



Case Study Block 5 Ethics

TRAINEE

Officer James Short

Trainee Bio

Officer Short is a 44-year-old male who has a Masters Degree in Public Administration. He spent 22 years in the military and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Officer Short was the Honor Graduate of his police academy class. He has been married for 20 years. He has three children (19, 16 and 10 yrs). He is an experienced martial arts instructor and is bilingual in Spanish. Officer Short is well-spoken, confident and personable.

Scenario Description - Ethics

Officer Short is an avid rock climber and he often takes trips to River City Peak to practice his skills.

At the end of the previous week of training, you learned that Officer Short was planning on going climbing over the weekend. When you came back to work after the weekend, you asked how the rock-climbing trip went. Short says it was great. Short pulls a packet of photographs out of his patrol bag and enthusiastically shows them to you. You sort through the pictures and you not only see Officer Short climbing, but you also see his climbing partner, who you immediately recognize as a trainee from a different division. You are aware that the other trainee is currently off on disability status for a knee injury he sustained during an on-duty altercation.

You ask Short if he knows the other trainee well, and he tells you they were academy classmates. You ask him if the photos are from the climbing trip that he took this past weekend, and Short says that they are. You say to Short, "Isn't he injured?" and Short replies, "He didn't appear to be. In fact, this was a more difficult climb than we have done before."

Discuss how you would handle this situation.