



# SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### OFFICER RESIGNATION

**Springfield, Illinois** – On Friday, April 1, 2022, the Springfield Police Department placed Officer Aaron Nichols on unpaid administrative leave with no police power, after numerous racist and disturbing posts were revealed through a blogpost. Aaron Nichols was ordered to meet with Springfield Police Department internal affairs investigators today, April 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Prior to the commencement of that interview, he resigned his position as a police officer for the City of Springfield.

The Springfield Police Department is committed to a complete and thorough investigation into the comments and actions of Aaron Nichols, regardless of his resignation.

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