

OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR
413 Second Street
Belvidere, New Jersey 07823
Phone: (908) 475-6275
Fax: (908) 475-6286



THOMAS S. FERGUSON
Prosecutor

ANGELA F. BORKOWSKI
First Assistant Prosecutor

HOWARD A. MCGINN
Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor

MARK L. FRANCIS
Senior Assistant Prosecutor

KIRK T. TRAUGER
Chief of Detectives

County of Warren

PRESS RELEASE

Oxford Township Police Officer Christopher Malcolm has been charged in complaints with two instances of Official Misconduct, Second Degree, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:30-2 and also one count of Pattern of Official Misconduct in violation of N.J.S. 2C:30-7. The complaints were initiated following an investigation by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office.

It is alleged that on December 6, 2007 Patrolman Malcolm, while on duty, left his assigned patrol area in Oxford Township and traveled to the Township of Knowlton, where he committed a Criminal Trespass at the Knowlton Township Rescue Squad building.

It is also alleged that on or about June 10, 2009, Patrolman Malcolm issued motor vehicle summonses to a citizen but intentionally failed to serve them so a warrant to arrest the citizen would be issued by the municipal court when the citizen failed to appear. Rather than serve the summonses, so the citizen would know of their existence, it is alleged that Malcolm retained the citizen's copies and ultimately threw them away in the trash at the Oxford Police Department.

The allegation of a Pattern of Official Misconduct is based upon the two prior allegations, since two or more acts of Official Misconduct constitute a Pattern of Official Misconduct.

A conviction for Official Misconduct, Second Degree, carries a potential of five to ten years incarceration. A Pattern of Official Misconduct, Second Degree, carries the same potential sentence and does not merge with the underlying Official Misconduct sentences.

Patrolman Malcolm has been suspended with pay since July 22, 2009, pending the results of the investigation.

Criminal complaints are only allegations. The person charged is presumed innocent unless and until there is a finding of guilt.

APPROVED BY:



THOMAS S. FERGUSON
Warren County Prosecutor

Dated: 8/17/09