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Chief U. René Hall Terminates Officers

Dallas Police Chief U. René Hall terminated the following officers during hearings held September 6, 2018.

An Internal Affairs investigation concluded that on November 22, 2017, Police Officer Christopher Hankins, #10895, improperly wore a Dallas Police raid jacket while off-duty and while doing so, left a retail location without paying for property. This incident caused a police response from the Northeast Police Department. The investigation also concluded that Officer Hankins engaged in adverse conduct when he was arrested for Theft M/A by the Northeast Police Department.

On a separate incident, an Internal Affairs investigation concluded that on December 16, 2017, Officer Hankins engaged in adverse conduct when he was twice arrested for causing a family violence disturbance.

Officer Hankins was terminated for his actions. He was hired in August 2014, and was assigned to the North Central Patrol Division.

An Internal Affairs investigation concluded that on February 24, 2018, Police officer Elvia Mercado, #8344, drove a vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

Officer Mercado was terminated for her actions. She was hired in December 2002, and was assigned to the North Central Patrol Division.

Under civil service rules, these officers have the right to appeal their discipline.