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# New Rochelle Police Lt. Sean Kane's Disciplinary Record Among the Worst

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*Ranked #40 in 2021 and facing a 30-Day Suspension, Kane will drop into the Bottom 5*

NEW ROCHELLE, NY (August 3, 2024) — It should come as no surprise that Lieutenant Sean Kane has caused a legal and community relations nightmare for the New Rochelle Police Department, the City of New Rochelle, and the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. Like Michael Vaccaro, Alec McKenna, David Rodriguez before him, Kane has one of the worst disciplinary records in the department which now stands to get much worse following an Internal Affairs determination that he tampered with evidence in a drug case, referred the matter to the DA,,causing both agencies agreeing to drop charges against the victim of Kane's conduct.

The current matter is not the first time Kane has been disciplined over an issue with evidence. On November 19, 2013, at approximately 10:30 pm, Kane frisked a man, located a gravity knife. Rather than arrest the man and charge him with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree, Kane discarded the knife and failed to log the recovered knife as evidence.

In 2021, I graded Sean Kane a "C" with a score tied for 40th on the all-time list of worst disciplinary records. By tacking on a 30-day suspension (the most allowed under the PBA contract, he will jump into the Bottom 5.

In 2020, I made hundreds of FOIL requests for Command Disciplinary Reports and CO-2 Reports (top-line summary sheets) for every New Rochelle police officer I could identify from records including active duty rosters, reports from awards and promotions ceremonies, and state pension records. I began receiving records — after a year-long battle — in 2021.

I have since made a new FOIL request for all Command Disciplinary Reports from then until now. I will update my database when I obtain those records.

As I received disciplinary records in 2021, I entered every violation for every officer into a database. I assigned points for the various outcomes (less for letters of reprimand and more per days of suspensions). I then sorted the database to rank each officer. I grouped the scores to assign a letter grade to each group, A through F, like in high school.

Among the officers graded "F" were some of the most notorious names in the history of the NRPD including Araz Alali, Matthew Melillo, Matthew McKay, David Rodriguez and quite a few from recent history including Michael Vaccaro, Lane Schlesinger, Robert Boyko, Alec McKenna, and Christopher Hearle. Kane will almost certainly grade "F" now.

As of 2021, Sean Kane had 7 Command Disciplines: 4 Letters of Reprimand and 3 Loss of Leaves for a total of 5 days. To put that in context, the vast majority of officers graded "A" or "B" with many having no Command Disciplines at all, and of those that do, few have any lost days.

[Lohud reported](#) Kane "began his law enforcement career with the state Department of Environmental Conservation police and joined the New Rochelle Police Department in 2007".

For 2023, Kane's total pay was \$178,626.

Kane has received numerous NRPD citations and awards and promotions over the past 17 years. I do not have the complete list, but I do have some of them. I have a list of all of his Command Disciplines until 2021.

New Rochelle Police Department Individual Delinquency Record

Last Name		First Name	Rank	Employee No.
Kane		Sean	Sergeant	10263
Date of Complaint	No.	Digest of Complaint		Disposition
0	51	Viol R&R 7.1 (fail to appear – traffic trial & MVA PDO) MOP 8.2		Loss of 2 leave days
4/28/11	15	Vio R&R 5.4 Late SDD		Letter of reprimand
10/22/12	32	Vio R&R 8.2 MVA		Letter of reprimand
8/15/13	16	Vio R&R 7.5 failed to file charges w/ DA		Letter of Reprimand
10/28/13	42	Viol R&R 7.5 – Failed ot file charges w/DA		Loss of 1 leave day
11/19/13	49	Vio MOP 3.06 – Failed to follow procedure		Letter of Reprimand
June 2019 – August 2019	23	Violate R & R 1.28 - Incomplete Memo Book		Loss of two (2) Leave Days

All of what I have is presented below in chronological order.

On January 13, 2011, Kane received Loss of **2 Leave Days** for two incidents combined into one investigation.

On October 22, 2010, Kane failed to appear for a traffic trial. He had been served a subpoena to attend the trial. When Kane was contacted by a Sergeant, Kane stated that he was late because his school examination ran longer than he anticipated.

On October 24, 2010, Kane was operating a radio car on North Avenue at about 3 am when he was responding to a call of Westchester County Police Department officer needing assistance, He was involved in a motor vehicle accident causing significant damage to the vehicle and sustaining a minor injury.

