

The name of the Officer

PC Simon Read

The date of the hearing

25th – 26th November 2020 10am start.

The location at which the hearing will take place

East of England Arena & Events Centre, East of England Showground, Peterborough, PE2 6HE.
HOWEVER please note that the venue will not be open to the public as per details under 'conditions' heading below.

The conduct that is the subject matter of the case

Alleged Facts

1. On 10th February 2020, whilst on duty, you entered the Tesco Extra store in Wisbech in police uniform.
2. You selected a cardboard tray containing 12 Krispy Kreme donuts that were priced at £9.95.
3. The donut tray had a price barcode on it.
4. You then went to the fruit and vegetable area where you used the self-service scales to obtain a self-adhesive barcode price label for carrots with a price of £0.07 (7 pence).
5. You stuck the price label for the carrots on to the donut tray.
6. At the self-service checkout counter, you intentionally scanned the barcode for the carrots instead of the bar code for the donuts with the result that you were charged £0.07 for the donuts rather than £9.95.

Alleged Breach – Honesty & Integrity

On 10th February 2020 you breached the Standard of Professional Behaviour concerning Honesty & Integrity because you acted dishonestly and without integrity by knowingly paying £0.07 for 12 donuts when you knew that you should have paid £9.95.

Alleged Breach – Discreditable Conduct

Your behaviour on 10th February 2020 brings discredit upon the police service and undermines confidence in it because a reasonable member of the public, aware of all the facts, would be justifiably appalled that a police officer had acted dishonestly and without integrity.

Your breach of the Standards of Professional Behaviour is so serious that dismissal would be justified and consequently it amounts to gross misconduct.

Conditions for the hearing

The hearing is to be held in public. However, in consideration of the increased health risk to members of the public due to COVID-19, the public interest dictates that members of the public and media should be prevented from attending in person.

One accredited member of the media will be permitted to observe remotely, via Microsoft Teams link, upon application by no later than 12 noon on Friday 13 November 2020.

A reporting restriction is directed of no recording of the proceedings other than that for official purposes by Professional Standards.

It is expected that the findings of the panel will be published on the Force website after the conclusion of the hearing.

Email address to register and obtain the Teams hearing link is publichearings@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk