

# Muncie Police Merit Commission

## Call to order:

A meeting of the Muncie Police Merit Commission was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 300 N. High Street Muncie, IN 47305- City Hall Auditorium  
Jonathan Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm

## Roll Call:

Attendees included –Jonathan Mitchell, Deb Mace, Mike Mueller, Chief Sloan, Dea Bell and Attorney Mark Ervin

## Members not in attendance:

Members not in attendance- Phillip Miller

## Approval of minutes:

Deb Mace made a motion to accept the March 16, 2021 meeting minutes as presented, Dea Bell seconded the motion. Motion to accept meeting minutes as presented is carried by voice vote.

## Business from Chief Sloan:

Chief Sloan began by reading a commendation letter presented from Lt. Ryan Trissel to Officer Ron Miller for his unusual bravery, outstanding police action and other meritorious acts.

Chief Sloan then read a commendation letter presented from Sgt. Brian Campbell to Detective's Gabe Wilmes, Corey Posey, Jami Brown, Eric Small, Bryan Ashton, Ryan Plummer, Dustin Lee, Matt Berger, Joseph Duckham, Kevin Pierce and Damon Stovall for their dedication and exceptional services while working four homicides in the Month of February 2021. Deputy Chief Pease also added that Sgt. Mike Nickens and Sgt. Brandon Qualls will also be added to the commendation.

Due to the failure of a detailed background investigation and/or denial from PERF, Dea Bell made a motion to remove applicants 40014, 40013, 40012 and 40011 from the current hiring list. Deb Mace seconded the motion. Motion to remove applicants from the current hiring list is carried by voice vote.

Chief Sloan asks the Commission to move forward with the previously presented Internship program. Dea Bell made a motion to have the Chief look into the Internship program and development the framework and present it to the Commission at a later time. Mike Mueller seconded the motion. Motion is carried by voice vote.

Chief Sloan states that they are now in a position to ask for more appointments to the Police Department. Jonathan Mitchell states that the next names on the current hiring list are Clayton Combs, Richard Guinn and Dawson Schmidt. Chief requests that Clayton Combs be appointed to the Muncie Police Department. Mike Muller made a motion for Clayton Combs to be non-conditionally appointed. Deb Mace seconded the motion. Motion to appoint Clayton Combs to the Muncie Police Department is carried by voice vote.

Chief Sloan asks that the next applicant on the current hiring list be appointed to the Muncie Police Department. The next names on the list are Richard Guinn, Dawson Schmidt, and Joseph Schafer. Chief asks that Richard Guinn be appointed to the Muncie Police Department. Mike Muller made a motion for Richard Guinn to be non-conditionally appointed. Dea Bell seconded the motion. Motion to appoint Richard Guinn to the Muncie Police Department is carried by voice vote.

Chief Sloan asks that the next applicant on the current hiring list be appointed to the Muncie Police Department. The next names on the list are Dawson Schmidt and Joseph Schafer. Chief Sloan asks that Dawson Schmidt be appointed to the Muncie Police Department. Dea Bell made a motion that Dawson Schmidt be conditionally appointed pending he pass all other PERF requirements. Deb Mace seconded the motion. Motion to appoint Dawson Schmidt to the Muncie Police Department is carried by voice vote.

Chief Sloan asks that the next applicant on the current hiring list be appointed to the Muncie Police Department. The next name on the current hiring list is Joseph Schafer. Chief Sloan asks that Joseph Schafer be appointed to the Muncie Police Department. Mike Mueller made a motion to non-conditionally appoint Joseph Schafer to the Muncie Police Department pending the completion of PERF and other required background checks. Dea Bell seconded the motion. Motion to appoint Joseph Schafer to the Muncie Police Department is carried by voice vote.

Based on combined scores and background investigations, Chief suggests terminating the current hiring list. Mike Muller made a motion to terminate the current the hiring list. Deb Mace seconded the motion. Motion to terminate the current hiring list is carried by voice vote.

