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Metropolitan Police Department Responds to Warrants Issued Against St. Louis Police Officer

Today, the Circuit Attorney's Office issued warrants for two counts of 2nd Degree Domestic Assault and one count of Resisting/Interfering with Arrest against Police Officer Matthew Schanz, a 26-year old male. The warrants are a result of an off-duty incident that occurred on March 10, 2013. Officer Schanz has been a police officer with the department for nearly three years. He had been assigned to the Sixth District and the Police Academy.

The department launched an internal and criminal investigation into the incident. During the investigation, Officer Schanz was relieved of his patrol responsibilities and placed on administrative duty, having no law enforcement interaction with citizens. After formal charges were filed, today, Officer Schanz was suspended from his duties as a St. Louis Police Officer.

"The department remains committed to upholding the law with the highest standards. We remain vigilant in our efforts to identify those who compromise its integrity and professionalism. We should not allow the actions of one to diminish the hard work and dedication of the nearly 1300 men and women who serve the citizens of this community on a daily basis", said Chief Sam Dotson.

This is an ongoing criminal investigation and the department is cooperating with the Circuit Attorney's Office.

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