



# BRENHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**To: Sergeant J. Merkley**

**From: Chief Ron Parker**

**Re: Internal Affairs Case #23-235**

**Date: February 20, 2023**

Pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Brenham Police Department, an Internal Affairs administrative investigation was completed in reference to your alleged violation of the City of Brenham Police Department Policies and City of Brenham Policies.

## **Statement of Facts**

An Administrative Investigation was conducted by Internal Affairs regarding an incident in which Sergeant J. Merkley was allegedly involved. The Complaint, Mr. Frank Nowak, is alleging Sergeant Merkley was involved a situation where he engaged in accepting a substantial sum of cash money and/or items of value over a period of time. Mr. Nowak stated that this amount totaled over \$20,000 or more and that he believed he had been "victimized" by Sergeant Merkley. A cursory review of policies revealed that such allegations may be found in violation of (city policy), page 61, Section- Gifts, "Individual City employees are prohibited from soliciting, accepting or agreeing to accept any gift, gratuity, favor, benefit or anything else of value from any person, organization, or other entity who has done business, is doing business, or seeks to do business, with the City." City policy defines minimal value as \$50 or less.

(Department policy), as related to ethics, gifts, and indebtedness, is addressed under 2.1, Rules of Conduct: Section III-

Code of Ethics- As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property, to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.