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Press Release

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**Benton Township police officers pleads to misdemeanor charge**

Benton Township patrol officer Robert Fuller, 30, of St. Joseph, has been charged with Neglect of Duty, a 1-year misdemeanor. He pled guilty yesterday and was sentenced to a fine of \$575. The charge stems from an investigation, which began because of a reported alleged use of LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) services. That investigation led to the discovery of Fuller's departure from his jurisdiction while on patrol on several occasions during 2016 for personal reasons; that being to drive by the home of an ex-girlfriend in order to discover the identity of her new boyfriend. A police officer is permitted by statute to leave their jurisdiction for only limited legitimate reasons.

Fuller's employment status at the Benton Township Police Department is in administrative proceedings.

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