

## **Excerpt from June Johnston's Request for Medical Leave**

### **In your own words, why are you requesting medical leave?**

I have always had a bad temper and it has often gotten me into trouble. On November 28, 1991, I executed a search warrant looking for drugs and weapons. Unfortunately, the numbers on the warrant were transposed. Instead of going into the house at 4245 W. May Street, we went into the house at 4542 W. May Street. It was a no-knock warrant because the information we had was that the people in the house were dangerous. We busted through the door and this old man came out to meet us. He kept saying he didn't do nothing and why were we in his house? He challenged my authority and I guess I hit him a few times to show my authority. I didn't hit him that hard. Unfortunately, he had a heart attack and died. Later that night, we found out about the mistake.

Since that time, I haven't been able to perform my duties as a police officer. I can't sleep, my temper has actually gotten worse, and I find myself unable to tell the truth about myself or others.

My doctor said that it appears that I suffer both from an anger management disorder as well as post-traumatic stress syndrome.

I was told that I had to resign from the force or be fired. As an alternative, I am requesting medical leave so that I may be treated for both of my disorders and eventually return to the police department.

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