

In late May, the Police Department received a complaint concerning decals on a Pacific Grove Police Officer's personal vehicle. The complaint focused on three decals, a Three Percenter logo, a decal with the words, LIBERTY, GUNS, BEER, TRUMP, and a "Punisher" logo.

Based on the complaint, the City retained an independent third-party investigator to conduct an investigation. The comprehensive investigation is now complete.

The investigation revealed that the Officer is not a member of any hate or militia group. The Officer placed the "Three Percenter" decal on the vehicle with a sincere belief and understanding that the Three Percenter organization supports the United States Constitution—especially the Second Amendment. Moreover, the Officer is not a white male and clearly does not support any white supremacy group.

The investigation also revealed that the Punisher decal references to a comic book character, not any hate or militia group.

Lastly, the investigation revealed the Officer did not intend to convey any anti-gay message with the LIBERTY, GUNS, BEER ,TRUMP decal.

The Officer removed all decals from the vehicle immediately upon learning that some public members perceived them negatively.

The Officer believes in protecting and serving the entire community of Pacific Grove, regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual preference, gender identity, or political affiliation. The Officer also understands how persons of color and members of the LGBTQ community may have felt about the decals, and for that, the Officer is deeply sorry.

Based on the investigation's findings, the City has determined the Officer did not violate any City or Police Department policy or law. The Department considers this matter closed.