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City of North Myrtle Beach Announces William Bailey's Status

NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. – City Manager John Smithson has announced that William Bailey has been removed from his position as Public Safety Director for the City of North Myrtle Beach. Mr. Bailey is being demoted to the position of lieutenant with a corresponding reduction in pay.

Prior to assuming the lieutenant position, Mr. Bailey will serve a two-week suspension without pay beginning Jan. 27, 2010. His administrative leave with pay will be charged to his accrued vacation for the period of Jan. 19 to Jan. 26, 2010.

The allegation that William Bailey interfered with a charge against a local citizen is currently under consideration. After his two-week suspension, the City Manager will determine if Mr. Bailey will immediately return to work in the lieutenant's position or Mr. Bailey will remain on leave. If he remains on leave, the additional time off will be charged to his accrued vacation or taken without pay, depending on the status of the review of the allegations.

The City Manager reserves the right to take further action regarding William Bailey's employment status.

A search for a new Director of Public Safety will be initiated as soon as possible.

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