## **APPENDIX B**

## **EXHIBIT LIST**

EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION				
1	September 22, 2015, City of Spokane Media Release announcing Straub's departure				
2	December 30, 2015, Memorandum of Proposed Scope of Investigation				
3	Recovered September 2015 text messages from Capt. Dan Torok's work cell phone,				
	aka Torok "Love you" texts				
4	April 27, 2016, Isserlis Letter				
5	Torok Notes				
6	Walker Notes				
7	December 21, 2015, Cortright complaint letter				
8	Email communications between Straub, HR, and Legal re Cotton complaints				
9	March 14, 2014, Lowe email to Walker				
10	April 2014 email communication between Ms. George-Hatcher and Ms. Cotton				
11	Griffiths Notes				
12	Olsen Notes				
13	April 6, 2015, email exchange between Ms. Sanders and Ms. Cotton re potential				
	public safety communications position in City Hall				
14	April 10, 2015, meeting invite from Mayor Condon to Ms. Sanders and Isserlis				
15	City of Spokane Nepotism Policy				
16	Ms. Sanders' handwritten notes from conversation with Ms. Cotton				
17	Text messages between Ms. Sanders and Ms. Cotton				
18	April 15, 2015, email re Ms. Isserlis and Ms. Jacobson interview of Chief Straub on				
	April 14, 2015				
19	April 13, 2015, email from Ms. Jacobson to Ms. Pfister re earlier public records				
	request seeking text messages between Ms. Cotton and Chief Straub				
20	April 14, 2015, meeting scheduled with Ms. Sanders, Ms. Isserlis, and Ms. Jacobson				
21	April 20, 2015, instruction from Mayor Condon to set up a meeting with Chief Straub				
	on April 21st				
22	Multiple drafts of letter regarding Ms. Cotton's transfer from SPD to Parks				
	Department				
23	May 4, 2015, City-wide internal email from Mr. Coddington announcing Ms. Cotton's				
	transfer from SPD to Parks.				
24	May 4, 2015, Spokesman Review article announcing Ms. Cotton's transfer from SPD to				
	Parks Department				
25	May 4, 2015, email exchange between Ms. Isserlis and Ms. Sanders re Ms. Cotton's				
	transfer to Parks Department				
26	April 30, 2015, email from Mr. Eadie to Mr. Wright and Ms. Traver re Ms. Cotton's				
	transfer to Parks Department				
27	May 15, 2015, email exchanges among Mr. Wright, Mr. Dunau, Mr. Leroy, and Ms.				
	Traver re Ms. Cotton's position				
28	May 27, 2015, email exchange between Ms. Sanders and Ms. Isserlis				
29	June 2, 2015, Outlook meeting schedule between Ms. Sanders and Ms. Cotton				
30	June 8, 2015, letter from Cotton's lawyer to Mayor Condon and Ms. Sanders re				
	Reimbursement Claim/Agreement				
31	June 2015 email communications between Ms. Isserlis and Cotton's attorney				
32	June 2015 email communications between Sanders and Isserlis				

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33	June 17, 2015, letter from Cotton's attorney to Mayor Condon and Ms. Sanders re
	Reimbursement Claim/Agreement
34	June 18, 2015 letter from Ms. Isserlis to Cotton's attorney re need for Ms. Cotton to
	file a formal claim in order to receive reimbursement
35	August 28, 2015, email invitation to Lieutenants & Captains Association to September
	8, 2015 budget meeting
36	September 8, 2015, email from Ms. Sanders to SPD Captains and Lieutenants
37	September 18, 2015, Letters from E-team and Lieutenants & Captains Association
38	September 11, 2015, emails from Ms. Sanders to Mayor Condon and Mr. Coddington
	with link to article re firing of Cincinnati Police Chief
39	August 18, 2015, Spokesman Review Public Record Request
40	Multiple Public Records Requests regarding Straub/Cotton
41	Schwering 9/30/15 Email transmitting Torok texts – Extraction Report
42	August 19, 2015, email from Ms. Cotton to Mr. Leroy and Ms. Sanders with link to
	Spokesman-Review article regarding Ms. Cotton's transfer
43	August 20, 2015, Spokesman-Review article
44	City of Spokane Ethics Commission Findings and Conclusions re October 12, 2015,
	complaint made by Ms. Lichty against Ms. Sanders
45	August 24, 2015, email correspondence between Ms. Sanders and Ms. Cotton
46	August 25, 2015, Ms. Sanders forwarded email correspondence with Ms. Cotton to
	Ms. Isserlis
47	September 18, 2015, email from Ms. Cotton to Ms. Sanders and Ms. Isserlis, copying
	Cotton's attorney regarding blog entry by Scott Maclay
48	September 18, 2015, email from Mr. Dalton to Ms. Pfister
49	September 30, 2015, email from Ms. Cotton to Mr. Coddington, Ms. Sanders, and Ms.
	Isserlis, copying Cotton's attorney, regarding article re conflict between Ms. Cotton
50	and members of the police union
	City Clerk's Spreadsheet – Documents Produced to Deshais
51	September 29, 2015, emails from Mr. Schwering with screen shots of Torok text
52	messages October 14, 2015, 10, day notification letter to Mc Cetter
53	October 14, 2015, 10-day notification letter to Ms. Cotton October 28, 2015, email exchange between Ms. Pfister and Mr. Dalton
54	
55	November 9-10, 2015, email correspondence from Ms. Jacobson to City Clerk
56	Screenshot of 6/8 and 6/17 legal correspondence located in Mayor's Office  November 23, 2015, email from Ms. Jacobson to Ms. Pfister
57	Isserlis emails – monitoring Straub/Cotton PRRs
58	December 11, 2015, letter from Mayor Condon to City Council
59	November 11, 2015, letter from Mayor Condon to City Council  November 11, 2015, email from Angela Pashon transmitting June 8, 2015 letter to
39	City Clerk.
60	SPD Org charts – 2013
61	January 10, 2016, Cortright letter to Lowe
62	Cortright September 9, 2013, email
63	Cortright Organization Charts
64	Cortright Declaration
04	Contright Decidiation

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65	Dalton/City Clerk email communications re PRR Responses	
66	Isserlis/Sanders emails – no responsive documents	
67	Investigation Process Flow Chart	
68	Isserlis September 14, 2015, email to Sanders re Breen PRR	
69	November 25, 2015, Press Release – late produced records	
70	Imus November 11, 2015, emails to City Clerk	
71	September 22, 2015, Draft Press Releases – Straub Resignation	

### Kris Cappel

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Coddington, Brian

ent:

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 4:37 PM

To:

Coddington, Brian

Subject:

Straub to leave the Spokane Police Division

MEDIA: Mayor David Condon and City Council President Ben Stuckart will speak to the media at 4:45 pm in the Mayor's Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall.



# City of Spokane—Media Release

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 22, 2015

Contact:

Brian Coddington

Communications Director

(509) 625-6740

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# STRAUB TO LEAVE THE SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

DOBROW TO SERVE AS INTERIM CHIEF

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Frank Straub, who has led the effort that has driven down crime and use of force incidents while restoring public confidence in officers, has decided to leave the Spokane Police Division to pursue new opportunities and be closer to family. He will be reassigned to the City Attorney. His last day of City employment will be Jan. 1, 2016.

Spokane Mayor David Condon accepted Straub's resignation today and reassigned him to work on criminal justice initiatives and assistant in the transition to the new chief after some police leadership members submitted letters last week summarizing their concerns about his management style.

"I am very proud of the work that has been done to re-engage the Spokane Police Division with the community and drive down crime," Straub said. "We have achieved great things and brought policing in Spokane closer to the community. Rather than engage in a public discussion that distracts from making Spokane safer I have told the Mayor that it is time for new energy and perspective."

Rick Dobrow, an assistant chief, will serve as interim chief. Straub will be assigned to the City Attorney during the transition period to ensure the continuity of important strategic initiatives.

"The Spokane Police Division has come a long way under Frank's leadership," Condon said. "There is still work to be done and the Spokane Police Division is up to the challenge. Officers are building new relationships

with the neighborhoods they serve and that is driving down crime and dramatically improving public trust and confidence in our police officers."

rime decreased by 12 percent last year and is again down 12 percent through the first three quarters of this ear. Use of force incidents have declined 22 percent as officer training has emphasized new crisis intervention and de-escalation techniques.

Staffing has risen to 300 officers with a financial commitment in place to keep that level consistent. Transparency, including the use of body cameras, is at an all-time high as collaborations with the independent citizen Use of Force Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice COPS program have helped improve law enforcement service citywide. Reforms to our criminal justice system are well underway.

"Re-engineering a police department is difficult work," Condon said. "We appreciate very much Frank's service and the work he's done to help us get to this point. He gave us great momentum to build from as a law enforcement organization, city and community and we remain committed to the efforts he led.

"The men and women of the Spokane Police Division have done outstanding work over the past four years. Their commitment to serving this community and their tireless effort to delivering a safer Spokane has us well down the road to becoming the safest city of our size."

"The Spokane Police Division, under Frank Straub, has done a tremendous job serving the community," said Ben Stuckart, City Council president. "We stand behind our officers and their commitment to Spokane."

### About the City of Spokane

The City of Spokane, home to more than 210,000 people, is located in the heart of the Inland Northwest. Our 2,000 employees strive to deliver efficient and effective services that facilitate economic opportunity and hance the quality of life for all our citizens. For more information, visit spokanecity.org and follows us appokanecity on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

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City of Spokane

### MEMORANDUM OF PROPOSED SCOPE

Date: December 30, 2015

To: Brian McClatchey, Esq.

Laura McAloon, Esq.

Councilmember Karen Stratton Rick Romero, Director City Utility

From: Kris Cappel, Seabold Group Martha Norberg, Seabold Group

Based on discussions with the joint committee on Tuesday, December 29, 2015, it is our understanding that the scope of the investigation for which we have been retained will address the following issues:

- The facts and circumstances of workplace complaints that have been asserted against Chief Straub since he was hired as Spokane's Chief of Police, including:
  - a. What information was known to Mayor Condon, City Administrator Theresa Sanders, and HR Director Heather Lowe;
  - b. When was the information known to these individuals; and
  - c. What action was taken to address the complaints?
- 2. The facts and circumstances surrounding Chief Straub's resignation.
- What are the City's policies and procedures for responding to employee complaints of discrimination and harassment, and are they consistent with best practices? Seabold Group will offer recommendations as necessary.
  - a. What are the City's policies and procedures for transferring employees internally and were those policies followed in connection with Monique Cotton and Carly Cortright?
- 4. Were the City's policies and procedures followed in connection with complaints that were made known to the City by Ms. Cotton and Ms. Cortright?
- 5. What are the City's policies and procedures for responding to public record requests and were they followed in responding to media requests for documents related to Chief Straub and Ms. Cotton?

818	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/22/2013 10:40:32 PM(UTC-7)	From: 5099943940 Craig Meidl To: 5099937961 5092200291 Chief	Gardner makes sense. I'll pass the message along and let you know if things change, or we just have command staff after the briefing update.	77220	High
819	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 5:53:11 AM(UTC-7)	Straub From: 5094351866 Monique Cotton To: 5099937961 5099902513 Keith Cummings 5097209650 Mark Griffiths	Can we release any information regarding the arrest of one of the suspects in the beating death of the 88 year old WWII vet? I am getting a ton of media calls and they are asking if there is someone in custody. I would really appreciate your help	intect	High
820	MMS Messages	Outgoing	2	8/23/2013 5:56:10 AM(UTC-7)	To: 4351866 Monique Cotton 5097209650 Mark Griffiths 9902513 Keith Cummings	We are meeting at 0800 prior to the other meeting to discuss this case. Suspect was booked for 1st murder and robbery. Please wait until after the meeting, but I imagine we will be able to release info then.	Intact	High
821	MMS Messages	Outgoing	2	8/23/2013 5:57:50 AM(UTC-7)	To: 4351866 Monique Cotton 5097209650 Mark Griffiths 9902513 Keith Cummings	1st robbery and murder not the other waynot quite finished with coffee	intact	High
822	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 5:57:52 AM(UTC-7)	From: 5094351866 Monique Cotton To: 5099937961 5099902513 Keith Cummings 5097209650 Mark Griffiths	Thank you	intact	High
823	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 5:58:32 AM(UTC-7)	From: 5094351866 Monique Cotton To: 5099937961 5099902513 Keith Cummings 5097209650 Mark Griffiths	Lol thanks I will wait to talk to you before I release	frlact	High
824	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 5:58:46 AM(UTC-7)	From: 5094351866 Monique Cotton To: 5099937961 5099902513 Keith Cummings 5097209650 Mark Griffiths	Are u coming to exec staff to talk about this at 8?	THE CA	High
825	MMS Messages	Outgoing	2	8/23/2013 6:05:36 AM(UTC-7)	To: 4351866 Monique Cotton 5097209650 Mark Griffiths 9902513 Keith	I think we are doing it at Gardner at 0800 as the other meeting is at 0830 at gardner	Intaci	High
826	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 6:07:06 AM(UTC-7)	Cummings From: 5094351866 Monique Cotton To: 5099937961 5099902513 Keith Cummings 5097209650 Mark Griffiths	Briefing is in Chief conf room	ntac	High
827	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 6:08:37 AM(UTC-7)	From: 5094351866 Monique Cotton To: 509937961 5099802513 Keith Cumnings 5097209650 Mark Griffiths	Are u coming to exec staff?	Intact	High
828	MMS Messages	Outgoing	2	8/23/2013 6:09:13 AM(UTC-7)	To: 4351866 Monique Cotton 5097209650 Mark Griffiths 9902513 Keith Cummings	OKthat is not the normal spotyes I will be there	intact	High
829	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 6:10:26 AM(UTC-7)	From: 5097209650 Mark Griffiths To: 5099937961 5099902513 Keith Cummings 5094351866 Monique Cotton	Hi there. I m meeting with Dets at Gardner at 0700 to handout assignments that still need to be done refer the officer involved shooting.  At 0830 I m meeting with the chief and others in chief conference room to give update on case.	intaci	High
830	MMS Messages	Outgoing	2	8/23/2013 6:11:18 AM(UTC-7)	To: 4351866 Monique Cotton 5097209650 Mark Griffiths 9902513 Keith Cummings	Perfect	Intaci	High
831	SMS Messages	Outgoing	No.	8/23/2013 6:52:53 AM(UTC-7)	To: 5092200291 Chief Straub	Chief, can you give me a call when you have a second?	maor	High
832	MMS Messages	Outgoing	2	8/23/2013 6:59:06 AM(UTC-7)	To: 5092200291 Chief Straub 4351866 Monique Cotton	My suggestion would be to release one line to media right now:  Spokane police have arrested one suspect, a juvenile male, in connection the to beating death of an 88 year old man earlier this week. He has been charged with 1st Degree Robbery and 1st Degree Murder. More information will be released later this morning.	intaci	High
				-		That is griff's suggestion. I concur.		



