Case Study Block 5 Ethics

**TRAINEE**

Officer Cindy Kane

## Trainee Bio

Officer Kane is a 32-year-old female who is a lateral police officer with 7 years experience at a county sheriff's department. She worked 3 years in the jail, two years in custody transportation, and two years in patrol. Officer Kane has some college education but does not hold a degree. She has low to moderate firearms skills. Officer Kane is married to an FTO from an adjoining city and lives 90 minutes from the Police Department.

## Scenario Description - Ethics

One evening you and Officer Kane handled an incident of a suspicious vehicle, which turned out to involve a Patrol Captain from Kane's husband's agency and a woman who was not his wife. You cleared the call as "no crime."

The next day you are called into the Sergeant's office and advised that rumors about the call reached the Chief's office; and the Chief wants to know how the information "got out."

You did not personally divulge any details of the call to anyone, and justified the detention as suspicious circumstances. You explain that after the short detention, you cleared the call and noted the disposition as not being of a criminal nature. The Sergeant accepts this explanation but asks how you plan to address the apparent leak of confidential information.

Discuss how you would handle this situation.