



New Rochelle Police Department

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On February 15, 2021, an altercation occurred involving an off-duty officer with the New Rochelle Police Department and an individual from Mount Vernon. The altercation followed an apparent domestic dispute between the individual and a member of his family that was observed by the off-duty officer. After the initial review of this incident, the Police Department has determined that the off-duty officer's actions were inappropriate. Accordingly, the officer has been placed on 30 days unpaid suspension, the most serious disciplinary measure that can be imposed in such circumstances. Additionally, the matter has been referred to the Westchester County District Attorney's Office for further review.

The altercation occurred in the presence of several on-duty New Rochelle Police Officers, all of whom appear to have acted appropriately. The New Rochelle Police Department trains its members to intervene when they observe improper conduct among colleagues, including, as in this case, senior colleagues, and the on-duty officers in this case demonstrated the importance of such training.

The City Administration has contacted the City Manager's Clergy Rapid Response team and has met with the City's African American Advisory Committee in order to share all information available to us at this time. We are grateful for the guidance and partnership of these leaders.

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