

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Officer Arrested for Misdemeanor OVWI

On the evening of March 22, 2026, Detective Caitlin Harris arrived on the scene of an investigation she had been called to as the assigned on-call detective for the day. As the investigation was concluding, officers detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage on Harris and made the appropriate notification to a supervisor. A sergeant immediately responded, but Harris had already concluded her investigation and left the scene.

The sergeant spoke to Harris by phone and ordered her to pull over so they could meet. Harris did not meet with the supervisor and instead proceeded home. An IMPD Lieutenant met Harris at her home and ultimately believed her to be under the influence of alcohol. Harris was transported to the hospital for a blood draw. An OVWI investigator, along with detectives from the Special Investigations and Internal Affairs Units, went to the hospital to continue the investigation.

During the investigation, Harris was determined to be under the influence of alcohol. She was arrested on the preliminary charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (OVWI), a C misdemeanor, and OVWI endangering a person, an A misdemeanor.

That same day, Chief Terry placed Harris on administrative leave with no police powers. The case Harris was originally called to investigate has been reassigned to another detective for follow-up.

Harris has been with IMPD for 8 years and was most recently assigned to the Child Abuse unit.

As with any individual charged with a crime, Harris is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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