



PORTAGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF BRUCE D. ZUCHOWSKI

Friday, March 17, 2023

Yesterday afternoon, information was received that Wilson Kuzyk, a member of the Portage County Sheriff's Office, was indicted in the Cuyahoga County Court System for rape. Deputy Kuzyk was placed on paid administrative leave on November 6, 2022, immediately after my office was made aware of the alleged charges being filed against him. My office remained fully cooperative with the investigation that was being conducted by Lyndhurst Police Department in Cuyahoga County where the alleged incident occurred. Given the information that was released with an official indictment yesterday, Wilson Kuzyk is now on unpaid administrative leave pending an internal investigation that we can now move forward to complete for any violation of policies, procedures, rules, and regulations of our agency. Upon completion of our internal investigation, a final determination will be made in regard to the final employment status of Wilson Kuzyk.

We will continue to maintain transparency and accountability with information pertaining to our agency and the members whom it encompasses in these unfortunate and difficult situations.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce D. Zuchowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Bruce D. Zuchowski
Portage County Sheriff