833	MMS	Incoming	2	8/23/2013	From: 5094351866	Sent	Imaci	High
000	Messages	Mediting		7:05:12 AM(UTC-7)	Monique Cotion To: 5092200291 Chief Straub 5099937961	CON		
334	MMS Messages	Outgoing	2	8/23/2013 7:06:22 AM(UTC-7)	To: 5092200291 Chief Straub 4351866 Monique Cotton	Thanks	Intact	High
35	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 7:07:37 AM(UTC-7)	From: 5092200291 Chief Straub To: 5094351866 Monique Cotton 5099937961	Thank you	Intact	High
336	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 7:09:45 AM(UTC-7)	From: 5094351866 Monique Cotton To: 5092200291 Chief Straub 5099937961	You're welcome. Very important for community to know the amazing work we are doing to keep city safe	Intact	High
37	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 7:18:15 AM(UTC-7)	From: 5092200291 Chief Straub To: 5094351866 Monique Cotton 5099937961	See you soon Love you You are an awesome partner and best friend. You always will be!	Intact	High
338	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 7:19:18 AM(UTC-7)	From, 5092200291 Chief Straub To: 5094351866 Monique Cotton 509937961	Group hugs this morning at the briefing.	intent	High
339	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 7:19:18 AM(UTC-7)	From: 5092200291 Chief Straub To: 5094351866 Monique Cotton 5099937961	Dan you are totally awesome as well. I love you, Good advice on both of your parts	intact	High
840	MMS Messages	Outgoing	2	8/23/2013 7:20:03 AM(UTC-7)	To: 5092200291 Chief Straub 4351866 Monique Cotton	Lol! Can't wait	Intact	High
841	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 7:20:05 AM(UTC-7)		I am very lucky to be the chief here	Intact	High
342	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 7:21:45 AM(UTC-7)	From: 5092200291 Chief Straub To: 5094351866 Monique Cotton 5099937961	It is great to have strong partners - especially ones that challenge me to do my best for the good of the department.	Inlact	High
343	Cookies			8/23/2013 9:19:35 AM(UTC-7)		.ap,org	Intaci	High
344	Cookies			8/23/2013 9:19:35 AM(UTC-7)		.udmserve.net	intact	High
345	Cookies			8/23/2013 9:21:47 AM(UTC-7)		.khq.com	irriact	High
346	Cookies			8/23/2013 9:22:11 AM(UTC-7)		"sexp,demdex.net	Intact	High
347	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 2:01:28 PM(UTC-7)	From: 5099902513 Keith Currmings To: 5092200281 Chief Straub 5099943940 Craig Meidl 5099937961 5094351866 Monique Cotton	All clear	mari	High
348	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 2:05:45 PM(UTC-7)	From: 5094351866 Monique Cotton To: 5099943940 Craig Meid! 5099937961 5092200291 Chief Straub 5099902513 Keith Cummings	Thank ul	intact	High
349	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 3:12:25 PM(UTC-7)	From: 5097209650 Mark Griffiths To: 5092200291 Chief Straub 5094351866 Monique Cotton 5099937961	Suspect arrested last night has been declined.	intact	High
150	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 3:15:20 PM(UTC-7)	From: 5097209650 Mark Griffiths To: 5092200291 Chief Straub 5094351866 Monique Cotton 5099937961	We are walking him from Juvenile to jail in the next few minutes. Also we will be getting the arrest warran for the outstanding suspect signed in a few minutes	Intact	High
351	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 3:15:37 PM(UTC-7)	5099937961 From: 5099200291 Chief Straub To: 5094351866 Monique Cotton 5099937961 5097209650 Mark Griffiths	Ok. He stays incarcerated correct? Just declined as an adult?	imact	High
352	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 3:16:08 PM(UTC-7)		Sorry - declined as a juvenile then?	Intact	High



853	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 3:16:21 PM(UTC-7)	From: 5097209650 Mark Griffiths To: 5092200291 Chief Straub 5094351866 Monique Cotton 509937961	Yes, Walking from juvenile to jail as an adult	Intacı	High
854	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 3:17:07 PM(UTC-7)	From: 5092200291 Chief Straub To: 5094351866 Monique Cotton 5099937961 5097209650 Mark Griffiths	Thanks, That is good news	91 <u>29</u> Cl	Hìgh
855	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 3:17:08 PM(UTC-7)	From: 5097209650 Mark Griffiths To: 5092200291 Chief Straub 5094351866 Monique Cotton 5099937961	Also got two new possible phone numbers. Getting warrants on those too. In addition to emergency phone info.	Shreet.	High
856	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 3:17:17 PM(UTC-7)	From: 5094351866 Monique Cotton To: 5092200291 Chief Straub 509937961 5097209650 Mark Griffiths	Thank u very much	Intact	High
857	MMS Messages	Outgoing	2	8/23/2013 3:18:55 PM(UTC-7)	To: 5092200291 Chief Straub 4351866 Monique Cotton 5097209650 Mark Griffiths	Nice! Hopefully Triplett does not or him	Intact	High
858	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 3:19:33 PM(UTC-7)	From: 5097209650 Mark Griffiths To: 5092200291 Chief Straub 5094351866 Monique Cotton 5099937961	That's not funny.	Intacl	High
859	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 3:22:40 PM(UTC-7)	From: 5092200291 Chief Straub To: 5094351866 Monique Cotton 509937961 5097209650 Mark Griffiths	Not even a little	intact	High
860	MMS Messages	Outgoing	2	8/23/2013 3:29:11 PM(UTC-7)	To: 5092200291 Chief Straub 4351866 Monique Cotton 5097209650 Mark Griffiths	He just ord a PSV on a 16 time convicted felon with 15 fta'snothing would surprise me.	Intact	High
861	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 6:25:34 PM(UTC-7)	From: 5092200291 Chief Straub To: 5094351866 Monique Cotton 5099937961	Sounds good	Intact	High
862	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 8:45:36 PM(UTC-7)	From: 5092200291 Chief Straub To: 5094351866 Monique Cotton 509937961	You guys cant tell Craig, He'll be jealous	miac*	High
863	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/23/2013 8:46:06 PM(UTC-7)	From: 5094351866 Monique Cotton To: 5099937961 5092200291 Chief Straub	He's going to be sooooo jealous!!!	Intact	High
864	MMS Messages	Outgoing	2	8/23/2013 8:56:05 PM(UTC-7)	To: 5092200291 Chief Straub 4351866 Monique Cotton	Ahhhhthe chief has enough for Craig too!! Stingy on hugs though. Lol	intact	High
865	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/24/2013 9:06:57 AM(UTC-7)	From: 5097209650 Mark Griffiths To: 5092200291 Chief Straub 5094351866 Monique Cotton 5099937961	FYI update. Cell phones got us no where. They have nit been used in months. PACT and Gang units have checked every house multiple times. No luck so far. Kinard may have accessed his Facebook account this morning so we are contacting Facebook to see if we can determine where what computer he used. I will let you know as we move forward.	Intact	High
866	MMS Messages	Outgoing	2	8/24/2013 9:15:52 AM(UTC-7)	To: 5092200291 Chief Straub 4351866 Monique Cotton 5097209650 Mark Griffiths	Thanks Mark.	intaci	High
867	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/24/2013 9:52:16 AM(UTC-7)	From: 5092200291 Chief Straub To: 5099937961 5097209650 Mark Griffiths 5094351866 Monique Cotton	Thanks - Mark	Intact	High
868	MMS Messages	Incoming	2	8/24/2013 9:53:02 AM(UTC-7)	From: 5094351866 Monique Cotton To: 5097209650 Mark Griffiths 509937961 5092200291 Chief Straub	Thank you!	Intact	High



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April 27, 2016

Via Email

Kris Cappel Seabold Group 4039 21st Avenue West, Suite 100 Seattle, WA 98199

Re:

Investigation

Dear Ms. Cappel:

I wanted to respond to your request of members in the City Attorney's office to participate in your investigation. Please know that we have all thought this through very carefully, and consulted with outside attorneys and ethical experts. The Rules of Professional Conduct and other ethical rules that apply to municipal and government lawyers are non-existent at worst, and murky and unclear at best. As such, there is little ethical guidance on what we believe are very complicated ethical issues, particularly when coupled with litigation pending against the City and several City employees individually.

I understand that the Council was initially presented with several options which would have allowed members of the City Attorney's office to participate, within the confines of our ethical obligations and under an attorney work product privilege. Those options were apparently rejected by the Council.

Now that the investigation has been pending for several months and given the situation we now find ourselves in, it would not be prudent or ethical for me, or members of my office, to succumb to pressures brought by Council and the court of public opinion and speak on matters which would compromise our ethical obligations to our clients, and most importantly, could place us in a position of facing discipline, including the loss of our licenses to practice law.

I will not violate the Rules of Professional Conduct and ethical obligations to my client(s) absent a Washington Supreme Court ruling on point that allows me to do so, and without complete and full waivers of the privilege from all parties who spoke to me or

Kris Cappel April 27, 2016 Page 2

members of my office in confidence, including former Police Chief Frank Straub. I similarly will not ask members of the office of the City Attorney to do so. I regret that the Council did not choose to create the structure that would have allowed you to conduct the investigation in a manner that would have afforded some protection to the attorneys and our clients by way of privilege and work product. Additionally, the fact that the City is in the middle of litigation regarding the facts and circumstances that are subject to your investigation, without the explicit permission of counsel representing the City in that litigation, I don't see how it makes sense to discuss issues and facts which may be subject to work product and attorney client privilege in that litigation.

The attorneys in my office are relying on the City Council and Mayor's official position, expressly made in writing, that participation in the investigation was and is "voluntary" and that there would be no retaliation for choosing to not participate. Given the significant concerns I and members of my office have, as set forth above, we will be guided by word "voluntary", and will hope that you do not draw any negative inferences if we choose not to participate.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Isserlis 65 54

City Attorney

c: Patrick Dalton Erin Jacobson

Mary Muramatsu

On approximately 12-19-13 or 12-20-13 I had coffee with Chief Straub and Joe Walker at Hallet's on N. Hamilton. The conversation that they engaged in appeared to be a continuation of an earlier one. I commented that I felt like I missed the first part of the conversation. Straub talked about his two AC/directors. He said that he has one that can never finish anything that he started (Arleth) and one that was a placeholder and stands in the corner like a deaf/mute. He commented that he needed somebody to carry the same message at meetings in his absence and that he did not have that.

1-9-2014...Capt. Dobrow and I had been in Chief Straub's office discussing DSO and Captain Coverage. Capt. Walker called my work cell and told me that he had been called to Meidl's office and would let me know if he needed me (union representation).

A few minutes later as I was exiting Straub's office, Joe told me he needed to talk to me. I met him in my office. He looked distraught and confused. He told me that Meidl had just demoted him. He was told that he was going back to patrol, etc. and that he could have his pick of whatever shift he wanted.

I called HR Director Heather Lowe to inquire as to the Captain Promotion date. If they are rolling members back it should be done by classification seniority.

She advised that Joe had been promoted on 12-22-13 and Rick Dobrow on 12-23-13. I told her that Joe had just been demoted by Meidl. She said that there was some miscommunication and that Meidl got some wires crossed. She further advised that she would check further and let me know.

At 1213 hours I received a text message from Meidl that said, "Walker is rolling back to Lt. We can talk about it today or tomorrow. I texted him back and we met in Lt. Tracie Meidl's office at 1235 hours. I was accompanied by Association VP Rick Dobrow.

Meidl told us that it was his decision to roll Joe back to Lieutenant. He said that Joe had asked to roll back from Commander to Captain. Meidl said that the level of commitment for the area Captain would be the same as it was for Commander. He commented that Joe was honest about not wanting that level of commitment as a commander. He was trying to help Joe by not putting him into the situation where he would have to attend weekend barbeques, evening meetings, etc. Meidl said that this was the "exact" stuff that he did not want to do.

Meidl said Joe's personal life is important and he would not be a "good fit" as a Captain and it would be setting him up for failure.

Meidl said that he would start as a Lt. on Sunday. I asked if a Lt. would be rolled back to accommodate Joe's demotion. He told me that rather then roll Lt. Lundgren back he would fill in for Lt. McCabe and Lt. Olsen as they undergo some surgeries.

Meidl went on to say that Joe is a phenomenal Lieutenant and a Lt. role is a little more in line with what he wants. He added that he could have whatever shift he wanted.

I asked what would happen to Lundgren after the other two lieutenants returned. He said that he would not be rolled back and that they will try to get another position.

I asked with Joe's Major Crimes experience if there is a reason why Joe could not stay in the dix office as a Captain if he was worried about his inability to perform as an area Captain. I suggested that Brad Arleth could go to an area Captain Job. He responded that would "be adding fuel to fire".

Meidl said that this is "not a disciplinary issue".

He went onto to talk about a text he received from Joe about taking a day off. Meidl asked if there was coverage. Approximately 20 minutes later Joe responded that there was coverage and Wohl was working. He found out that Wohl had worked on overtime. Meidl said that what he saw was that Joe's time off was more important than costing the City \$600.

Meidl also said that Joe had told his guys to not talk to Monique without talking to him first. He went onto say that Joe doesn't want to do interviews. Meidl said that he did not think Joe wanted to be involved in "what we need for an area Captain".

I reiterated in a question form that this is not a disciplinary decision. Again, he said it was not.

I asked if the Area Captain would be filled by someone else and he said no. I asked why it was Joe being rolled back. He said that Joe was an "acting Captain". I told him that was contrary

to what HR Director Heather Lowe had just told me. I said that she had his promotion date as 12-22 and Rick's 12-23.

He told me that he did not think Joe had been promoted and that he thought that it had to be approved by City Council and it had not yet been.

I told him that Joe was looking at legal options. I asked Meidl to confer with Heather Lowe.

Meidl said that if Joe had been promoted that "this would be a different discussion" and "I don't see him rolling back". He went on to say that there had been "no progressive discipline". Meidl went onto say if he was hard promoted he "will be the Northwest Captain". He qualified that with unless Brad (Arleth) wants to trade.

At the completion of our meeting Meidl referred to his phone and said that the chief wanted to see us and Joe. I called Joe and told him that the chief wanted to see us. We walked down to his office at approximately 1300 hours. The meeting was in Straub's office. Present were Straub, Meidl, Walker, Dobrow (assoc vp) and me (assoc president).

Straub told Joe that he had lost credibility. He spoke of detectives commenting that Joe was not engaged, etc.

Straub proceeded to talk (lecture) for approximately 45 minutes. He told us about a 23 year old officer being "assassinated" in Indianapolis. He talked about a traffic officer that was directing traffic on 911 when a piece of glass fell off of one of the towers and she was cut in half. He talked about running away from the towers as they fell. He spoke of a firefighter that had been behind him and that he too was cut in half. Straub talked about the being covered in the man's "brains" and blood. The only reason he lived is because he was a little faster.

Straub talked about being at a funeral for a fallen officer and watching the officer's 3 year old daughter.

He linked this all back to passion, dedication and drive for the job. He talked again about being "all in".

Straub commented that he had the police chief down to a science, but he needed people to be "all in" and to step up.

