

The State and the Defendant understand, agree, and stipulate to the following Statement of Facts, which the State would prove beyond a reasonable doubt had this case proceeded to trial:

The Maryland Department of Health (“MDH”) is an agency of the State of Maryland that works to promote and improve the health and safety of all Marylanders. Within the MDH is the Secured Transport and Investigation Unit (“STIU”), also referred to as the Maryland Department of Health Police (“MDHP”). All officers and employees of the MDHP are governed by the STIU and State of Maryland policies and procedures.

Astarte S. Hunt (“HUNT”) served as a police officer with the MDHP since 2016. HUNT became a Captain in 2022. As a Captain with the MDHP, HUNT worked Mondays through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., primarily at the Spring Grove Hospital, in Catonsville, Maryland.

I. College Courses While on Duty

In 2019, HUNT enrolled in college at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (“UMBC”). HUNT graduated from UMBC on May 20, 2025 with a bachelor’s degree. In the Spring 2025 semester, HUNT enrolled in a course at UMBC on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. through 11:15 a.m., during her scheduled shift with MDHP. HUNT enrolled in a second course on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 p.m. through 3:45 p.m., partially during her scheduled shift with MDHP. The first day of class for the Spring 2025 semester began on January 27, 2025, and the last day of class was on May 13, 2025.

Throughout the Spring 2025 semester, HUNT attended her courses in person at UMBC and completed school work during her shift with MDHP, without approval. HUNT submitted timesheets in Workday reflecting that she was working with MDHP, while she was actually attending courses at UMBC.

II. Misuse of State-Owned Vehicle

As a Captain, HUNT was assigned a State-owned vehicle to utilize for MDHP related business, and was prohibited from using the vehicle for personal reasons or while-off duty. HUNT was also prohibited from taking the State-owned vehicle to her residence after work.

In March 2023, HUNT was reprimanded for being in a car accident while off-duty and was reminded that she could not use a State-owned vehicle for personal reasons, including taking the vehicle to HUNT’s residence.

Despite the explicit instruction not to use her State-owned vehicle for personal reasons, throughout the Spring semester, HUNT utilized her State-owned vehicle to drive to and from UMBC, while on duty. Throughout April 2025 and most of May 2025, HUNT also utilized the vehicle after work hours and on weekends, and drove the vehicle to her residence after every shift.

At the end of each month, MDHP officers, including HUNT, are required to submit a Fleet Master Vehicle Mileage Log (the "Log"), indicating the odometer reading at the end of each day for the State-owned vehicle. HUNT submitted false Logs, indicating that she was not utilizing the State-owned vehicle off-duty or on weekends.

For example, on Saturday, April 26, 2025, HUNT was off duty and indicated on the Log that the odometer reading on the State-owned vehicle utilized by her did not change on that date. However, HUNT drove approximately 31 miles, arriving back at her residence after midnight. She falsely included that 31-mile change on the Log for Monday, April 28, 2025's odometer reading.

Similarly, the next day, April 27, 2025, HUNT was off duty and indicated on the Log that the odometer reading on the State-owned vehicle utilized by her did not change. However, HUNT drove approximately 49 miles and falsely included that 49-mile change on the Log for Monday, April 28, 2025's odometer reading.

Witnesses would identify HUNT as being the individual involved in the aforementioned conduct. All events originated in Baltimore County, Maryland.