Chief Sloan presented the final scores of the Lateral Hiring list. Dea Bell made a motion to certify the Lateral Hiring list. Mike Muller seconded the motion. Motion to certify the Lateral Hiring list is carried by voice vote.

### Business from Attorney Mark Ervin:

n/a

### Other Business:

Deputy Chief Deegan thanks the Commission for all that they do.

### Adjournment:

Dea Bell made a motion to adjourn. Jonathan Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn is carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.



## City of Muncie

300 N. High Street - Muncie, Indiana 47305

### MUNCIE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL COMMENDATION

Date: March 1, 2021

To: Nathan A. Sloan Chief of Police

From: Lt. Ryan Trissel/Uniform Division Commander  
Unit Division/Bureau

I wish to commend Officer Ronald Miller #9802  
who is presently assigned to Days A Uniform Division  
for the following:

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| ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) OUTSTANDING POLICE ACTION | ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) ACT BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY      |
| ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) UNUSUAL BRAVERY           | ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) UNUSUAL ATTENTION TO DUTY        |
| ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) CITIZEN PRAISE OR COMPLIMENT         | ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) OTHER MERITORIOUS ACT |

Let it be known that the officer being commended has displayed, in this particular situation, initiative and alertness clearly in excess of the normal call of duty.

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 #0457  
Commending Officer

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#### Facts of the situation:

On February 26, 2021 at approximately 1228 HRS Officer Ron Miller arrived on scene of a subject refusing to leave/ domestic issue at 1200 N Granville Ave. Once being let into the residence Officer Miller was immediately met by Gregory Goul who was armed with a kitchen knife in his hand and was threatening to use the knife. Officer Miller did an outstanding job maintaining his composure and trying to establish rapport with Gregory. Gregory kept trying to escalate the situation himself and Officer Miller would not allow that to happen. Officer Miller kept talking calmly with Gregory and trying to de-escalate the situation. Officer Miller kept this up while being the only officer on scene and with Gregory's elderly parents in the house. Officer Miller was able to keep Gregory calm long enough for other officers to arrive on scene and Gregory being taken into custody with less lethal options being used. Gregory appeared to be trying to commit suicide by police officer and due to Officer Miller's calm composure and de-escalation of the situation Gregory is still alive and was taken to get assistance





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Sgt. Brian Campbell  
Muncie Police Department  
Criminal Investigations Division  
300 N High St.  
Muncie, IN 47305

March 16, 2021

RE: Official Commendation

Nathan Sloan Chief of Police  
Melissa Pease Deputy Chief of Police  
Chris Deegan Deputy Chief of Police

The City of Muncie suffered four homicides during the month of February 2021. Three individuals were killed in a single event and a fourth individual was killed in a separate event days later. The Muncie Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division is comprised of only 9 detectives who investigate cases and 2 crime scene investigators who process crime scenes. It should be noted the occurrence of four homicides in any given month is extraordinary for the City of Muncie and the Muncie Police Department.

Rather than succumb to a condition of malaise and apathy attributed to long hours, increasing workloads, and time away from family, these detectives met the challenge head on and worked tirelessly in their pursuit of justice for the victims of these homicides. The combined efforts of these detectives ultimately led to the arrests of suspects in each of the aforementioned cases. Although these detectives were merely doing their job, their attention to detail, relentless pursuit of the truth, personal sacrifices, and service to the community should not go unnoticed.

Therefore I wish to commend the following detectives for their dedication and exceptional service:

Detective Gabe Wilmes;

Detective Corey Posey;

Detective Jami Brown;

Detective Eric Small;

Detective Bryan Ashton;

Detective Ryan Plummer;

Detective Dustin Lee;

Detective Matt Berger;

Detective Joseph Duckham;



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Crime Scene Investigator Kevin Pierce;

Crime Scene Investigator Damon Stovall.

Professionally,

Sgt. Brian Campbell