He relayed a story about how he was called the NY Police Commissioner's office at 7 pm. He had to wait until 9 pm to the see the commissioner because if the commissioner wanted to see you then you "fucking waited" to see him. He went onto say that he was driving home at 11 pm after having been there for 14 hours and how the job is not 9-5 and if you are in this for the money, or waiting to get to retirement you are in this for the wrong reason.

Straub talked about how he took this job and could have gone somewhere else, but he chose to come here to help fix our problems. He talked about how Seattle will be calling him and he was contacted by New York about a job. He went onto say that his elderly father lives back east and New York is not that far from Michigan.

Straub went on about how when the officer in Indy was shot and on life support he was in the room. His own mother had a feeding tube removed (in another state) and was approaching death. After the Indy officer died he attended the funeral. As he was leaving a firefighter died. He went and buried his mother and then got on a plane back because he "needed to be there". Again...this was used to illustrate his passion and dedication.

Straub wanted assurance that he is surrounded by people with the same amount of passion. He told us that Mayor Condon told his cabinet that when he was a Cathy McMorris staffer he was balls to the walls and he expects the same of his cabinet. He does not care if they are tired, get divorced or any of their other problems.

Straub went onto say that he was pissed when Capt. Cummings at a meeting on 01-08-2014 said that he has two months of vacation to use each year. Straub said that he wanted to reach over and "choke" that "fucking fatass". He then went on a rant about how the 23 year old would have like to have that vacation and how he might have vacation, but he (straub) doesn't want to fucking "hear" about it.

Straub talked about how he has worked for the biggest police department in world (NYPD) and how when he got booted out of White Plains, NY the hallway was lined with officers as he exited city hall. He commented that they were all in this together. He talked about how good he is at his job, but we need to step up. All through his presentation he referred to us as "kids". "look kids" I have worked all over, etc.

Straub said that he is supposedly surrounded by "all this testosterone", but he doesn't see anybody stepping up. He specifically said that Joe was supposed to be "tough", but he did not think that he was. He related his not being "tough" to stepping down from his commander rank. Straub said that nobody has ever done that. It was apparent by his words that he was disappointed with Joe on his decision and clearly did not understand it.

Straub proceeded to tell Joe that he has lost credibility with the troops and city hall. He talked about Teresa Sanders being a multi-millionaire and how she could not understand why Joe had stepped down. He went onto say that Condon was not hurting for money, look at the house he grew up in. Straub's conduct was beyond telling an employee why he was being considered for demotion. It seemed very personal and attacking. It appeared the less that Joe reacted to the vitriol the more angry he got.

Straub said that the decision to demote Joe was Meidl's decision, but that he supported it. Straub talked about how Joe would not cooperate and talk to the media and how he had mentioned he could not stand being in meetings with Monique or Mary. The chief asked if we thought he really wanted to hear about Monique's new purse. He said he did not, but if hearing about her pursue resulted in positive stories that he could put up with it. He went onto say that we have gotten a lot of positive stories because of her. The chief commented since Nancy Isserlis thought that Mary would do a good job for SPD so we are using her.

Straub went onto say that Joe really blew himself up when he took the day off and had Steve Wohl come in on overtime. Joe had cost the city money as a result of that decision.

Straub seemed to want an answer as to why Joe did that. Joe said that he noticed that the only people working over in the Chief's office was the chief because both Brad Arleth and Craig Meidl had taken the day off. (Joe had previously expressed to me that it was his understanding that both Arleth and Meidl were not supposed to have overlapping time off, but it did not seem to matter. He said that he did not take any time off while his adult son was home on military leave.

He decided to take that Friday off to spend some time with him before he flew out. The chief could not understand why he did not take Thursday off.

Straub kept coming back to why Joe had stepped down from Commander. Joe explained that executive staff was not "gelling" and that his personal life was suffering as a result of his position at work. He said that there has been a rub between him and AC Meidl which was evident by an incident at the spring/summer retreat.

He thought that by removing himself from the position that it would help his relationship with his wife improve and would help the executive staff gel.

Joe pointed out that he did engage the media and talked about two incidents where he was resistive to doing and interview. One incident involved a late notice for him to do an on cam about an assault involving some college basketball players. He said that he did not know details about the case, but was handed talking points by Monique 20 minutes before the interview. The second was on a Monday when he was preparing for COMPSTAT for himself and several other Captains that were not going to be present at the COMPSTAT meeting.

The chief then turned his focus to all of us in the room. He asked each one of us, one at a time, if we were in, committed, etc. Meidl said that he was, Dobrow the same, me the same and then he asked Joe. Joe said that he has always given 100%. He went onto say that this was not personal, but that he needed to talk to the association and their counsel.

Meidl then told Joe that he was unsure about the rub. He said that he got it all out in the open at the retreat. He said that he has friends at all levels in the organization and that he had learned that he was not being told things that he needed to know in order to keep the Chief informed. Craig said that maybe it was how he communicated and maybe he needed to work on that, but he sees himself as approachable, etc.

Straub said that he did not know what he was going to do in regards to Joe's rank. He said that three of us had answered his question about our level of commitment, but that Joe had not, but instead said that he needed to talk to an attorney.

Straub was angry as was evidenced by his loud voice, red face and rapid speech. He said that he would just tell the mayor that he was done, he would go public with why he was leaving and that he would tell the DOJ to come in and do a consent decree. He said that Seattle could not fight it, LA could not fight it, and little Spokane could not do a thing about it. He repeated this THREAT several times.

His rant was contrary to what he had said less than 24 hours earlier in front of all of the Captains and Lieutenants. He told them that the DOJ was doing their review. When they were finished they would say, "Why were we here?" He indicated that they would leave

having learned from our department because we have good people, etc. My impression was that he controls the results of their investigation regardless to if there were problems or not.

He was clearly mad during the rant and insinuated that we (the spd) would suffer as a result of him moving on. The threat reminded me of Anne Kirpatrick's departure when she said that she would recommend that the SPD be absorbed into the Sheriff's department and ran by Ozzie Kenezovich.

Straub told Joe that he had no made a decision about his demotion. He told him that if he left him as a Captain that he would still have to make probation.

We left the meeting just moments later at approximately 1408 hours.

On 1-10-14 I sent an email to Heather Lowe, Craig Meidl, and Chief Straub. I inquired as to our member's status and where he was supposed to report on the following Monday. Straub returned an email saying that he would meet us in his office about the matter.

On 1-10-14 at approximately 1000 hours Rick Dobrow, Joe Walker, Chief Straub, AC Meidl and me all met in the Chief's office. He said that Joe would be the NW area Captain. AC Meidl mentioned a leadership school in Spokane that he wanted Joe to attend.

Approximately 30 minutes later Walker forwarded me an email from Meidl telling him to sign up for the attached supervisor's course. The supervisor's course attached appeared to be a very basic supervision class presented by the City of Spokane. I shared this information with Rick Dobrow. He advised that he would talk to Meidl.

Earlier in the week Rick Dobrow and I spoke to Chief Straub about reinstituting the DSO protocol to assure Capt. coverage. We explained how it would work. He asked if the Captains got paid if called out. We said that they did, but only after 10pm and before 6am and on the weekends. He added that they should get paid if they go out. Upon the completion of the meeting we agreed that we would do this. In addition, we said that in order to have appropriate Capt. Coverage that the two North Captains would coordinate their vacation times so they were not both off at the same time, and the downtown/ south Captains would do the same.

On 1-10-2014 at approximately 1325 hours I received an email from Meidl asking to meet in about 30 minutes to discuss DSO, as well as K-9 issues.

Rick Dobrow and I met with Meidl and Straub in Meidl's office. We went back through the entire DSO policy, how it would work, etc. They agreed to try it for a month. It seems to me that Straub really wants the Area Captains to be responding and he struggles with the fact that they are not on call and cannot be held accountable to come in each and every time they are called on their time off. It is becoming increasingly obvious to me that he says that he will honor the contract and does not want to violate it, he continually makes insinuations and suggestions that we go outside of it. As an example of this he said that if an Area Captain got called out in the middle of the night and was out for 3 hours that the Captain could take off the 3 hours and even add another hour in and take off 4 hours the following day.

Chief Straub illustrated that Capt. Carl was making it work. He said that he was sure she went shopping with her daughter as well as other things, but he did not care, because she was getting the job done.

I asked Meidl why Joe was being sent to a very basic supervisor's school. He told me that he noticed a lack of supervisory skills over the last 3 weeks. He mentioned Joe criticizing a subordinate to another subordinate. In addition, he mentioned that people noticed him going to coffee several times a day. He said that people notice that. He went on to say that his idea of a perfect lunch was to hit a drive thru and come back at his desk so he could work while he ate. (Meidl never indicated if he addressed these issues with Walker...I later asked Walker and he said that he had not heard from Meidl about these issues.) I do not understand that if a supervisor noticed emerging patterns in poor leadership skills, etc why they would not be directly addressed so the subordinate could change the behavior. Being sent to a basic school with the hope that you will "get it" seems rather ridiculous and seems more like a way of beginning to lay a "paper trail" for discipline.

Straub said that he had told Joe that he could go to any leadership school over the last year, but he did not want to. He mentioned SMI (which requires a BA that Walker does not have), as well as leadership classes at Harvard. He said that it would do us all well to go to leadership schools outside the area. At that time he told me that I should pick a week long school out of the area. I asked if LEEDA was acceptable. He replied that LEEDA was bullshit and we needed to see how other places operated. He went onto to lecture about how many of his friends, Bill Bratton, Dean Esserman and others often will go from a law enforcement job to the private sector and then back to LE. This exposes them to business practices and makes them better leaders, chiefs, etc.

At the same meeting I told the Chief that I needed to put on my union hat. I said that he asked us all about our level of commitment the day before. I told him that I did not understand his comment about if he chose to leave that the DOJ would come in here and put the department under a consent decree. I said that it sort of left me spinning, he then

interjected..confused? | | agreed to that word.

He went onto to tell me that he was 55 years old and did not need to put up with bullshit. He did not expect any of us to do that. After a lengthy explanation he said that Mike Ormsby and Tim Durkin are like vultures just waiting to swoop down on the department. He said the reason they have not is because of his relationship with DOJ and the COPS people.

During our meeting he mentioned Keith Cumming's comments about having two months of vacation several times. I told him that he would not that again as both Rick and I talked independently to Keith about this. I further said that he needed to let that go. He chuckled and acknowledged that he did and said we would not hear about it again.

The Chief's demeanor was markedly different than the previous day. He did not appear to be agitated, upset, etc.

On January 23<sup>rd</sup> I met with Jeff Julius. Joe Walker had been talking to him about what was going on with demotion, etc. We talked about how Joe was treated. Jeff asked what we wanted to do. We told him that we liked the direction that the department was going in reference to the community and crime stats. However, the Chief's interaction with Joe was inappropriate. He said that I would need to talk to him to let him know that it was not acceptable. I commented that would be fun. He said that it would not be and that he probably would not listen, but that he needed to be put on notice.

On 01-24-2014 at 0805 hours I received a text message from Chief Straub. He asked if I would grab coffee with him on Monday (01-27-2014). He said that he had tremendous respect for me and wanted to make sure that we "are good and in cinque."

On 01-27-2014 at 0800 I met Chief Straub at Stella's. I met him as the President of the association. During the course of our conversation I told him that I did want to talk about the "demotion debacle" with Joe Walker. I told the Chief that the interaction was over the top. It was my observation that it was fueled with anger and emotion.

The Chief got visible irritated with my statement. He went onto say that there were alot of things going on and there was some emotion. He ended up apologizing for the tone of the conversation and said that it would not happen again.

On 021514 Joe Walker told me about a shooting call in the Garland business district area (14-49089). He had called the DSO, Judi Carl and also requested a PIO. He said that there were only two supervisors onscene and media was everywhere. Judi advised him that a PIO would NOT be coming.

He told me that the media had called him as he was running code to the call. This is similar to other complaints that I have heard from other Lieutenants (Lundgren-enroute to shooting downtown), etc.

On 02-17-2014 | received an email from Monique Cotton (email sent out to many) that there was a news director meeting on 02-19-2014. I thought that this would be the perfect forum to address several issues that have been occurring with Shift Commanders. Calls while running code to calls minutes after the call is dispatched. Requesting updates on open cases. Requesting updates on SCSO cases, etc.

On 02-17-2014 I sent an email to Monique asking if she wanted me to go to this and that I would like to address the group.

On 02-18-2014 I saw Monique at Compstat. We talked after COMPSTAT. There were others in the room, including Chief Straub, when we talked. These people were not involved or probably not listening to our conversation. She said that if I told her my concerns that she would carry the message to the news directors meeting. I told her of my concerns about the calls before they even arrive onscene and the calls asking for cases that they would be unaware of or would be inappropriate for them to comment.

Monique told me that often times she is called by the media on weekends asking for updates. I told her that they needed to understand that on old cases that there would be no updates unless it was coming from Major Crimes and that it was no beneficial to call shift commanders, or her for that matter.

I asked her on the larger scenes when a PIO would come out. She said that the media is the shift commander or DSO's responsibility. She said that she does not get paid overtime and that she will send out the news releases on the weekend. She immediately started talking about the West Garland shooting. I had not brought up the issue. Monique said that the shift commander or DSO need to handle the media. I said that it was my understanding that the DSO would be there for command and control purposes.

Monique started talking about the shift commander's responsibilities and how they have remained the same since we went to this model in the spring. She said that she had

distributed the responsibilities in the spring (2013). I told her that I had not received the information and asked her to send it to me. She agreed to do so. While talking to her she became a bit more animated than normal. I also noticed that her neck and upper chest looked blotchy and red. This seemed consistent with her rapid speech and what appeared to be irritation.

I returned to my office and looked for any email that had been sent by Monique in the spring that related to shift commander duties. I found the following email.

From: Cotton, Monique

Sent: Thursday, May 09, 2013 3:25 PM

**To:** Arnzen, Alan; Carl, Judi; Cummings, Keith; Dobrow, Rick; Drollinger, Bill; Griffiths, Mark; McCabe, David E.; Mullennix, Scott; Olsen, Eric; Olson, Rex; Richards, Dave; Scalise, Frank; Sprague, Dean; Torok,

Dan

Cc: Arleth, Brad; Cortright, Carly; Meidl, Craig; Straub, Frank; Walker, Joe; Taylor, Lydia

**Subject:** Watch Commander Information

Thank you for your work fielding media calls during your shift under the Watch Commander model. Below is information regarding Watch Commander media responsibilities:

- During regular business hours (07:00 19:00) Monday through Friday PIO Lydia Prichard or I will field media calls and inquiries.
  - Lydia is available Monday through Thursday; I am available Monday through Friday
- Under the Watch Commander model Patrol Lieutenants and Captains will answer media calls during their shift.
- After regular business hours Patrol Lieutenants and Captains will conduct on-scene media interviews about a scene or incident. Media inquiries regarding Department policy, procedure and/or the Department's position on community, political or other sensitive topics should be directed the Office of the Chief.
- Lieutenants and Captains have been added to the SPD Media email list. Therefore you can now send email updates to media contacts via the SPD Media list. You will also receive media updates that are sent to the SPD Media list.
- Under normal circumstances, Patrol Lieutenants and Captains will conduct on-scene media interviews and will not be expected to send out media email updates. Exceptions include missing persons, wanted subjects, etc. or other information that must be distributed immediately.

