoroughly investigated. As an agency, we value transparency and accountability. Serving as a police officer is a challenging and demanding job that requires professionalism at all times. If any officer fails to meet that expectation, he or she will be held accountable by my administration and this community."

Downey is a seven-year veteran of the department. He is assigned to the Bureau of Patrol.

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