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OAKLAND – The Oakland Police Department today notified 11 Oakland police officers including two sergeants that they will be terminated for their involvement in the falsification of search warrant affidavits.

An internal police department investigation found that officers knew or should have known that information in their affidavits regarding the testing of drugs was false. In addition, officers were found to have made untruthful statements in response to questions from Internal Affairs investigators. Investigators also determined that allegations against one officer were unfounded.

City Attorney John Russo today released the following statement regarding the terminations:

“These terminations are difficult for the city, but they show that honesty and integrity are non-negotiable for officers in the Oakland Police Department.

The Police Department’s own internal review system revealed problems with affidavits several months ago. While questions about the affidavits have already been discussed in the media, it was necessary to conduct a thorough and complete investigation before taking any disciplinary action.

Unfortunately, the results of the investigation require us to take strong action and terminate these officers from employment in the Oakland Police Department.

We recognize that the officers implicated in this investigation have due process rights and we anticipate that these terminations will be contested through the legal process.

Because of concerns regarding personnel and privacy issues, we will not be able to release any other details.

However, the terminations demonstrate that the Oakland Police Department’s internal review systems and reform measures are operating soundly and in the interests of justice.”