- Under normal circumstances Patrol Lieutenants and Captains will provide on-camera interviews
  and forward the information from the scene to both Lydia Prichard and me. This will ensure we
  are aware of the incident information and can send out a news release or email to media as
  needed.
- Lieutenants and Captains will alert <u>both Lydia and me</u> during large scale incidents that occur
  after hours (homicides, SWAT situations, etc.). As PIO, Lydia (or if Lydia is unavailable I) will
  respond to a scene to act as a media liaison.

Please add Lydia and my cell phone numbers to your cell phones:

My cell - 509-435-1866

Lydia's cell - 509-481-8656

Thank you again for your assistance in helping us to have a very positive and productive relationship with local media. Please let me know if you have questions.

Monique

Monique Cotton | PR & Communication Director | Spokane Police Department

509.363.8285 (desk) |509.435.1866 (cell)| mcotton@spokanepolice.org



The email seemed to indicate that she or Lydia would respond to "large scale incidents". A drive by shooting in the area of the Garland Business District would probably fit the bill.

On 02-18-2014 I received the following email with attachment from Monique.\

Hi Dan,

As we talked about earlier today, attached is the Watch Commander Model information that was distributed to Watch Commanders last spring.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Monique

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The attachment had a date of May 3, 2013.

The attachment was different than the email that had been sent out on 05-09-2013. The area concerning when she would respond was vastly different than the email. This made little sense to me why a memo crafted on 05-03-2013 would have a different message than an email sent out 6 days later.

I asked Capt. Richards if he remembered media training last spring and if Monique had handed out responsibilities. He had remembered some training and said that he would check his files.

On 02-20-2014 Capt. Richards emailed me documents from training that occurred on 6-6-2013 and 6-11-2013. Contained in that packet was a very similar document to what Monique had emailed me on the 18<sup>th</sup>. I compared what had been distributed at training and what she had sent me. I discovered that they were different.

The Watch Commander Public Information Model distributed by Monique to the Sergeants in June of 2013 was dated May 3, 2013 (like the one she had sent me) and was one page long. The one she sent me was over a page long.

Part of her model had a screen snapshot of what the media availability list would look like. The one distributed in June showed a list for the week of 5/16/13 to 5/12/13. The one that she had sent me, representing it to be the one she distributed in the spring of 2013, had a media availability list on it too. The dates on that one showed for the week of 02/17/2014 to 02/23/2014. (This could not be the same document distributed in the Spring)

In addition, there were several changes that were inconsistent with the email that she had sent out on 05-09-2013 and the one that she distributed June 6 and June 11. The most remarkable change was the one concerning her response to calls.

I reread her email with the attachment several times to confirm that the document she emailed me was being represented as the one distributed in the Spring of 2013.

"As we talked about earlier today, attached is the Watch Commander Model information that was distributed to Watch Commanders last spring"

The statement is unambiguous she represented the document she sent me as the one that was distributed in the spring. It is clearly not.

I shared my concerns with VP Joe Walker. I was also aware of a property damage report that she had Lydia Taylor complete that may have been less than honest as it relates to when it occurred.

There seems to be a problem with her integrity. I am apprehensive about pushing it forward because of potential retaliation. The Chief, thru demotions, has shown that he can be vindictive. In addition, I am aware of a close relationship between the Chief and Monique. On August 23, 2013 I was on a group text thread with Monique and the Chief. We were discussing information that should be in a press release. About 9 minutes after the last message I received another text under the same group message. It read, "See you soon. Love you. You are an awesome partner and best friend. You always will be."

It was quite apparent that the text was not for me and I immediately thought that the Chief must have thought that he was texting Monique only. There was no response from anyone. A minute later another text came in. It read, "Dan you are totally awesome as well. I love you. Good advice on both of your parts." This was followed immediately by another text that read, "Group hugs this morning at the briefing."

I did not know how to respond and decided to tried and make light of it like I was really that dumb to believe that the message was not sent in error.

The Chief had never told me that he loved me. In fact no boss has ever said that to me. It was apparent that he was trying to create the impression that he knew he was in a group text mode.

I think the Chief's relationship would make it impossible for her to discipline her.

On 02-20-2014 0245 hours I met with AC Dobrow in my office. I had previously shared my concerns about the difference in the email that she sent out on 05-09-2013 and what she had sent me on 02-18-2014. I shared with him the new document I had from the June 2013 training. I pointed out the differences and told him that I was convinced that she had lied and misrepresented what she sent me as what was trained on in June. He asked if he could take my documentation to the chief. I said No. I told him that I wanted to figure out how to address the issue.

It was my understanding that in 2013 there was an incident concerning Monique lying about an order with reprographics. I had heard that it was brought to the Chief's attention. I was unaware of the issue being addressed by the Chief.

I think that this incident shows a severe lack of integrity. Furthermore if the document was changed to justify why she had not responded to the West Garland shooting, it was an effort to cover up what appears to be her inadequate response. I did not want to see this simply swept under the carpet.

On 02-20-2014 I had a previously scheduled patrol staff meeting. I had invited both Rick and Monique to the meeting so that the Lieutenants could let her know about the contacts while running code to calls, etc.

The meeting was attended by the Patrol Lieutenants, Capt. Cummings, AC Dobrow, Monique and me. At the meeting she distributed titled Watch Commander Public Information Duties and Responsibilities. The document was very similar to what she had sent me on 02-18-2014 especially as it relates to her response to calls.

At the meeting I told AC Dobrow that the all incidents on the DSO policy does not require a response by the DSO. I told him that former AC MeidI had been working on creating a list that requires a response as well as a list (included in the policy) that only needed a call to the DSO.

One thing that really stood out on the new media document was the following; "In the event of a large-scale incident (SWAT situation, EDU situation, hostage negotiations, Officer Involved Shooting, fatal shooting, etc.-anything that warrants a Command Page) the Public Information & Communication Director will be notified and will discuss with the Watch Commander and/or the DSO the need for the Director or Public Information Officers to respond to the scene to handle media inquiries."

I asked Monique if there was ever an officer involved shooting that she did not respond to. She said no. I looked at Rick and said that maybe there should be an inclusive list of what the PIO will respond to that would somewhat relate to the DSO list. Monique immediately asked if there was reason to formalize this, if it was working. Rick commented that he like things to be very definitive.

After the meeting I consulted with VP Walker about how to proceed. He said that I should meet with the eboard and discuss how to proceed. This would allow some disinterested people to hear my issue. They could also consider if the report that she had filed with Lydia should be brought forward.

On 3-31-2014 I saw John Gately talking to Monique Cotton in the hallway. As I waked by I told him to come and talk to me when he was done. A few minutes later he came into my office. I told him that I had heard he was upset about car assignments. John told me at inservice AC Dobrow had told them that there was a Corporal SUV, K-9 SUV, my SUV and than everything else would go to patrol. A short time later he had heard that Jen Deruwe would be getting a SUV before patrol. He was not happy as that was inconsistent with what they had been told

John told me that he just had a conversation with the Chief and he asked him why Deruwe needed a SUV. The reason given was that she needed to drive kids around for the basketball program. John said that they could remove the shield in her car or use another car. The Chief said that if there was another car, that she could use that.

John told me that he just spoke to Monique about her car. He asked her why she needed a newer car when her previous one was in good shape and we had patrol cars/dix cars still being used that were falling apart. He said that she responded that she was a member of the Executive Staff. She mentioned to him that she works with people that are bullies. He told her that he was just asking questions. He added that he also questioned why the Chief and AC needed brand new Tahoes when their cars were perfectly fine. John indicated that Monique was irritated by his questions.

On 04-01-2014 after COMPSTAT I had a brief conversation with Lydia Taylor. She told me that Monique had told her about the conversation with Gately. Monique said that she has always got along with Gately and she thought that maybe I "put him up to it" as it relates to asking questions about her car. Lydia told her that if I had a problem with something that I would ask her directly and not send someone to do it. Monique mentioned to her that she was either being bullied or had been bullied.

Lydia asked her If she thought the last sentence that she sent out in an email about Russo might be the cause for her feelings about how people are treating her. Misconduct by SPD will not be tolerated....etc. Monique said that Rick told her to put that in there.

My communication with Monique since filing the complaint has been via text and email. All of which I have retained. I have answered her questions and in fact he given her advise on how/why to release a

story.

On 04-01-2014 I met with AC Dobrow on an unrelated issue. After we finished talking I briefed him on what Gately and Lydia had told me. I highlighted the bullying comment as well as the statement that she thought I put Gately up to confronting her. I told him what she had said to Lydia and encouraged him to speak directly to Lydia as opposed to accepting my 3<sup>rd</sup> party version. He said that when Frank got back that they needed to talk.

I told him that I have not refused to work with her, but noticed that she has not requested that I do any interviews, etc. I told him that I think she has an integrity issue, but I have not and will not refuse to work with her on the communications/ interview pieces.

Dave, I want to make you aware of a situation that occurred as well as some concerns that I have regarding the integrity of Director Monique Cotton. I had a meeting in January with both Heather Lowe and Erin Jacobson on an unrelated matter. At that meeting they told me that a Director is the civilian equivalent of the commissioned rank of Commander. I believe the issue concerning potential integrity issues need to be addressed. However, I am not sure of the best method to address them. Complaining about someone that outranks me and could potentially impact my position is concerning to me.

On 021514 Joe Walker told me about a shooting call in the Garland Business District area (14-49089). He had called the DSO, Judi Carl and also requested a PIO. He said that there were only two supervisors working and media was everywhere. Judi advised him that a PIO would NOT be responding to the scene.

He told me that the media had called him as he was running code to the call. This is similar to other complaints that I have heard from other Lieutenants.

On 02-17-2014 I received an email from Monique Cotton that there was a news directors meeting on 02-19-2014. I thought that this would be the perfect forum to address several issues that have been occurring with Shift Commanders. These issues included receiving phone calls while running code to calls only minutes after the call is dispatched, requesting updates on open Investigative Division cases, as well as requesting updates on SCSO cases, etc.

On 02-17-2014 I sent an email to Monique asking if she wanted me to go to this and I expressed that I would like to address the group.

On 02-18-2014 I saw Monique at COMPSTAT. We talked after COMPSTAT. There were others in the room, including Chief Straub, when we talked. These people were not involved or probably not listening to our conversation. She said that if I told her my concerns that she would carry the message to the news directors meeting. I told her of my concerns about the phone calls that they receive before they even arrive onscene, as well as the calls asking for updates on cases that they would be unaware of or would be inappropriate for them to comment.

Monique told me that often times she is called by the media on weekends asking for updates. I told her that they needed to understand that on old cases that there would be no updates

unless it was coming from Major Crimes and that it was not beneficial to call shift commanders, or her for that matter.

I asked her on the larger scenes when a PIO would come out. She said that the media is the shift commander or DSO's responsibility. She said that she does not get paid overtime and that she will send out the news releases on the weekend. She immediately started talking about the West Garland shooting. I had not brought up the issue. Monique said that the shift commander or DSO needs to handle the media. I said that it was my understanding that the DSO would be there for command and control purposes and their primary responsibility was not the media.

Monique started talking about the shift commander's responsibilities and how they have remained the same since we went to this model in the spring. She said that she had distributed the Watch Commander responsibilities in the spring (2013). I told her that I had not received the information and asked her to send it to me. She agreed to do so. While talking to her she became a bit more animated than normal. I also noticed that her neck and upper chest looked blotchy and red. This seemed consistent with her rapid speech and what appeared to be irritation.

I returned to my office and looked for any email that had been sent by Monique in the spring that related to shift commander duties. I found the following email.

From: Cotton, Monique

**Sent:** Thursday, May 09, 2013 3:25 PM

**To:** Arnzen, Alan; Carl, Judi; Cummings, Keith; Dobrow, Rick; Drollinger, Bill; Griffiths, Mark; McCabe, David E.; Mullennix, Scott; Olsen, Eric; Olson, Rex; Richards, Dave; Scalise, Frank;

Sprague, Dean; Torok, Dan

Cc: Arleth, Brad; Cortright, Carly; Meidl, Craig; Straub, Frank; Walker, Joe; Taylor, Lydia

**Subject:** Watch Commander Information

Thank you for your work fielding media calls during your shift under the Watch Commander model. Below is information regarding Watch Commander media responsibilities:

- During regular business hours (07:00 19:00) Monday through Friday PIO Lydia Prichard or I will field media calls and inquiries.
  - Lydia is available Monday through Thursday; I am available Monday through Friday

- Under the Watch Commander model Patrol Lieutenants and Captains will answer media calls during their shift.
- After regular business hours Patrol Lieutenants and Captains will conduct on-scene media interviews about a scene or incident. Media inquiries regarding Department policy, procedure and/or the Department's position on community, political or other sensitive topics should be directed the Office of the Chief.
- Lieutenants and Captains have been added to the SPD Media email list. Therefore you can now send email updates to media contacts via the SPD Media list. You will also receive media updates that are sent to the SPD Media list.
- Under normal circumstances, Patrol Lieutenants and Captains will conduct on-scene media interviews and will not be expected to send out media email updates. Exceptions include missing persons, wanted subjects, etc. or other information that must be distributed immediately.
- Under normal circumstances Patrol Lieutenants and Captains will provide on-camera interviews and forward the information from the scene to both Lydia Prichard and me. This will ensure we are aware of the incident information and can send out a news release or email to media as needed.
- Lieutenants and Captains will alert <u>both Lydia and me</u> during large scale incidents that occur after hours (homicides, SWAT situations, etc.). As PIO, Lydia (or if Lydia is unavailable I) will respond to a scene to act as a media liaison.

Please add Lydia and my cell phone numbers to your cell phones:

My cell - 509-435-1866

Lydia's cell - 509-481-8656

Thank you again for your assistance in helping us to have a very positive and productive relationship with local media. Please let me know if you have questions.

## Monique

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The email seemed to indicate that she or Lydia would respond to "large scale incidents". A drive by shooting in the area of the Garland Business District would probably fit the bill.

On 02-18-2014 I received the following email with attachment from Monique.

Hi Dan,

As we talked about earlier today, attached is the Watch Commander Model information that was distributed to Watch Commanders last spring.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Monique

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The attachment had a date of May 3, 2013.

The attachment was different than the email that had been sent out on 05-09-2013. The area concerning when she would respond was vastly different than the email. This made little sense to me why a memo crafted on 05-03-2013 would have a different message than an email sent out 6 days later.

I contacted Captain Carl and asked if she had requested Monique respond to the shooting on W. Garland. Capt. Carl told me that she had told Monique that Joe Walker wanted a PIO. Monique told Capt. Carl that is not how it worked and that she would not be responding.

