

GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

(IA Case # 11-021 Discharge of Firearm)

On February 20, 2011, Chief of Police initiated a complaint of "Discharged of Firearm" against an officer who discharged his firearm while on duty.

Investigation was conducted by the Internal Affairs and a brief synopsis of the findings is as follows.

An officer reported for duty during the early morning hours at his place of assignment. The officer was attempting to clear his weapon and could not remember how his finger lodged in the trigger guard when it discharged. First aid was rendered and he was later transported to the hospital for further treatment. No one else was injured during the incident.

Internal Affairs Investigator had the weapon examined by Guam Police Armory Section Personnel and determined that the weapon was properly functioning. It was possible that the officer may have been distracted at that point and unconsciously placed his finger on the trigger guard. The officer is trained and qualified for SWAT firearm certification.

The officer in charge implemented corrective measures to be taken by all officers on duty assigned to that section and recommended that remedial weapons training be taken by all officers.

The allegation of "Discharge of Firearm" against the officer is "Not Sustained. Case is Closed.

During the investigations it was discovered that officers who were at the scene, were found to be in violation of other departmental rules and regulations and were disciplined by the Chief of Police.

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