On May 16, 2011, Kane received a **Letter of Reprimand** for a Duty Violation (Late for Special Duty Detail). On April 28, 2011,

Kane was assigned the BID detail from 7:00 am to 11 am. At 7:15 am, a Sergeant noticed that Kane had not checked in for his assigned detail (BID Enforcement). He contacted Kane at 7:30 am, at which time Kane stated he would be coming in. Kane did not appear for this assignment until 9:00 am.

On [February 16, 2023](#), Kane received a **Letter of Reprimand** for Vehicle Violation (M.V.A.). On about 7:00 pm on October 22, 2012, Kane was traveling in a radio car eastbound on Lincoln Avenue just east of Webster Avenue when he came across a Pelham PD officer who was conducting a potential suspect stop. Kane crossed the double yellow line to pass the vehicle in front of him (without his lights and siren on), and when he pulled back into the lane of traffic, the other vehicle's front driver's side bumper and the radio car's passenger side rear bumper impacted. Only a small scuff mark was noted on the passenger side rear bumper of the radio car.

On [October 18, 2013](#), Kane received a **Letter of Reprimand** for a File Charges Violation after he Failed to File Charges with Westchester County District Attorney. On August 15, 2013, Kane made an arrest which required him to file charges with the District Attorney's office prior to the Defendant's return to court. Despite adequate opportunities to file charges, by September 3, 2013, Kane had not filed charges in a timely manner. Kane had 9 opportunities to file between the arrest date and September 3, 2013. Kane claimed he had lost his phone where he usually stores information and dates for filing and as a result had forgotten to file charges.

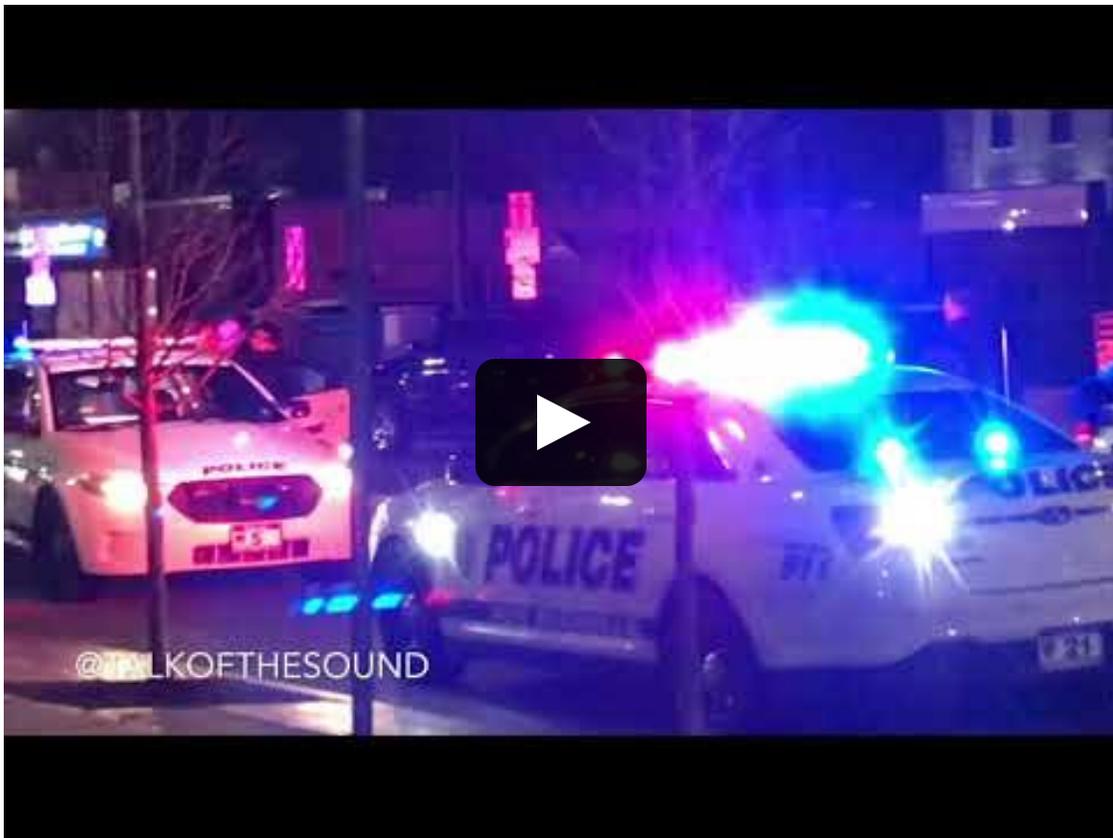
On [February 16, 2014](#), Kane was received a **Loss of 1 Leave Day** for a File Charges Violation after he Failed to File Charges with Westchester County District Attorney. On October 28, 2013, Kane arrested two individuals which required him to file appropriate criminal charges with the District Attorney's office. On October 29, 2013, Kane, failed to file these charges prior to the Defendants' arraignment. Kane had made the arrest the previous evening and should have responded to the District Attorney's office by 9:00 am on October 29, 2013, to file charges. In all arrest cases, it is the arresting officer's responsibility to see that the necessary information are filed with the city court prior to the arrested person's scheduled time and date of arraignment. Kane said he spoke with a secretary in the DAs office and left his name and number and advised that he was responding to file charges and if there were any issues he should be contacted.

