



# ERIE COUNTY | OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF






## Professional Standards Division

40 La Riviere Drive, Buffalo, New York 14202

### Report of Investigation

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Case Numbers:	24-038535
Subject of Investigation	Daniel Granville
Date of Incident:	April 11, 2024
Date of Report:	August 15, 2025
Investigation Under:	ECSO GENERAL ORDER A-28
Case Officer:	Chief Neil Held
Date:	August 15, 2025
Signature:	
Assisting Case Officer(s):	N/A
Date:	
Signature:	
Chief of Professional Standards:	Neil Held
Concurrence with Findings:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concurrence <input type="checkbox"/> Nonconcurrence
Date:	August 15, 2025
Signature:	
Undersheriff:	WILLIAM COOLEY
Concurrence with Findings:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concurrence <input type="checkbox"/> Nonconcurrence
Date:	8/15/25
Signature:	

**Executive Summary:** Daniel Granville (Granville) was involved in a property damage motor vehicle accident in the City of Buffalo while operating an Erie County Sheriff's Office unmarked vehicle on April 11, 2024. In April 2025, the Buffalo Police Department issued traffic summons to Granville involving this incident. Effective April 14, 2025, Granville was placed on administrative leave. Granville entered a guilty plea to the crime of Reckless Driving (NYS VTL 1212) on August 15, 2025. On that same date, the administrative leave concluded and a thirty-day unpaid suspension, imposed by Sheriff Garcia, commenced. Civil reconciliation is being handled by private counsel for Granville with the Erie County Attorney's Office. As of this report, this case is considered closed.

### **#1) COMPLAINT ALLEGATION/**

#### **Complaint #1: A-36(2) Rules of Conduct - Unbecoming Conduct**

Employees shall conduct themselves, at all times, both on and off duty, in such a manner as to reflect most favorably upon the Office. Conduct unbecoming of an employee shall include conduct that brings the Office into disrepute or reflects discredit upon the employee as a member of the Sheriff's Office, or that which impairs the operation or efficiency of the Office or the employee.

#### **To wit:**

On August 15, 2025, Daniel Granville plead guilty in Buffalo City Court to the crime of Reckless Driving (NYS VTL 1212) that was issued to him by the Buffalo Police Department regarding a traffic accident that occurred on April 11, 2024.

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Determination of the Undersheriff:

<i>WHL</i>	Sustained	The allegation of misconduct is supported by a preponderance of the evidence.
	Exonerated	The alleged misconduct was not in violation of departmental policy.
	Unfounded	The alleged misconduct did not occur.
	Inconclusive	The alleged misconduct was neither proven nor disproven.

#2) COMPLAINT ALLEGATION/

**Complaint #2: A-47 Accidents involving Sheriff's Office Vehicles**

Whenever a Sheriff's Office vehicle is involved in an accident, regardless of the circumstances or damage, the operator of said vehicle shall notify the watch commander and follow up with a written report detailing the incident. The watch commander or Sergeant shall respond to every departmental accident and ensure the Accident Investigation Unit is notified. A determination will be made if immediate response is necessary by the Accident Investigation Unit. A report will be submitted to the Chief of Police Services. A Professional Standards case number will be assigned to each accident. The results of each accident investigation will be maintained in Professional Standards Division and any disciplinary considerations taken.

**To Wit:**

On April 11, 2024, Daniel Granville failed to properly follow ECSO policy A-47, by not immediately notifying his first line supervisor, Undersheriff Cooley, of the property damage accident involving his ECSO vehicle.

**Determination of the Undersheriff:**

<i>WHL</i>	<b>Sustained</b>	The allegation of misconduct is supported by a preponderance of the evidence.
	<b>Exonerated</b>	The alleged misconduct was not in violation of departmental policy.
	<b>Unfounded</b>	The alleged misconduct did not occur.
	<b>Inconclusive</b>	The alleged misconduct was neither proven nor disproven.

*W-2 Cooley*  
Undersheriff William Cooley

*8/15/25*  
Date