I asked Capt. Richards if he remembered media training last spring and if Monique had handed out responsibilities. He had remembered some training and said that he would check his files.

On 02-20-2014 Capt. Richards emailed me documents from training that occurred on 6-6-2013 and 6-11-2013. Contained in that packet was a very similar document to what Monique had emailed me on the 18<sup>th</sup>. I compared what had been distributed at training and what she had sent me. I discovered that they were different.

The Watch Commander Public Information Model distributed by Monique to the Sergeants in June of 2013 was dated May 3, 2013 (like the one she had sent me) and was one page long. The one she sent me was over a page long.

Part of her model had a screen snapshot of what the media availability list would look like. The one distributed in June showed a list for the week of 5/6/13 to 5/12/13. The one that she had sent me, representing it to be the one she distributed in the spring of 2013, had a media availability list on it too. The dates on that one showed for the week of 02/17/2014 to 02/23/2014. (This could not be the same document distributed in the Spring)

In addition, there were several changes that were inconsistent with the email that she had sent out on 05-09-2013 and the one that she distributed June 6 and June 11. The most remarkable change was the one concerning her response to calls.

I reread her email with the attachment several times to confirm that the document she emailed me was being represented as the one distributed in the Spring of 2013.

"As we talked about earlier today, attached is the Watch Commander Model information that

was distributed to Watch Commanders last spring"

The statement is unambiguous; she represented the document she sent me as the one that was distributed in the spring. It is clearly not.

I have attached the email that was received on 05-09-2013 and 02-18-2014. In addition, I have attached the documents sent to me by Capt. Richards.

- 10/09/13 I have met with the Chief and told him I wanted to roll back to Captain for a couple of reasons. His time expectations were unattainable at times and how he viewed and treated employees was not something I agreed with. I told him there were clearly some conflicts within exec staff and our morning meetings didn't seem to accomplish much, because he never seemed to have a plan and we changed direction almost daily. I told him the direction the department was going changed so often nobody could understand what their responsibilities were and it was frustrating and affecting morale. I asked him if he had a plan, so we could all follow along and help move things the direction he wanted to go. The Chief was not pleased that I was asking to step back. He started to get very mad. The Chief said he was disappointed with my decision. He was clearly angry and made a statement that "I blew him up and I was going to ruin everything" by doing this.
- 10/11/13 Exec Staff Chief said we are over budget and Jacob Jones from the Inlander is asking questions about the admin costs within the dept. He said nobody has told him that we were are over budget and we need about \$67,000 for Use of Force equipment still. AC Meidl was going to work on the difference, but Chief reiterated he was not aware of spending over runs. This statement from the Chief was absolutely untrue. Several of us told him many times throughout the year that he needed to be more responsible with the budget, because he was spending more than the department was budgeted. Carly specifically told him this many times and he would get mad at her after she told him to watch the spending. I saw her crying in her office a couple of times this year after he became angry with her. Myself and Arleth also told the Chief we were going to be way over budget if he continued to spend like he was.
- 12/16/13 The Chief, Capt Torok and I met this week at Halletts and he was still frustrated that I had stepped down. He told Torok and I that we were the only two that knew how everything worked and were able to get the work done. He called Arleth the guy that couldn't finish anything and AC Meidl deaf and mute. The Chief had asked me at least twice now to become the AC in Meidl's place and sent texts stating this. He said he was going to demote AC Meidl if I accepted this position. I told him I didn't want to be the assistant chief or a commander and I knew I made the right decision. He said he has also been in conversations with two others about filling this role (Schwering & an outside commissioned person)
- o1/02/14 I met with the Chief at 1100 hours in his office. The Chief said that he has nobody that can step up. He also said no one of command works the hours he does and he doesn't understand it. He asked why. I told him everyone is giving it 100% and we want to see the department be successful. I said we know we need to move the department forward and gain the respect of the community again. I told him people have families too and he can't just see employee's as widgets. He started to get irritated

about this and said that people get divorced all the time and that work should come first. He said I "blew him up" when I asked to go back to captain. He said if I wanted this to be the best department why did I do that. I told him I had been giving it everything I had, but his expectations and now his views on family caused me to see where I could still be an asset for the department. I told him the department seemed to be in chaos with all of the constant changes. I said it was better that I stepped back and he could get somebody else to fill my roll if he thought I was part of the problem so he wouldn't have to be put in a tough position. He made disparaging comments about AC Meidl. He mentioned again about a conversation he had with me in 2013 when AC Meidl, Arleth and Carly went to a school in Boston (SMIP). He said all Meidl did was call him (Chief) while he was back there and cried and made bizarre religious quotes. He said AC Meidl asked him if he loved him and trusted him to be the assistant chief. It made me uncomfortable listening to this. Earlier in the conversation he also mentioned going back to NY or doing something else.

We had our senior staff retreat at 850 e Spokane Falls Blvd. All exec staff 01/08/14 and captains were present and Lt's arrived for last two hours. The Chief advised us his three goals were to reduce crime significantly, implement doj reform and continue to integrate stronger relationships with the community. He said the doj will be wasting their time and they will actually learn something from us. He told everyone what the department structure was. He only said Arleth would be assigned to the Investigations Division as a Captain but didn't mention demotion. He also said he (Arleth) would be working for a civilian director yet he told me the day before that he was flattening out the organization. This just kept the same layers within the department, but calling it something else and adding another captain. He said he would not tolerate toxicity and if there was any he would demote them and then remove them eventually from the department. He told Lt McCabe that overtime would not be a problem if used for special patrols, etc. He advised everyone that Lt Cowles would be his exec officer and Lt Tracie Meidl would answer to the Chief directly. There was no plan for specialty teams and he said that needed to be worked out still. He said the captains need to come up with a schedule that ensures coverage and that he will abide by the contract. He did make threats that if there were no captains available or they didn't respond he would not hesitate to demote captains. He said there would be no changes in 2014 and that this was the configuration for the entire year. He said we will be out of the PSB at the end of the year and the precinct captains will be in buildings roughly 3,000-5,000 sq feet. There will be 300 police officers and new cars as well and new technology. The entire retreat was filled with examples from other Chiefs methods of operation and movie references. He also described the "O Ring team" from Nasa that failed to speak up that there was a problem and it caused the space shuttle disaster. He said we will

never have an O Ring team and that everyone in the room better speak up if they see a problem (I tried to do this on 01/02/14 as well as other times throughout the year). Other members also spoke up, but it led to nothing but anger and threats from the Chief. He also said we will be operating under the Tacoma neighborhood policing model, but Spokane would be the model and better than Tacoma. His plan was to add two more NCO's and another detective to the precinct captains. There did not appear to be clear planning and or direction. He threatened if captains were unavailable because of vacations he would dictate the hours and when they could be off. There were several references to the contract. The Chief also told all of the captains that they were leaders and not managers.

- 01/09/14 I received a text message from AC Meidl to come to his office at approx 1230 hours. I came to his office and he had me sit down and closed the door. He said there is only one way to say this "You are being demoted to Lt and will be assigned to patrol" He said I would be able to work any shift I wanted though. He was going to discuss this with Capt Torok to work out the shift, etc. He said the captain jobs are going to be no different than the jobs the commanders were doing and that I wasn't going to be able to do that. He said between media events and neighborhood meeting expectations he didn't think I would agree with the time commitments. I had never expressed my concern with time commitments regarding the rank of captain. I didn't express an opinion as to where I was going to be assigned and removed from investigations. I asked him if this was for discipline and he said "no". I asked what the reason was and he said I was being demoted and they were not going to have a NW precinct captain, but the day before at the retreat the Chief was very clear to everyone where I was going to be assigned and at what rank. There was no indication as to this immediate change.
- I met with Capt Torok and advised him I had just been demoted to Lt and stated it was not for discipline. I had already been promoted to Captain and I asked if he knew if I was senior to Capt Dobrow and he said he had an email that I was. He said he would check with HR Dir Lowe. He called her and also received an email stating that I was senior to Capt Dobrow by a day. Capt Torok and Capt Dobrow met with AC Meidl to explain that I was senior to Dobrow and that I couldn't be demoted and/or reduced for cut backs before Dobrow.
- Capt Torok, Capt Dobrow and I were asked to come to the Chief's office at approx 1300 hours. AC Meidl was also present. The Chief went on a rant for approx 45 minutes. He said they had realized after the fact that it appeared they couldn't demote me ahead of Capt Dobrow and that I was not being demoted for discipline reasons. He said I was not engaged and obviously didn't want to be a commander and that the captain's jobs were going to be similar to that of the commanders. This would be impossible, because of

the rank structure and responsibilities as stated in job descriptions with Civil Service. They would be expected to be at neighborhood meetings, media and call outs, etc. He said I obviously didn't want to be part of that before and this new precinct captain position would be the same if not more demanding. He berated and belittled me stating people at city hall didn't have any respect for me and specifically mentioned Theresa Sanders & Mayor. He said they thought I was a quitter. He continued to rant and made comments about the mayor not having any balls to be a leader and deal with the contract and city council. He said the mayor didn't give "two shits about families and divorces". He said Theresa Sanders didn't even need a job because she was a Microsoft millionaire. He said I quit on them and the department. He continued to talk about examples of how great he was and NYPD and his experience back east. He said he didn't understand why I wouldn't keep working as a commander. He said it was Craig's decision to demote me and then clarified it with, but I support him. He continued to berate me. The Chief asked if we were all in. Rick said "yes" Dan said "yes" and he looked at me and said this is all about you. I told him I have been in for the past 25 years and never said I wasn't in now. It seemed all of these assumptions were made and there was never any discussion and I was never told of any problems or discipline. I told him based on what I heard today I was going to consult with the association and attorney to weigh my options. The Chief became red faced and said "well fuck it then". Clearly you don't give a shit and if that's how it is I am going to tell the mayor this week that he was quitting and will notify the doj that they should come in and do a consent decree and you will all have to deal with them and what they tell you to do. He said he didn't want to hear that " fuck Cummings talk about vacation again either or he would grab him by the throat and choke him". He said since I am on probation he would demote me that way. I have only been in this position for a week. He called the association grade school compared to back east and Indianapolis and he didn't give a shit. He finished by saying he would decide what he would do. I was not told what position I held and where to report Monday. His statements go against everything he said to everyone the day before about our department teaching the doj something, etc. The mean disrespectful comments he made were similar to the treatment I had observed when he dressed down Capt Cummings in front of a room full of 30 people in compstat. The derogatory treatment Capt Cummings received was enough that the legal advisor (Mary Murumatsu) went to the city attorney (Isserlis) and expressed her concerns and the Chief was spoken to about that by the city attorneys. I know everyone that left the room that day including outside agencies (FBI Frank Herrill) had commented negatively about it.

• We (Dobrow, Torok & I) left and spoke about what to do and notified Reisenauer.
Dobrow said he had "never seen anything like that". He also said he was documenting

all of it in notes. He said there was no way he could work directly for anyone like that. I also had a phone conversation with Erin Jacobson and told her what had occurred. I told her I would be speaking with our (Association) attorney. She said nobody has ever made disparaging comments about me and actually just the opposite why I stepped down. I gave her details about his behavior and comments made about others at City Hall. She admitted that she and others are as frustrated with all of the changes in structure at the department and what his plan is. She said some have commented that they have heard about his temper and how he has treated employees too. I asked her why nobody has addressed it. I told her we have made some great progress within the department and implemented awesome programs, but his behavior was going to derail everything we have been working on. I told her one of his favorite saying was "sitting somebody outside his office and intensively managing them". He has moved people everywhere and some multiple times when he tried to force them out of the department.

- 01/10/2014 I was called to the Chief's office again with Capt's Dobrow and Torok. AC Meidl was also present at 1000 hours. The Chief said he just had a couple of things to say. He gave all of us the Captain expectations for the precincts, which were new and had not been given to any of the other newly promoted captains or other precinct captains. He had an article from the retreat highlighted regarding toxic leaders. He gave that to us as well. He confirmed I was still a captain and to report on Monday to AC Meidl for the NW precinct. He said he didn't know how this got so sideways, but offered no apology. He said obviously I was on probation and I was expected to be able to operate under these expectations and if I couldn't and or there were other issues then I would be having a different discussion with him. There was no other discussion regarding this other than attending a command class in March in Spokane. I returned to my office and within 30 minutes I received an email from him cc'd to Heather Lowe telling me to sign up for a city sponsored class that appeared to be in line with first level supervision and it was 7 weeks long once a week for 4 hours. This was humiliating and insinuated that I wasn't even capable of being a first level supervisor.
- 01/15/14 I met with Erin Jacobson, Heather Lowe, Rick Dobrow & Dan Torok at 0900 hours at city hall. I advised them that I wished to roll back to Lt. I told them it was for personal reasons and that I would like their assistance to be able to do this. They said they would take care of the discussion with the Chief and civil service and have this worked out as soon as they could. They were going to meet with the Chief on Thur Jan 16<sup>th</sup> and discuss this with him. They would be back in contact with us. We all gave them very clear details of his behavior and comments that he made during our meeting with him. They said it would be addressed.

 01/16/14 I received an email from Heather Lowe stating everything was going through for me to be a Lt. I will be sending her a request for the voluntary demotion contingent to there being an open position. See email -

## Good Morning Joe,

I spoke with the Chiefs this morning. As we discussed last night, the plan will be to classify a 14<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant position and then based on your request to voluntarily demote, you will be put in the Lt. classification. Please get me a formal request to voluntarily demote as soon as you can. We are requesting the 14<sup>th</sup> Lt classification from Civil Service right now and asking that this be done asap so that we can get you taken care of right away.

I will let you know where we are at in the process and will give you updates as I receive them. Thank you!

01/16/14 I received this email from Heather Lowe see email - From: Lowe, Heather

Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 2:48 PM

To: Walker, Joe Cc: Torok, Dan

Subject: FW: Two classifications in the Police Department

## Joe,

We have two Lts classified through CS — please get me your voluntary demotion letter (email is fine) so that we can get you on that list and then put in the requisition with your name on it. This will be done much faster than I originally anticipated so we may be able to get this done in time for our next pay cycle, which is next week.

Thanks!

01/16/14 I also received this email - From: Lowe, Heather

Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 10:05 AM

To: Walker, Joe

Cc: Torok, Dan; Jacobson, Erin

Subject: Status Importance: High

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I will let you know where we are at in the process and will give you updates as I receive them. Thank you!

