

Notice for Hearing to be held in public – 16th September 2019.

Police Constable Oliver Beard currently based at RTPC, will answer allegations that his conduct amounts to a breach of Standards of Professional Behaviour, in respect of:

**Authority, Respect & Courtesy
Discreditable Conduct**

It is alleged that on the 10th February 2018 whilst off duty, PC Beard took a taxi from Blackheath to Sidcup and was intoxicated.

An exchange of words followed between PC Beard and the taxi driver, it is also alleged that during this exchange PC Beard racially abused and assaulted the driver.

Police were passing at the time of the incident and stopped to see if their assistance was required. It is further alleged that PC Beard then produced his warrant card to officers in an attempt to influence their decision during the incident.

It is alleged that in doing so PC Oliver Beard breached the Standards of Professional Behaviour in respect of 'Authority, Respect and Courtesy and Discreditable Conduct'

This conduct, if proven, is so serious that dismissal could be justified, as his conduct has been assessed as gross misconduct.

The hearing will start on Monday 16th September 2019 and is listed for four days.

It will be held at 09:30hrs in the hearing room, 14th Floor, Empress State Building, Lillie Road, SW6.

The identity of victims/witnesses will be protected during the hearing as appropriate.

If you wish to attend please register via our website - Met.police.uk.

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