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SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD EMPLOYEE THREATENED A PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ON SOCIAL MEDIA

As detailed in the Report of Investigation released today, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) determined that S&WB employee Mytrell Carter posted messages on social media on two occasions in which she threatened to assault a Parking Enforcement Officer.

In particular, OIG investigators obtained a cellphone screenshot of a social media post containing a portion of a metered parking ticket issued in the 600 block of St. Joseph Street and bearing the following four-line text:

See this hoe [sic] really takes her job to [sic] serious if I ever catch this hoe [sic]
ima [sic] drag here [sic] all around the greater New Orleans area always giving me
and my co workers [sic] tickets & shit

In another post, Carter stated:

Y'ALL I THOUGHT THIS WAS [REDACTED] I WAITING IN MY CAR
I WAS LITERALLY ABOUT TO DOG WALK MY GIRL

When OIG investigators attempted to interview Carter on two occasions, she either refused to answer questions or gave answers that were untruthful.

The OIG provided the following conclusions to S&WB management:

1. Carter may have violated the rules of the City's Civil Service Commission, by posting threatening messages on social media.
2. Carter also may have violated the S&WB Code of Ethics, by posting threatening messages on social media.
3. In addition, Carter failed to adhere to the guideline established in the S&WB Employee Handbook.
4. Carter violated City Code because she refused to cooperate with the OIG.
5. Carter's behavior during these interviews also constitutes a violation of City Code Section 2-1120, Paragraph (20)(d), which states:

Any employee, appointed officer or elected official of the city who violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject to discharge or such other discipline as may be specified in a collective bargaining agreement, in addition to any other penalty provided in the City Charter or ordinances.

In addition to today's report, the OIG released a brief with highlights. Go to www.nolaoig.gov to view all OIG reports.

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