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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BEFORE
THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

In the Matter of:)	
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EMPLOYEE ¹ ,)	
)	OEA Matter No. 1601-0033-22
)	
v.)	Date of Issuance: July 6, 2022
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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT,)	MONICA DOHNJI, ESQ.
Agency)	Senior Administrative Judge
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Employee, *Pro Se*
Anna Kent, Esq., Agency's Representative

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On January 4, 2022, Employee filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals ("OEA") contesting the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department's ("Agency") decision to suspend him for fifteen (15) days from his position of Patrol Officer. Employee's fifteen (15) days suspension was effective December 12, 2021, to January 1, 2022. OEA issued a Request for Agency Answer to Petition for Appeal on January 5, 2022. Thereafter, on January 26, 2022, Agency filed its Answer to Employee's Petition for Appeal. Following an unsuccessful attempt at mediation, this matter was assigned to the undersigned on May 3, 2022.

On May 20, 2022, the undersigned issued an Order Scheduling a Telephonic Prehearing Conference for June 16, 2022. Subsequently, Agency filed its Consent Motion for an Extension of the Prehearing Conference Deadline. This Motion was granted in an Order dated June 7, 2022, and the Prehearing Conference was rescheduled for July 7, 2022. In an email dated June 23, 2022, Employee requested an extension of the Prehearing Conference deadline. Agency consented to Employee's request via email. Thereafter, the undersigned emailed the parties on the same day, directing Employee to mail or hand-deliver his Extension request to OEA by close

¹ Employee's name was removed from this decision for the purposes of publication on the Office of Employee Appeals' website.

of business on June 28, 2022. On June 29, 2022, Employee emailed the undersigned and attached a signed Withdrawal of Appeal and Request for Dismissal letter noting that “Employee voluntarily withdraws his Petition for Appeal and requests that this matter be dismissed.”² I accept Employee’s email withdrawal as officially filed for the record. The record is now closed.

JURISDICTION

The Office has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-606.03 (2001).

ISSUE

Whether Employee’s Petition for Appeal should be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

In the instant matter, since Employee has voluntarily withdrawn his Petition for Appeal and requested that the matter be dismissed, I find that Employee's Petition for Appeal should be dismissed.

ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the Petition for Appeal in this matter is **DISMISSED**.

FOR THE OFFICE:

/s/ *Monica N. Dohnji*

MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.
Senior Administrative Judge

² Employee’s Withdrawal of Appeal and Request for Dismissal (June 29, 2022). Employee attached a PDF version which included his signature.