



Cop Fired For Demanding Free Coffee From Starbucks

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VOLUSIA COUNTY, Fla. (WOFL FOX 35, Orlando) -- A demand for special coffee cost a police officer his job on Wednesday.

Lt. Major Garvin, a long-time officer with the Daytona Beach Police Department, was fired, accused by police of intimidating Starbucks employees.

In an internal investigation report, employees at the Starbucks on Oceanwalk Drive allege Lt.

Garvin was a frequent visitor, sometimes going in six times a shift. He would order his white mocha's or passion iced teas and refuse to pay, saying officers get coffees for free.

Employees say officers do get coffee for free, but regular ones, not specialties.

After several arguments employees said the Lt. told them:

"If something happens we could respond really fast or really slow. I'm the difference between you getting a two minute response time or a 15 minute response time."

"I think it's sad," Daytona Beach Police Chief Michael Chitwood said in a phone interview. "First it makes us, in the policing profession look like a bunch of clown for a free cup of coffee? He makes 80-90 thousand dollars a year. Why?"

The chief says after Lt. Garvin was confronted with the allegations he demanded a polygraph test and failed.

A disappointed chief who says he had no other choice but to fire the veteran cop.

"I'm personally hurt by this," the chief said. "I trusted him, and I personally put him in charge, I skipped over other officers for his promotion."

No word if Garvin will appeal his firing.



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