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PRESS RELEASE

DATE: June 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Criminal assault charges filed against Garden Grove Police Officer

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: City of Garden Grove

DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: June 9, 2021 / 12:00 PM

VICTIM(s): Withheld, (2) Adult males

NARRATIVE:

This morning, the Orange County District's Attorney's Office announced the filing of criminal charges against Garden Grove Police Officer Kevin Dinh for several misdemeanor counts of assault and battery while performing his duties as a police officer.

Officer Dinh has been employed by the Garden Grove Police Department for 12 years and is currently on administrative leave pending the outcome of the internal investigation. At the time of the incident, Officer Dinh was assigned to patrol.

In October 2020, the Garden Grove Police Department learned of the misdemeanor assault when another police officer, who was present, reported the inappropriate use of force to a supervisor. Officer Dinh was immediately placed on administrative leave and a criminal investigation was initiated.

The Garden Grove Police Department conducted an intensive criminal investigation and found two separate incidents involving Officer Dinh, where inappropriate use of force occurred. The findings were submitted to the Orange County District Attorney's Office for their review and based on the investigation conducted by the Garden Grove Police Department, criminal charges were filed. The Garden Grove Police Department has fully cooperated with the District Attorney's Office with this investigation.

"We will not tolerate this behavior on any members of our community. Everyone will be treated with dignity and respect," said Garden Grove Police Chief Tom DaRe.

Any inquiries regarding the criminal investigation should be made to the Orange County District Attorney's Office.

Although we believe these are isolated incidents, if there are any other victims, we encourage them to contact the Garden Grove Police Department Detective Bureau at (714) 741-5800.

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