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MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

Tri-City Post Trooper Suspended for Actions During Traffic Stop

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LANSING, MICH. A Michigan State Police (MSP) Trooper assigned to the Tri-City Post has been suspended related to his actions during a suspected Operating While Under the Influence (OWI) traffic stop in Saginaw last night, Monday, March 28.

The MSP's Professional Standards Section immediately began an internal investigation after becoming aware of citizen videos, which appear to show the trooper striking the face of the handcuffed suspect, circulating on social media. Department policy strictly outlines [use of force](#), and consistent with training troopers receive, specifically prohibits the use of force that is objectively unreasonable or excessive, in any scenario.

"Our enforcement members respond professionally to a wide variety of scenarios throughout the State of Michigan every day," said Col. Joe Gasper, director of the MSP. "The misconduct in this incident is not indicative of the standard of service set by this trooper's peers, and as a result, will not be tolerated."

Pursuant to the terms of his collective bargaining agreement, the four-year trooper was suspended this afternoon as the internal investigation continues.

The MSP has a long-standing tradition of demanding the highest possible standards of professional conduct from its enforcement and civilian members. All allegations of wrongdoing are fully investigated.

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