

Notification of News Release

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(MONTGOMERY, Ohio) – On Wednesday, April 9, the senior management in the Montgomery Police Department was advised by the Ohio Department of Health that it had discovered evidence of potential "cheating" by one or more Montgomery police officers on the test given to operators of the City's intoxilyzer instrument. An internal investigation into these allegations was initiated immediately by Lieutenant Jerry Beitman and Police Chief Don Simpson of the Montgomery Police Department.

As a result of the allegations made by the Ohio Department of Health, this matter was also referred (by the Ohio Department of Health) to the Ohio Inspector General for formal investigation. On Friday, April 11, the Office of the Ohio Inspector General issued a news release that it would be conducting an investigation into this allegation.

At this time, the internal investigation continues by the City on this matter. Additionally, the City of Montgomery will cooperate fully with the Office of the Ohio Inspector General on its investigation.

"It is certainly our intent to investigate this matter fully and to cooperate with the Ohio Inspector General," said City Manager Cheryl Hilvert. She added that, "In spite of the allegations, the Montgomery Police Department as a law enforcement agency, has and will continue to provide exceptional service to our citizens."

The City of Montgomery will provide updates on this investigation as additional information becomes available.

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