Two Tulsa Police Officers Fired After Corruption Trial

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Two officers involved in the Tulsa Police corruption trials have been fired, according to the Tulsa Police Department. Bruce Bonham and NickDeBruin were terminated Friday for violating several policies including conduct unbecoming to an officer.

The two officers were found not guilty in a jury trial last year.

"My administration as well as the rank and file of the Tulsa Police Department have never nor will they ever tolerate any illegal, unethical or immoral behavior," said Tulsa Police Chief Charles Jordan.

"We have taken steps to insure more oversight including more checks and balances to preclude such behavior. It is our goal to enhance the trust and confidence of the citizens we are sworn to protect," he said.

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Bonham, hired in 1990, was terminated for and conduct unbecoming of an officer, knowingly making false reports and failing to "know, enforce and obey laws and ordinances."

"Whoever shrinks from danger or responsibility shall be considered guilty of cowardice and gross neglect of duty," states Tulsa Police Department Rules and Regulations No. 4.

DeBruin, hired in 1999, violated five regulations in his conduct, according to the news release. Those include failing to "know, enforce and obey laws and ordinances," conduct unbecoming to an officer, and making false statements and reports.

Both failed to follow rules and regulations number 3, which states in part: "Employees shall not commit a crime."

Three other Tulsa Police officers and an ATF agent were found guilty in a December trial.

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