

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Captain Livingston, THP

**DATE:** 06/02/2016

**FROM:** Billy Spears, Senior Trooper, THP

**DIVISION:** THP

**SUBJECT:**

Captain, on 4/17/06 while on duty, I was exiting my patrol unit at the Pittsburg office. I could tell that my knee was somewhat hung. While walking in the office the knee popped hard, to the extent that it was very painful. This is not a work related injury, because I have already had surgery on this before in 2008. I went to the doctor a few days later to see about the knee. Due to waiting on the swelling, I went back to the doctor to have a current physical on duty. The doctor had already sent me to get a MRI. The doctor referred me to an orthopedic surgeon. The MRI showed that I had a spot the size of a quarter, where the bone covering is gone. I was contacted by Sgt. Drabble who stated that I would have to have an HR-87 filled out by the doctor since he sent a letter stating that he did not want me to do the PRT since he had referred me to the orthopedic doctor. I advised him that I had an appointment with the specialist. I received a call a couple of days later from Trinity Mother Francis, Dr. Volatile office stating that he was going to be out of the office the day of the appointment. I contacted Sgt. Drabble and advised him I had to set another appointment with another doctor to get in as soon as possible that didn't conflict with the work schedule. I was then contacted by Cpl. Taylor the day I was on the way to the border stating that he was contacted and advised that I had to have an HR-87 sent in now. I asked him to email or fax one to my primary doctor to see if he would fill it out even though he was not going to be the one treating me. I am asking for the waiver from the PRT to be approved to give the doctor a chance to correct the problem without adding undue stress from the rowing test. My next doctor visit is scheduled for the orthopedic on 06/08/2016.

Respectfully,

Senior Trooper Billy Spears

