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Columbus Police Department Arrests Two Officers in Unrelated Investigations

The Columbus Police Department has arrested two of its officers, Ulises Hernandez and Leonard Forsyth, in separate and unrelated incidents involving allegations of crimes against children.

We recognize that news like this is troubling for our community. The men and women who wear this badge are trusted to uphold the law and protect others, especially the most vulnerable. When we learned of the allegations in these cases, we immediately opened investigations. Based on the findings, the Columbus Police Department served as the arresting agency and filed the appropriate charges.

Both officers have been removed from duty and no longer have authority as police officers. Their cases will now move through the judicial process.

While these allegations are serious, it is important for the public to know that we acted as soon as the information came to light. Holding people accountable, including our own, is necessary to maintain the trust placed in this department.

The actions alleged in these cases do not represent the values of the Columbus Police Department or the hundreds of officers who serve this community with professionalism and integrity every day. Our commitment to enforcing the law applies to everyone, and we will continue working to build and maintain the trust of the community we serve.

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