

## Police Damaging Health Of Person Arrested

“I asked Google AI: Does a police officer get fired if they conceal from the police report that they damaged the health of the person they arrested? This was the response:”

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Yes, a police officer can be fired for concealing information in a police report that they damaged an arrested person's health. This act is a form of falsification, and if proven, it could lead to severe consequences, including termination. The ultimate outcome, however, depends on the specifics of the case, departmental policies, and legal jurisdiction. [1, 2]

Falsifying a police report • A serious breach of trust: Lying or intentionally omitting information from an official report is a severe form of misconduct. It undermines the integrity of the justice system and breaks the public trust placed in law enforcement.

- Basis for a lawsuit: Falsifying a police report is not only an administrative violation but can also be the basis for a civil rights lawsuit against the officer and the police department. This is especially true if the false report contributed to a wrongful conviction or other legal harm.
- Criminal charges: In some jurisdictions, officers who knowingly and intentionally make false statements about a material matter in a police report can face criminal charges, which can be prosecuted as either a misdemeanor or a felony. This is separate from any departmental disciplinary action. [2, 3, 4, 5, 6]

Internal affairs investigation • Initial review: When a complaint is filed alleging misconduct, an internal affairs (IA) investigation is typically initiated. This process is designed to ensure that allegations are thoroughly and objectively investigated.

- Collection of evidence: Investigators will collect all relevant evidence, which may include body camera footage, dispatch recordings, and interviews with witnesses. They will also review the officer's initial report for any inconsistencies.
- Due process: Under the Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights, the officer being investigated is afforded certain due process protections, such as the right to have a representative present during the interview.
- Potential outcomes: After the investigation, the police chief or other high-ranking administrator reviews the findings. If the allegations are "sustained" (proven to be true), disciplinary action is taken based on the severity of the misconduct and the officer's prior record. [7, 8, 9, 10, 11]

Potential consequences • Termination: If an IA investigation sustains the allegation that an officer deliberately and maliciously concealed information about harming an arrestee, it is a serious offense that can lead to termination. Many agencies automatically fire officers found to be dishonest.

- Ineligibility for future cases: If an officer is found to have a sustained complaint for knowingly lying, they can be placed on a "Brady list." This requires prosecutors to disclose the officer's dishonesty to the defense in future cases, as it affects the officer's credibility. This can effectively end their career as a credible witness.
- Loss of benefits: In some states, an officer terminated for misconduct can lose their retirement benefits.

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- Criminal charges: In extreme cases, and depending on the state, criminal charges for filing a false report or obstruction of justice may also be filed against the officer. [1, 2, 5, 12, 13]

AI responses may include mistakes.

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