On March 4, 2014, Kane was received a **Letter of Reprimand** for a Conduct Violation when he Failed to Follow Procedure. On November 19, 2013, at approximately 10:30 pm, Kane conducted a Subject Stop of a civilian with reasonable suspicion to believe the civilian was trespassing on Municipal Housing Authority Property. Kane stopped, temporarily detained, questioned and frisked the civilian. He located a gravity knife in at the scene without arrest. Kane confiscated the knife and released knife as an illegal weapon (defined in PL Section 265.01 Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree). Kane discarded the knife and failed to log the recovered knife as evidence.



On March 4, 2018, a large group of youth engaged New Rochelle Police officers in the "March Madness Riot" at New Roc City. Youths stomped on radio cars and fought with police. 4 people were arrested.

A group of youths on bicycles, some wearing masks, circled the area, taunting police officers and then riding away. At one point, as two youths drove their bicycles towards a group of officers, doing wheelies and then snapping their front wheels at the officers, one police officer (Sean Kane 4:55 mark) grabbed one of the youths right of his bike, ripped a mask off his face, detained him briefly and then left him leave with his bicycle.



In May 2018, Kaye received a Two-Year Attendance Award.

On June 8, 2018, Kane was promoted to Sergeant.

On November 11, 2019, Kane received **Loss of 2 Leave Days** for Memo Book Violations for Incomplete Memo Books. He failed to make any entries in his memorandum book during the months of June, July, and August 2019.

All sergeants, uniformed detectives, police officers and non-sworn uniformed personnel assigned to street duty will be provided with a memorandum book. The book consists of a leather binder and insert pad numbered consecutively from one to fifty (1-50). On each tour of duty the day, date, tour, post assigned, weather conditions, meal period, special assignments, local alarms and a complete and accurate accounting of all duty performed and post conditions will be entered into the memorandum book. At the conclusion of the tour of duty, the Department member will sign his/her name and enter his employee number. Pages will not be torn from the book.



On April 8, 2022, Kane (center) was promoted to Detective Sergeant.

In May 2022, he received a Class B Citation and a Unit Citation

On February 10, 2024, he was promoted to Lieutenant. Until this month, Kane was in charge of the Special Investigations Unit.

On May 15, 2024, Kane received 2 Commendation Awards.

On July 31, 2024, I received a reader tip that Sean Kane had been suspended indefinitely and referred to the Westchester County District Attorney's Office for tampering with evidence in a drug case. I contacted NRPD and WCDA for a statement and began asking around.

By the following day, it was all over New Rochelle. I believe this prompted NRPD to issue a statement the following day.

On August 1, 2024, NRPD, followed by WCDA, confirmed our reporting from the day before: [Senior New Rochelle Police Officer Suspended; Investigation by DA for Evidence Tampering \(Drugs\)](#)

On August 3, 2024, there was a comment in the Concerned Parents of New Rochelle Facebook group attributed to Sean Kane in which he proclaims his innocence.



Sean Michael

I'm the senior LT in this article. And I'm not running or hiding from anything. This allegation is NOT TRUE and I look forward to proving that it's false. I would NEVER let my family, friends, fellow cops or this community down like that. EVER. Stick with me until I'm given the opportunity to clear my name. God will reveal truth on my behalf. I have 0 doubts about it. Thank you!

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