- 02/19/14 We had labor negotiations with the city at 0900 hours. Erin J, Tim D, Gita, AC Dobrow represented the city. Myself, McCabe, Arleth, Richards, Reisenauer were representing the assoc. We discussed all old topics from 2012 and agreed to meet again. We also discussed the constant change occurring in the dept and the positions and responsibilities. We stated we wanted to negotiate these changes and AC Dobrow advised us he would notify the Chief and let him explain the changes he has proposed. Erin also said she would send an email to the Chief notifying him we wanted to discuss the changes and responsibilities for the director positions as well as additional Lt and Capt responsibilities and who they report too and the loss of the Capt position Dobrow held. Tim Dunivent told us they were having a hard time following all of the Chief's changes and they were paying attention to it. The Chief's spending was a concern.
- 02/26/14 We had labor management meeting with the following people in the Chief's conference room. Chief, AC Dobrow, Gita (HR), McCabe, Cummings, Richards, Arleth and myself. We advised the Chief we would like to discuss the issues outlined in McCabe's email above. McCabe did most of the talking from the association. He asked about the minor contracts email from Erika Wade and what the Chief expected from the Lt's and Capt's. The Chief stated he just wanted to have the Lt's and Capt's be aware of contracts within their area of responsibility and the secretaries would also assist. He gave examples of precincts and his expectation was that Capt's could sign off on minor contracts and not major ones. McCabe told the Chief we wanted to table the DSO shift commander guidelines. The Chief said he was aware of a complaint against Monique that was filed in IA today. McCabe told him no complaint had been filed and the Chief looked at Dobrow as if he was surprised. The Chief then went on to talk about shift commander responsibilities. He gave an example of a shooting occurring at Ash and Buckeye on a Sunday night and the response would be minimal and wouldn't need a DSO or PIO, but if we had a shooting on a Saturday afternoon at Howard and Main it would require a full response because of the political issues. He didn't seem to give other areas of the community the same priorities as downtown. He didn't expand if that was coming from the Mayor or just his decision. McCabe asked the Chief about the training/IA Captain position Dobrow had and if the Chief was going to fill it. The Chief became irritated immediately and said you guys know who is on the list (Lt Sprague & ?) and if that is what you want. He then talked about refreshing the list and if we were

going to fight him on everything he wasn't going to deal with that and would just do what we want (the association was not fighting him on everything). McCabe said we don't want to fight we want to move forward but he hasn't laid out a plan for anything and we wanted to know what he planned on doing with that position. He said if we wanted to see one of those two promoted then he would. McCabe told him we have to look out for the best interest for our members. We met separately for a few minutes and decided to consult with our attorney and the Chief was advised of this. McCabe asked about the new director of investigations position and what the Chief planned on doing with those responsibilities because we had commanders and Arleth was demoted. He asked if Selby was going to be commissioned and the Chief said he was looking at that. McCabe said some of his job responsibilities matched those of a captain and again we need to look out for our members. The Chief then went on for several minutes about all the promotions and then started in on negotiations and specialties and special pay for captains in charge of precincts. He talked about buildings and take home cars, but if we wanted to fight over all this then he would just have 300 street cops and stop promoting people. McCabe again said we wanted to move the department forward but have never heard a plan and the Chief never did lay one out. Cummings and Richards left and McCabe and I stayed to talk to Gita, Dobrow and the Chief. McCabe told the Chief he was forwarding a complaint on Monique tomorrow and it was in regards to dishonesty and false reporting. The Chief immediately said isn't that something that can be handled at the management level. McCabe said no it is clearly and IA issue. The Chief wanted details, but McCabe said he would lay them out in writing tomorrow. The Chief then turned and glared right at me and said "I see where this is going". He seemed to take it personal. I didn't say anything. McCabe said we were done and we left.

• 02/28/14 McCabe and I met with Gita at City Hall. I advised her we did not want to file a complaint but we were very concerned about the Chiefs comment at the end of our meeting. I told her I took it as a threat for potential retaliation. I explained why I believed this and what had occurred last year. I gave her some details of what type of behavior we had observed. I described the demotions for myself Meidl, Arleth and how Carly had been sent off to City Hall and that she had tried to advise the Chief about the department spending and budget. I described his comments in detail during his attempt to demote me and what he said the Mayor allegedly said. I told her that was why we couldn't take anything to the Chief or Mayor. I asked her if she thought it was unusual that the Chief wanted to deal with the complaint at his level or management. She agreed it caught her attention too. We told her he seemed to be very protective of her and spent a lot of time with her at work. She asked if we believed if there was anything

illegal going on and we said "no". She asked about ethical and we said we didn't know. We finished by saying that we just wanted her to be aware of our concerns with retaliation. She said she would bring it to her bosses (Lowe) attention. We felt our concerns would be addressed because Gita is the departments HR rep and provides training to the department reference bullying and harassment.

- 03/05/14 Myself and others (Olsen, Wohl, Sprague, Torok) attended Command College during this week and Chief Straub taught two sections on this date. He was rambling on about areas that didn't have anything to do with public value and police legitimacy. He started talking over and over about 911 and how he ran and someone behind him was killed. He talked about being airlifted off a mountain while skiing. He came across very arrogant and it was bizarre. Several of the attendees contacted the assistant director (Debra Mealy) of the citc at lunch break and told her they couldn't follow the Chief and he was arrogant. A couple of others asked if he was always like this. Another attendee told me this. Mealy sat through the second half session.
- Lt McCabe and Sgt Reisenauer spoke with Erin Jacobson and Heather • 03/14/14 Lowe about our complaint against Monique. I had received a voice mail from Trish (HR). She stated the investigation was completed within a week of being filed. None of the officers listed were ever interviewed. Lt McCabe pointed out several problems with the way this complaint was handled. There were no interviews of the officers and the inadequate response wasn't even addressed. The computer was never analyzed to see when the document was redone in Capt Torok's complaint. Heather told McCabe that Torok and I could speak with her. She told McCabe that the complaint will be sent to the chief for review but neither complaint was founded.
- I received an email from HR Dir Lowe today asking to meet for additional info. See email -Hi Joe. Can we meet for coffee on Monday? I'd like to get any additional information on the complaint and to touch base to see how you are doing. Thanks!

• 03/14/14

03/17/14 I met with Heather Lowe today at Hallett's Coffee House and she asked me about the complaints the association had filed. I told her I didn't care to talk about the complaint anymore because they were done with the investigation and it appeared the investigation had a predetermined outcome based on the lack of effort put into the investigation. I told her I was concerned about retaliation. I told her last year on several occasions the Chief became very protective and defensive of Monigue. I told her Torok

was afraid to say anything else because of retaliation fears. I told her about the texts the Chief sent to Torok right after the complaint was filed and that the texts appeared to be an attempt in to intimidating Torok. I also told her what the Chief said while we were in labor management with Gita. I told her how the Chief had been treating employees and the inappropriate comments that he has made. I said I was aware of a text that a Captain received from the Chief that appeared to have been meant for Monique. It said something about him (Chief) loving her and a couple of other comments that seemed to be inappropriate to send to a subordinate. I said he used to make Carly cry when she would let him know he was spending more than he should be and he would get mad and yell at her. The Chief said some inappropriate things about the US attorney early on, because Mr Ormsby didn't come to Compstat at first. These comments got back to Mr Ormsby and the Chief ended up telling us he (Chief) had to apologize. I told her other employees have taken demotions or requested transfers to get away from the Chief and his behavior. She assured me she would look into these concerns and make sure to monitor any possible future issues.

- I spoke with Erin Jacobson today and told her the Chief told me that 04/28/14 Monique was a hair away from filing a hostile workplace lawsuit against me and Torok. The timing of hearing this was interesting because I assumed the Chief had been counseled about the text and his behavior towards myself, Monique and others. I asked her if she knew who from City Legal told the Chief that Monique was a hair away from filing a hostile work place law suit against me. Erin said it wasn't her and she didn't know of anyone who said it. She said she would check with Nancy and Mary M. She said she knew Monique had talked to Gita a week ago and was supposed to meet with her but never showed up or canceled. I also said if it was that close being that the Chief is her supervisor shouldn't he file a complaint then or have my supervisor talk to me. She agreed. I told her Cummings and McCabe said what should have been a 30 min discussion about if the original complaint was done and dso policy turned personal towards me and Torok and Arleth. I told her I have taken two demotions to get away from and avoid him because of his bullying and harassment. I finally asked her if there was anything she could do to make sure others at City Hall were aware of his behavior. She said they were aware and had heard things.
- 05/15/14 Lt McCabe attended labor management along with the Guild members and Chief Straub and Gita. The Chief became very angry with Lt McCabe about filing the grievance and ulp.

McCabe told

me about this and Gita got a hold of him to meet the following week. That was an inappropriate comment in front of other department members. I had also heard this

inappropriate-comment from other Guild members who were present during this meeting. They said it was one of the worse meetings they had seen reference the Chief's behavior.

- 06/11/14 Lt Arnzen told me that on 06/04/14 at the senior staff retreat the Chief went on about an hour long rant at the end, which I also heard from others that attended. He made several comments that seemed to be directed at me and a couple others. The Chief also made a comment about how all the people in the South Perry district thought he was great and just loved him. He said he could probably have any woman up there, because of all the great things he has been doing. Arnzen said this was extremely inappropriate. I also heard this rumor from Sgt Ervin on 06/10/14. He asked about the Chief making these statements.
- 07/22/14 I met with the SPD legal advisor (Mary Murumatsu) today and asked her when the city attorney would be assigned to the CEU unit because I was told I would have assistance with all of these new projects. She told me that it may be awhile because they didn't know how they would pay for his position yet. He is currently being paid through city hall as a budgeted position. She then told me there was discussion about using seizure funds to pay his wages. I told her I didn't think you could use seizure funds to supplant wages. We also spoke about the creation of the unit and some of the reasons he gave. She expressed concerns too and would monitor. She said she has kept Nancy in the loop with what has been going on within the department too.
- 09/02/14 We have just concluded negotiations with the city and we (Association) were approached by Erin Jacobson about accepting an early medical buyout type clause. It used to be calculated so that your age and time on had to add to a certain number. Now it doesn't matter what your age is and you only need 20 years on. Several people have commented that is the Brad & Joe clause (meaning the chief is trying to get us to retire). I had a conversation with Erin Jacobson about this and told her I wasn't sure how many members would take this offer. I told her she could pass on to the Chief that myself and Arleth would not be taking this offer though.
- 11/05/14 I turned in the whistleblower complaint to Erin Jacobson. I told her I was extremely concerned with the purpose of the Civil Enforcement Unit. We talked about the Chief's behavior again and I told her about the text I had seen that was sent mistakenly sent to Captain Torok last year. I told her the Chief sent a text that had been meant for Monique and it had comments about Monique being his best friend and that he loved her (Monique). I said I wasn't sure what was going on between them but it didn't look good. I said somebody needs to do something about his behavior soon, because it just keeps getting worse and I would not be surprised if it ended in lawsuits like had happened with other Chiefs in the past. She assured me that others above her were aware of his behavior and budget issues.
- Erin Jacobson made contact with me by phone just prior to my transfer from CEU to patrol. She asked if I was willing to accept an offer to retire early. She said the City allows for a payout of up to \$48,000 for retirement. I told her I wasn't old enough to

retire and was not accepting that offer to retire. It appeared based on the conversation the offer was being pushed by the Chief. I got off the phone and immediately told my coworker (Matt Folsom) about this offer. I told him I wouldn't be surprised if the Chief eventually caused a bigger mess for the City or the department.

Senior Staff meeting – staffing org chart plan for 2015. Lt's & Capts, admin staff 11/12/14 present. Chief stated main goal for 2015 is to move to precinct model. They are hoping the north precinct will be open by mark up. Chief described plans to move south precinct into intermodal and downtown precinct into main floor of city hall. NW precinct would move into nw community center. AC Dobrow said precinct LT hours would be rotating 10's for day shift and 10-40's for power and graveyard. Precinct Lt's will be placed in precincts and shifts based on department needs and seniority as factors. Chief said a contract person (Steve James) will be hired on a yearly contract to the academy/training and will look into getting college credits for academy attendance and other training for precincts, etc. Lt King is not being moved from the academy. Chief and AC Dobrow both admitted communication has been a problem and has affected things. They will make a better effort to communicate direction and keep captains in the loop on things. He said the captains will be the chief of their part of town and eventually be given a budget. They will be given the ability to make command decisions. North and South will be divided into a 60/40 split. The DV unit will be moving to the YMCA. Both administrative captains for Dobrow and Schwering will be called XO's not deputy directors. AC Dobrow said the precinct hours are still being worked out. He reiterated there will be no organizational changes in 2015 except for promotions and retirements, etc.

11/13/14 Civil Service sent us an email asking for input on job descriptions for Lt's and Capts that they had received from the department. This was received prior to our meetings with them this week. The Chief never mentioned any of these changes. See Email - Thanks for the heads up --- I hadn't seen them either, but that's pretty typical actually for Civil Service processes to be limited to the Department and the impacted union. I usually only get into it if we're trying to negotiate something outside of the Civil Service process.

I appreciate your comment about preferring to be involved earlier on, but I can at least assure you that nothing will get to the Civil Service Commission for approval without your concurrence. If the Association and Department don't agree on something in the job spec, Civil Service will usually set up a meeting with both parties to try to resolve any issues. If they can't get both of you to agree, then they'll send it to the Commission and the Association and Department will both get a chance to present their positions before any changes are made to the job spec.

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From: McCabe, David E.

Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 11:10 AM

To: Jacobson, Erin

Cc: Walker, Joe; Reisenauer, Chuck

Subject: FW: Capt. and LT proposed job spec changes

Erin, I don't know if you've seen these yet. This is the first time that anyone from the Association has seen them. We didn't know anything about proposed changes to these classifications and have had no discussions about changing them with the Chief's office. We're in the process of reviewing them now, but it would have been nice to be in the discussions from the beginning.

Thanks! Dave

From: Cline, Janet K.

Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2014 9:55 AM

To: McCabe, David E.

Subject: Capt. and LT proposed job spec changes

HI Dave,

SPD management sent me some proposed changes to the lieutenant and captain job specs, and I made further changes to make them fit our format – see attached. SPD approves of them as attached.

Please review the changes and let me know if the LTs & Capts Association approves, or if you have comments/suggested changes, etc. If you can do this by the end of the month, that will be helpful.

If you want to look at the attached specs without all the edits showing, choose the Review tab, then in the Tracking section change Final Showing Markup to Final. It doesn't change the document, it just changes what you see. (You may already know that, but not everyone works with this aspect of Word).

Thanks.

Janet Cline Exam Analyst Civil Service #6163 12/03/14 I was speaking with Matt Folsom this morning in our office when Capt Olsen came to the office. He was speaking with Matt and I left for a few minutes. When I came back they were still talking and stopped talking abruptly. It was apparent they were talking about me. Capt Olsen then left. I asked Matt if they needed more time to talk about me. He was flustered and said he didn't want to be involved in that. I asked him if Capt Olsen said I was being transferred. He said yes he just told him that I was being transferred at the first of the year. I told him that Capt Olsen hadn't told me that yet since I was the one being moved again. I sent an email to Erin J and Heather Lowe after this because of the rumors and statements Capt Olsen was making to my coworkers about being moved but he had not even told me that personally.

See email -Erin & Heather,

I am concerned about some rumors I have heard recently, which involve me and that appear to have been started by Captain Olsen.

I was recently asked by a detective if I had filed a complaint against Detective Pence. I find this interesting because the only two people within the Gardner Building that knew about the whistleblower complaint I filed are Captain Olsen & Director Smith. A detective sergeant had also asked another Captain if I had filed a complaint as well.

