



Case Study Block 5 Ethics

TRAINEE

Officer Randy Bean

Trainee Bio

Officer Bean is a 35-year-old male with no prior law enforcement experience. While he has no criminal record, his brother is on parole. He has worked in construction the last 17 years and has a GED. He is street-smart and relates well with those he contacts on a daily basis. Officer Bean is divorced with four kids.

Scenario Description - Ethics

You are called into the sergeant's office and told that Officer Bean was seen off-duty in a bar drinking beer with several "tattooed" individuals known to the observer as active parolees. Nothing is known about the terms of parole for these individuals. The sergeant also directs your attention to the computer, where you see Bean's Facebook page. On the page, Bean has posted two pictures of him in plain clothes, holding a handgun across his chest, and posing with two tattooed individuals. One of the individuals in the pictures is flashing a gang sign with his hands.

You explain to the sergeant that Bean's brother is on parole. The sergeant asks how you plan to address the apparent impropriety involving the trainee ignoring possible parole violations at the bar, and using social media to post pictures involving firearms and gang signs.

What would you tell the sergeant on how you plan to address this issue?