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Wichita Police Officer Charged in a Two-Vehicle Accident

Wichita Police Department (WPD) Officer Samuel Dugo has been charged with felony aggravated battery for a two-vehicle accident while responding to a 911 call on March 16.

Dugo has been with the department since 2016. He has been on unpaid leave since June.

At about 10:38 p.m. on March 16, a citizen called 911 to report a burglary in progress. Dugo and other Officers responded. As he approached the intersection of Pine and Broadway in downtown, a motorist driving a Ford Ranger pickup pulled out from a stop sign and attempted to cross the intersection. Dugo was driving a WPD Chevy Tahoe. The two vehicles collided in the intersection. The motorist was ejected from his vehicle and suffered severe injuries.

To ensure transparency and avoid conflicts of interest, WPD requested the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) investigate the collision. The investigation determined Dugo was travelling at 79 mph did not use his emergency lights or sirens. The posted speed limit was 30 mph.

On June 19, the case was presented to District Attorney Marc Bennett. Dugo was charged with one count of aggravated battery (recklessly causing great bodily harm, K.S.A. 21-5413(b)(2)(A)).

The case numbers are WPD 18C016952, KHP 2018003785