I was contacted by a precinct Captain who told me that Captain Olsen had called him and said I was going to "throw him (precinct Captain) under the bus" at a recent compstat meeting. I asked this other Captain if he felt I had done this at the compstat meeting and he said "no".

Lastly I just found out that Captain Olsen had informed one of my coworkers that I was being transferred at the first of the year, but Captain Olsen has not informed me of this. There also hasn't been anything sent out department wide that I was being transferred.

These are just a few examples of among others of what has occurred since I filed the whistleblower complaint against Captain Olsen. It seems clear Captain Olsen is attempting to disparage my reputation and cause internal conflict within the department and with my coworkers, because of the whistleblower complaint I filed.

I am asking both of you to please make sure Captain Olsen stops this rumor mongering, because this behavior is not appropriate. I appreciate your assistance.

Thank you Joe 12/08/14 Email (below) from Det Stacey Carr -

Thank you, Joe. I have enjoyed working with you. I really admire you for giving me a positive work environment despite the situation. That takes a lot of character! I do wish you the very best in your new position.

Stacey

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID

01/26/15 I received a phone call from Director Schwering on 01/26/16 at approx 1530 hours. He told me they were taking my patrol car from me and rotating me to the same body style only marked. He said the Chief wanted this done. I told him the timing was interesting because I had just passed Chief Straub on Monroe street. He said they were rotating all of the Lt cars, but I explained to him that several of the Lt cars are unmarked like mine. I spoke with Schwering again and said I didn't have a problem rotating cars but it didn't make sense given what other Lt's were driving (very old vehicles).

He agreed and sent me this email -

Since Lt. Walker is driving a newer vehicle, let's not worry about his car at the moment until we have more of the lieutenants that are in Crown Vic's taken care of.

Thanks,

Tim

## December 21, 2015

City of Spokane Human Resources Department 4<sup>th</sup> Floor 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd. Spokane, Washington 99201-3327

Re: Concerns regarding Hostile Work Environment, Gender Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Retaliation.

## Dear Human Resources Department:

I am writing to formally request your help and support in relation to the hostile work environment, gender discrimination, and retaliation I was subjected to under former Spokane Police Chief, Frank Straub. It is my hope that we can resolve these issues informally and out of the spotlight. To date, I have been incredibly fearful of filing this request for help, but as Chief Straub is no longer in his role, I am hopeful that I can do so without facing additional retaliation.

Prior to Chief Straub's appointment, I was employed in a protected position as a police planner, focusing on resource allocation. Since his hiring my world has been turned upside down. Things started off pleasantly enough. When Chief Straub was hired in 2012, I was promoted to Business Services Director, a new position responsible for records management, fleet, police planning, and serving as a liaison with accounting. In this role, however, I was no longer a protected employee.

It became evident early in his tenure here that Chief Straub intended to accomplish his goals regardless of whether he had to break rules and established procedures in order to do so. This included efforts to obtain funding for things that were not permitted and skirting procedures in order to manufacture certain results. I repeatedly told Chief Straub that he could not take these shortcuts and that he had to follow procedure. In response, Chief Straub started trying to get rid of me, post haste.

In June 2013, I was sent to a three week leadership training in Boston. I later learned that Chief Straub said that he wanted me to attend so that for that period, at least, I would be out of his way. During our leadership team meetings, which included Monique Cotton and several others, the Chief subjected us to constant negative feedback. During one of the meetings, he described himself as "a cock sucker" and threatened to fire me and demote Brad Arleth.

On August 13, 2013, I took on a temporary project that was supposed to last for less than 12 months. I did this solely to get away from the suffocating and toxic exposure I was subjected to

with Chief Straub each day. In October, I was moved to City Hall to work on the project. I later learned that as soon as I took the temporary project, the Chief removed me from the organization chart at the Spokane Police Department. I was replaced shortly thereafter by a male with no experience at the same pay rate I had been receiving. That male with no experience was subsequently given an \$18,000.00 raise by Chief Straub.

I met with Mr. Straub on October 9, 2013 to discuss return to my role upon completion of the project. The very next day he cut off all of my access to the Spokane Police Department, thus eliminating any opportunity for me to return to my position.

My story has even become a cautionary tale for other City employees. For example, the husband of a city colleague was subsequently hired as a police officer. During his on-boarding, he was told not to get on the Chief's bad side or else he would get "Carlied." This disgusts me.

To add insult to injury, several of my former colleagues, Joe Walker and Brad Arleth asked Chief Straub about my status when I did not return to my prior job. The Chief told them that I had to go because I was a "cunt."

As indicated above, I did not lodge a formal complaint at the time as I was terrified of retaliation. I knew nobody could or would do anything to help, as evidenced by Monique Cotton's recent complaint. Nobody from the City has contacted me at all since I made comments to the media to try to shed some light on this matter.

In summary, I have been subjected to a hostile work environment, gender discrimination, and retaliation. I am currently still employed for the City, although I do not enjoy the role that I have been forced into as much as I enjoyed my prior position at the Spokane Police Department. It is my goal to discuss this matter with you informally in an effort to resolve these issues short of any formal action. I do not want to cause the City any trouble, but I remain fearful of retaliation. I am asking you to take prompt and immediate steps to protect me.

Very truly yours.

Carly Cortright

# Kris Cappel

From:

Straub, Frank

Sent:

Friday, February 28, 2014 10:57 AM

To:

Jacobson, Erin; Muramatsu, Mary

Cc:

Isserlis, Nancy; Dobrow, Rick; George-Hatcher, Gita; Lowe, Heather

Subject:

**RE:** Complaint

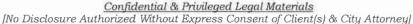
All good. HR is it. Regardless, there will be more – immaturity is immaturity.

From: Jacobson, Erin

Sent: Friday, February 28, 2014 10:26 AM To: Straub, Frank; Muramatsu, Mary

Cc: Isserlis, Nancy; Dobrow, Rick; George-Hatcher, Gita; Lowe, Heather

Subject: RE: Complaint





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From: Straub, Frank

Sent: Friday, February 28, 2014 10:22 AM

**To:** Muramatsu, Mary

Cc: Jacobson, Erin; Straub, Frank; Isserlis, Nancy; Dobrow, Rick; George-Hatcher, Gita; Lowe, Heather

Subject: Re: Complaint

Opening an investigation or an involved HR process gives much more credence to the bs.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 28, 2014, at 10:20 AM, "Muramatsu, Mary" < mmuramatsu@spokanecity.org > wrote:

From: Jacobson, Erin

Sent: Friday, February 28, 2014 10:17 AM

To: Straub, Frank; Isserlis, Nancy

Cc: Muramatsu, Mary; Dobrow, Rick; George-Hatcher, Gita; Lowe, Heather

Subject: RE: Complaint

Frivolous or not, a complaint has been made.

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From: Straub, Frank

**Sent:** Friday, February 28, 2014 10:11 AM

**To:** Isserlis, Nancy

Cc: Muramatsu, Mary; Jacobson, Erin; Dobrow, Rick; George-Hatcher, Gita; Lowe, Heather

**Subject:** RE: Complaint

My sense is it wouldn't even rise to that level as she attempted to address the issue, albeit not fully and accordance to policy. Again – no indication that it was deliberate – bottom line – her colleagues thought it was funny at the time and failed to help her out. Now it is a "crime against the state."

From: Isserlis, Nancy

Sent: Friday, February 28, 2014 10:09 AM

To: Straub, Frank

Cc: Muramatsu, Mary; Jacobson, Erin; Dobrow, Rick; George-Hatcher, Gita; Lowe, Heather

Subject: Re: Complaint

Nancy Isserlis
City Attorney
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.
Spokane, WA 99201
509.625.6225
Sent from my IPad
Confidential Attorney Client Communication

On Feb 28, 2014, at 10:01 AM, "Straub, Frank" <fstraub@spokanepolice.org> wrote:

— it is (a) frivolous, (b) resulting from a civilian employee not be cognizant of the car policy, (c) action was taken at/or close to the time of the damage discovery, e.g. photos taken, (d) persons familiar with the police, including fellow members of the command staff (Arleth and Walker) failed to advise her

as to proper procedure, (e) it is clearly retaliatory in nature stemming from the more recent event and an ongoing issue of disrespect for the position by members of the commissioned staff.

My thought would be

Other thoughts?

From: Muramatsu, Mary

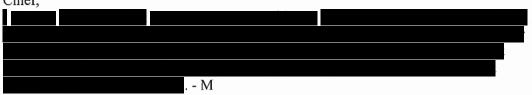
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2014 8:13 AM

To: Straub, Frank; Jacobson, Erin

Cc: Isserlis, Nancy; Dobrow, Rick; George-Hatcher, Gita; Lowe, Heather

Subject: RE: Complaint

Chief.



From: Straub, Frank

Sent: Friday, February 28, 2014 7:20 AM

**To:** Jacobson, Erin

Cc: Isserlis, Nancy; Dobrow, Rick; George-Hatcher, Gita; Lowe, Heather; Muramatsu,

Mary

Subject: RE: Complaint

## Response to complaint:

- 1. The complaint is in fact two (2) separate complaints one stemming from the damage to the vehicle. The second, although directed at Ms. Cotton is a broader complaint focused on the department's policies regarding media, DSO, and operations.
- 2. Because there are two separate and distinct issues I am going to direct that two separate complaints be generated.
- 3. Regarding the first, we (IA) will investigate the incident and related issues as well as all persons involved.
- 4. Regarding the second, I will assume responsibility for the complaint as I am ultimately responsible for policy development, implementation, and follow-up. We will use the second complaint to address the various policy issues raised by the incident (a shooting) and clarify all related policies, procedures, training and other issues within 30-days.

Frank

From: Jacobson, Erin

Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 4:31 PM

To: Straub, Frank

Cc: Isserlis, Nancy; Dobrow, Rick; George-Hatcher, Gita; Lowe, Heather; Muramatsu,

Mary

Subject: FW: Complaint

FYI – I haven't looked at this yet, but here is the complaint that McCabe filed re Monique.



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From: McCabe, David E.

Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 3:11 PM

**To:** Jacobson, Erin **Cc:** Walker, Joe **Subject:** Complaint

Hi Erin,

The complaint has been filed. Please read my complaint summary first, then you can go over the attachments. Everything is properly labeled, so it shouldn't be too confusing. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Dave

Re: Meeting Page 1 of 1

Re: Meeting

Walker, Joe

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 6:38 PM

To: Lowe, Heather

Sounds like a plan

I will be in around 9:00am. Let me know what time works for you

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID

"Lowe, Heather" <hlowe@spokanecity.org> wrote:

Hi Joe,

Can we meet for coffee on Monday? I'd like to get any additional information on the complaint and to touch base to see how you are doing.

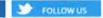
Thanks!



Heather L. Lowe | City of Spokane | Human Resources Director 509.625.6233 | fax 509.625.6379 | hlowe@spokanecity.org | spokanecity.org







From:

George-Hatcher, Gita

Sent:

Wednesday, April 02, 2014 08:20

To:

Cotton, Monique

Subject:

Monday

# Monique,

Based on our conversations this week, I will contact you on Monday (4/7/14) in the late afternoon regarding follow up after you have, based on your suggestion, had a chance to talk with the Chief in the morning of the same day as he is out on vacation this week. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me to let me know if there are any additional issues. Thank you and have a great week.

## Gita

Gita S. George-Hatcher, M.P.A., C.L.R.P., P.H.R Human Resources Analyst City of Spokane 44 W. Riverside Avenue Spokane, WA. 99201 (509) 625-7083

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From:

George-Hatcher, Gita

Sent:

Monday, April 07, 2014 13:13

To:

Cotton, Monique

Subject:

Interview

## Monique,

This is to follow up with you regarding your phone conversation with me that you are cancelling the interview appointment that was scheduled for this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. You indicated that you had spoken to the Chief today about your concerns and issues and that the Chief has assured you that he would be addressing the issues to ensure that you are not subjected to a continuation of the behaviors you are concerned about. You indicated that you would like to provide the Chief with the opportunity to address these concerns and that if the types of behaviors that are of concern to you continue, then you will contact me. Thanks.

Have a wonderful day! Gita

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From:

George-Hatcher, Gita

Sent:

Monday, April 07, 2014 13:54

To: Subject: Cotton, Monique RE: Interview

You are welcome.

Have a wonderful day! Gita

Gita S. George-Hatcher, M.P.A., C.L.R.P., P.H.R Human Resources Analyst City of Spokane 44 W. Riverside Avenue Spokane, WA. 99201 (509) 625-7083

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From: Cotton, Monique

Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 1:39 PM

**To:** George-Hatcher, Gita **Subject:** RE: Interview

Thank you, Gita.

Monique

Monique Cotton | Director of Public Information & Communication | Spokane Police Department 509.363.8285 (desk) | 509.435.1866 (cell) | mcotton@spokanepolice.org

From: George-Hatcher, Gita

Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 1:13 PM

**To:** Cotton, Monique **Subject:** Interview

### Monique,

This is to follow up with you regarding your phone conversation with me that you are cancelling the interview appointment that was scheduled for this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. You indicated that you had spoken to the Chief today about your concerns and issues and that the Chief has assured you that he would

be addressing the issues to ensure that you are not subjected to a continuation of the behaviors you are concerned about. You indicated that you would like to provide the Chief with the opportunity to address these concerns and that if the types of behaviors that are of concern to you continue, then you will contact me. Thanks.

Have a wonderful day! Gita

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From:

George-Hatcher, Gita

Sent:

Friday, April 11, 2014 11:49

To: Cc: Cotton, Monique

Subject:

Lowe, Heather Closing the Loop

# Monique,

Just to let you know, I followed up with the Chief on Tuesday, April 8, and he let me know that he met with you and that he is working with you to resolve your concerns. He told me that would let me know if additional issues come up. Please let me know right away if there are continuing issues. Thanks Monique.

# Have a wonderful weekend! Gita

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On 3-31-15 at approximately 0805 hours, following a compstat meeting, I was contacted by Capt. Olsen in my office. He said he was having an impromptu, "unpleasant meeting with the Chief" regarding my overtime issue and asked that I join. As we walked into Asst Chief Smith's office, I asked Asst Chief Smith, more in jest than anything, "if I needed a union rep," he laughed and answered "no."

I then walked in Asst Chief Smith's office.

Chief Smith sat at his desk, Chief Straub to his right and Chief Dobrow to his right. Across from them sat me, with Director Cotton to my right and Capt Olsen to my left.

Chief Straub started the conversation by saying he was very disappointed in the 3 of us. He started specifically addressing Director Cotton, saying that she had information yesterday that she withheld from him yesterday.

Then turned to me and said he was disappointed in me and that it is was "my fault" that I had not contacted him sooner about this matter and that I should not have used my chain of command. Later in the conversation he said I "hid behind my chain of command."

He then turned to Capt Olsen and said he had an obligation to talk to him sooner and not let him, the Chief, make a bad decision without more information.

This conversation was approximately 10 minutes and Chief Straub began to raise his voice and become more agitated. He said we all made him look like a "fucking asshole" by not going to him sooner.

