



## Case Study Block 5 Ethics

**TRAINEE**

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Officer Michelle Loeb

### **Trainee Bio**

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Officer Loeb is a 24-year-old female with an Associate's Degree in Police Science. She worked as a loss prevention officer for a local department store prior to entering the academy. She did well in the academy. Officer Loeb is a single parent with a 3-year-old child. She has a good work ethic and writes exceptionally well.

### **Scenario Description - Ethics**

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During Phase 1 of training, you are standing around the corner at the Police Garage while Officer Loeb is fueling your vehicle. You overhear Trainee Smith talking with Loeb about the FTO Sergeant. Smith says he is having major problems in his report writing and field tactics, and is blaming the FTO Sergeant for his problems. You know this is not true because of the FTO meetings and the feedback you have heard, and your own observations, regarding Smith. Suddenly, you overhear Loeb agreeing with Smith that the FTO Sergeant must have it out for Smith. Loeb further comments by saying, "Yeah, Sergeant Lee is a real jerk." While driving away, you confront Loeb, and she says she only agreed with Smith because he is another trainee, on the same watch, and in the same Division.

Discuss how you would handle this situation.