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# Norfolk Police Officer Dismissed Following Disturbing Incident

In a troubling episode that has drawn public scrutiny, PC Lee Ribera of the Norfolk Police has been dismissed from his position following a series of reckless actions while off-duty in Norwich's Castle Quarter. The incident occurred as Ribera celebrated the completion of Taser training, during which he exhibited alarming behaviour that culminated in a physical altercation with a member of the public.

Details from the disciplinary panel reveal that on September 26, Ribera, who had been drinking heavily, was seen not only shouting aggressive commands, including “police” and “Taser,” but also pretending to wield a Taser as he navigated through the bustling shopping area. Witness accounts describe Ribera as behaving erratically, culminating in him grabbing a passing man and subsequently pushing him multiple times. The situation escalated quickly, resulting in the passerby retaliating and knocking the officer unconscious.

At the hearing, Ribera, who joined the police force after a commendable career as an ambulance call handler, admitted to gross misconduct, expressing profound regret and embarrassment over his actions. He claimed to have no memory of the events due to his intoxication but insisted he had been celebrating the successful completion of his training. “I made a critical lapse in judgement,” Ribera stated, emphasising his desire to serve the community with pride.

The panel chairman, Assistant Chief Constable Nicholas Davison, did not mince words when discussing Ribera's actions, stating they were unacceptable and “discredited the police service.” He highlighted the importance of maintaining public trust in policing, especially given the increasing number of misconduct cases within the Norfolk constabulary, many linked to officers’ inappropriate behaviour while under the influence of alcohol.

This incident follows a troubling trend in the region, where misconduct cases involving officers misusing their positions or engaging in unprofessional conduct have been on the rise. For instance, another Norfolk officer faced dismissal for inappropriate behaviour at a Christmas party, demonstrating a worrying pattern of errant conduct within the ranks.

In a statement following the dismissal, Davison underscored that immediate action was necessary to deter similar behaviour among peers and to preserve the integrity of the police force. The public, he asserted, would expect officers to be held accountable for conduct that undermines their authority and mission to serve and protect.

As the Norfolk constabulary grapples with this latest fallout, it remains crucial for the police force to reinforce ethical conduct and professionalism among its officers, especially in light of recent challenges to public trust in law enforcement across various regions.

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