

## **Cop sues Concord, claiming sexual harassment**

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**(08-10) 17:25 PDT CONCORD** - -- A Concord police officer has filed a sexual-harassment lawsuit against the city, saying she was retaliated against for complaining about comments made by a supervisor, including "I love you" messages on her police-cruiser computer.

Officer Lisa Capocci, a three-year department employee, said an unnamed corporal sent her inappropriate messages on the mobile-data computer in her car.

"These statements and messages were unwelcome and offensive to plaintiff," said Capocci's lawsuit, filed July 30 in Contra Costa County Superior Court. The complaint, which seeks unspecified damages, names the city and Chief David Livingston as defendants.

After an internal investigation supported her allegations, Capocci was subjected to a "relentless series of retaliatory and discriminatory actions," including her removal as a K-9 officer when her dog bit someone accidentally, the suit said.

Capocci said her personal car was vandalized after she made a complaint against a "favored male officer." "Plaintiff has been told by other male officers that 'her career is over' because she had complained," the suit said.

"She has been victimized by the department for having come forward and complained," her attorney, Stan Casper said.

Mark Boehme, a Concord senior assistant city attorney, said that the city would "vigorously defend against this litigation" and that the officers involved "will be shown to have acted lawfully and appropriately at all times."

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