I finally spoke and said, I took offense to being blamed for his decision making and disagreed. I told him I had talked to Capt Olsen and Chief Smith on Thursday and they were fully informed.

He said he had been misinformed by Capt Torok and that if he knew the truth he would have made a different decision.

I told him I found it offense that I was getting yelled at for doing my job, being told this was my fault, when I was not the one to misinform him and that Capt Torok should be getting this talk and he was not being addressed.

When I told the Chief I disagreed, he began to get more and more angry. He went on to tell me he had been the Chief of several large departments and had done many things in his career. I told him, I of course had not been the Chief of any department, but I felt he was wrong. When I said he was wrong, the Chief completely lost his temper. He stood up and began to yell at me directly. He was screaming and his face was beat red. He seemed to have a hard time speaking due to his emotions.

At this time he was yelling with profanity. I told him I did not feel that I had to sit here and be yelled at and told him I was leaving. He told me I had better sit down and that he "was playing the Chief card", "to be careful" and that he would consider "insubordination discipline on all of us." He told me I was "going nowhere" and I had to "sit and listen." I told him, "Yes sir" and remained seated, as did everyone else, but him. Chief Straub then said, "Wipe that fucking smirk off your face" as he addressed me. At this point I looked straight at the ground in front of me. I was being told I could not leave, I was being threatened with insubordination, a fire-able offense and now he was interpreting my expression as an inappropriate smirk. Chief Straub yelled for another few minutes at me as I looked at the ground.

He then turned his attention to Director Cotton and told her he blamed her for not telling him yesterday. He said that she knew more and she should have told him. She said that Chief Smith told her that the issue between Griffiths and Torok was being handled. She also said she did not have all the facts and that she was not in my chain of command so it was not appropriate for her to get involved. She said that she had suggested to Chief Straub that he follow up with Lt. Griffiths because she thought there was more to the story regarding Capt Torok's disapproval of my overtime. He continued to yell at her, saying that she "fucked him", made him "look like a fucking asshole" and that she "fucked him in the ass and broke the dick off." Director Cotton was tearing up and it appeared that she was fighting back from crying at this point and he continued to yell at her. Twice she motioned with her hands in a "time out motion" and said "why am I even here?"

Chief Straub appeared irriated that she was beginning to cry and he then began yelling at Capt Olsen. He said that "he sat on this information" and he had an obligation to tell the Chief and "didn't do shit." He continued to berate Capt Olsen. Capt. Olsen tried to speak and explain, but was continuously cut off.

During the remainder of the conversation, Chief Straub was standing, while all the rest of us remained seated.

Chief Dobrow and Chief Smith offered nothing to the conversation.

At this point, I said I find it incredible, that Capt Olsen and Director Cotton are being blamed, but Chief Smith says nothing and bears no responsibility.

I addressed Chief Smith directly and said you were CC'ed yesterday on this same email that Capt Olsen is getting attacked for not sending. I also said that I did not keep either you (Chief Smith) or Capt Olsen in the dark yesterday or Thursday in any way.

\*\*\*If should be noted, that Director Cotton, who is not in my chain of command, was getting reprimanded for not telling Chief Straub yesterday, when I had met with Chief Smith yesterday morning at 0830hours and told him about all of my concerns. During that conversation he said that he was meeting with Chief Straub at 1100 hours later this morning about this. I sent the CC'd email regarding my concerns to Chief Smith at 1033 hours. I had also sent him an email at 0819 hours asking for any other communication he had received questioning my overtime. When I spoke with Chief Smith at 0830 hours, he volunteered that he had received the 0819 hours email. When I had met with Chief Smith and Capt Olsen on Monday 3-30-15 at 1500 hours he told us that Capt Torok was going to be "reigned in." I told him I was completely unsatisfied with that resolution. That I liken Capt Torok's behavior to that of a school yard bully and that I had complained to the School Principle and this was not a satisfactory resolution.

When I spoke about Chief Smith, he acted like he was knocked out of a daze. Chief Smith then said in the meeting, "this is on me", and that he had intended to approach me today and ask my permission to forward my email to the Chief and that he has not sent the email to the Chief.

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I left the office, returned to my office and documented my recollection of the conversation.

It should be noted in 22 years of police service, I have never been addressed is such a disrespectful and colorful manner by any SPD supervisor, much less the Chief of Police.

Mark Griffiths

#### Griffiths, Mark

From:

Smith, Selby L.

ent:

Tuesday, March 31, 2015 3:31 PM

(o:

Straub, Frank

Cc:

Dobrow, Rick; Cotton, Monique; Olsen, Eric; Griffiths, Mark

Subject:

RE: Overtime

Chief; I accept FULL responsibility for the lack of information that was not conveyed to you, to include Capt. Olsen's prior approval of this OT. My understanding is that this prior approval was discussed with Capt. Torok the day of the initial discussion. I sincerely apologize to you, my own staff and AC Dobrow and Dir. Cotton. This will not happen again...I will work with Capt. Olsen and Lt. Griffiths to resubmit for his overtime for the time that he spent on those days. I will work with Capt. Olsen and AC Dobrow on all our overtime and ensure that this does not occur again. Selby

Selby L. Smith Assistant Chief Director of Investigations Spokane Police Department Cell – 509-368-4238

From: Straub, Frank

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 2:29 PM

To: Smith, Selby L.

Cc: Dobrow, Rick; Cotton, Monique; Olsen, Eric; Griffiths, Mark

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Frank

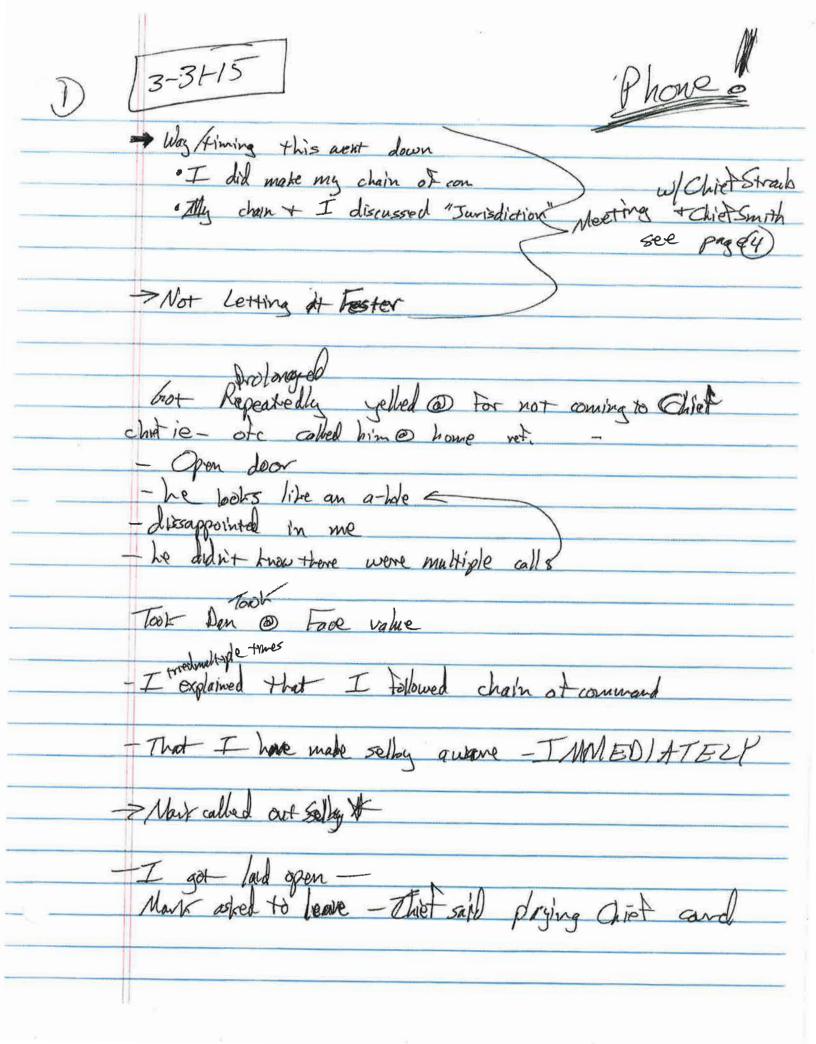
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⁻rom:

Sanders, Theresa

∠ent:

Monday, April 06, 2015 5:32 PM

To:

Cotton, Monique

Subject:

RE: our chat

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Hi Monique – sorry for the non-response. You have been on my mind and I keep getting distracted with other issues. We definitely have opportunity to have you here at City Hall managing communications for Public Safety. Where we don't have alignment is in reporting structure. Only Cabinet level positions report through me as City Administrator and all Communications resources are integrated through Brian's effort. Let's talk about to see how we can best make that scenario work. I would love to have you over here.



Theresa Sanders | City of Spokane | City Administrator 509.625.6250 | fax 509.625.6563 | tsanders@spokanecity.org | spokanecity.org







From: Cotton, Monique

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2015 10:57 AM

To: Sanders, Theresa Subject: RE: our chat

Hi Theresa.

I hope you are well.

I am just checking back in about our conversation and your follow up email below regarding the Public Safety Communications position for me at City Hall.

I am wondering if you may have any update. Is this still an option?

Thank you for your consideration.

Monique

 From: Sanders, Theresa

Sent: Friday, February 27, 2015 1:09 PM

**To:** Cotton, Monique **Subject:** our chat

I have not had any time with the Mayor to discuss our conversation. Please bear with me while I discuss options with him. Will get back with you soonest!



**Theresa Sanders** | City of Spokane | City Administrator 509.625.6250 | fax 509.625.6563 | tsanders@spokanecity.org | spokanecity.org







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Condon, David

Jent: To: Friday, April 10, 2015 2:13 PM

Subject:

Sanders, Theresa; Isserlis, Nancy Can we meet at 330

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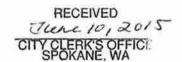
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CITY OF SPOKANE ADMIN 0620-15-09
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURE LGL 2005-0042

TITLE: NEPOTISM

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 15, 1986

REVISION EFFECTIVE DATE: July 3, 2015

#### 1.0 GENERAL

1.1 Employment decisions not only must be fair, they also must give the appearance of being fair. Even assuming that supervisors could objectively hire their relatives from a field of candidates, there would remain the appearance of a lack of objectivity. Likewise, even if supervisors believe they can supervise their relative objectively, experience has shown that supervisors tend to be either too lenient or too strict with their relatives compared with their other subordinates. Moreover, other employees may feel undue pressure to be more on guard around a co-worker who is related to the supervisor than around other co-workers. This policy is based upon a need to avoid actual or perceived conflicts of interest and improper influence or behavior.

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#### 2.0 DEPARTMENTS/DIVISIONS AFFECTED

- 2.1 This policy shall apply to all City departments and divisions.
- 2.2 The provisions of this policy do not supersede the provisions of any collective bargaining agreements or Civil Service rules, and when in conflict, the specific terms and conditions of the collective bargaining agreement or Civil Service rules will prevail.

#### 3.0 REFERENCES

SMC 01.04A

#### 4.0 DEFINITIONS

4.1 "Relative" includes spouse, grandparent, parent, stepparent, foster parent, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, stepsister, child, stepchild, foster child, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, first cousin, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, brother-in-law and sister-in-law.

#### 5.0 POLICY

- 5.1 This policy applies to the appointment, supervision, direction, discipline or removal of permanent, project, seasonal and temporary employees and outside vendors. Inquiries about seasonal and temporary summer employment do not constitute a violation of this policy.
- 5.2 Managers, supervisors, forepersons and others with authority or practical authority shall not appoint, supervise, remove or discipline a relative, nor shall they advocate that their relative be appointed, disciplined or removed to one with authority.

#### 6.0 PROCEDURE

- 6.1 If there is no supervisory responsibility involved, relatives may work in the same department. If the employee is a supervisor, but not an appointing officer, a relative may work in the same department, but not under the immediate supervision of the employee.
- 6.2 Appointing officers may not appoint their relatives, or have their relatives working under their jurisdiction, even if no direct supervision occurs or would occur. Requests for exceptions to this rule must be submitted to the Human Resources Department with final approval by the Mayor.
- 6.3 Employees who marry, have a romantic relationship with each other, or become members of the same household may continue in their present positions so long as there is not a direct or indirect supervisor/subordinate relationship between such employees or an actual conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest.

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Sent at Date: 04-13-2015 13:48:51

Do you have a moment for a quick call?

Received at Date: 04-13-2015 13:55:38

Yes I do

Received at Date: 04-13-2015 16:28:44

Theresa—Thank you for meeting with me this morning to discuss this situation. I truly appreciate it. But our meeting and subsequent phone call has left me unsettled based on how inconclusive things have been left. I never wanted to be in this situation of having to come forward to you or the the Mayor in strict confidence. I am not the one who did anything wrong. I don't understand how you can involve the party who engaged in misconduct regarding any decision about where I am to be re-assigned and if he can work with me. My transfer into a new position has to be viewed as advancement; without any hint that it is for any reason other than as a promotion for my past performance. I'm happy to participate in an investigation regarding the way I was berated on 3/31, and other times I was berated howe ver cannot cooperate with any investigation regarding the matters I presented confidentially to the Mayor and you be cause of the inevitable publicity and disclosures that will impact me and my life in every way--physically, emotionally, and professionally. I never intended to assert a claim and did not do so specifically to avoid becoming part of any investigation into confidential matters and be victimized all over; I just wanted assistance to be placed in an environment free from that kind of conduct, while not impacting my career and drawing negative attention. I want and need this ugliness behind me. If the City is unable to accommodate my request for confidential assistance along the lines we di scussed and to ensure future confidentiality without my privacy and reputation impacted, then I feel I'm left with few options. Please let me know how you can help me as soon as possible. Thank you, Theresa. Monique

Sent at Date: 04-13-2015 16:46:23

Will need to discuss in person. I'll ask Brandy to find a slot tomorrow soonest.

Received at Date: 04-13-2015 20:06:36

Ok thank you.

Received at Date: 04-14-2015 10:28:46

Hi Theresa. I'm confirming our phone conversation today at noon will be just you and me and confidential?

Sent at Date: 04-14-2015 11:06:12

Yes - want to reiterate some comments from yesterday as there seems to be some confusion.

Received at Date: 04-14-2015 11:16:27

Ok thank you

Sent at Date: 04-14-2015 12:00:58

Do you want me to call on personal or work phone?

Received at Date: 04-14-2015 12:01:25

Personal phone is great.

Received at Date: 04-14-2015 12:01:37

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Received at Date: 04-14-2015 17:35:49

HI Theresa,

Thank you for your phone call today.

I'm placing my trust in you to respect the confidential nature of the situation and your assurance it will remain confidential.

I'm still pretty concerned and distraught over these circumstances. Because of that I respectfully request to stay at h ome and work from home tomorrow.

I trust you will update me as soon as possible.

I want to make sure I am very clear that I do not want an investigation into harassment and do not feel an investigat ion into this subject is necessary because I have not filed a claim. I want my reassignment and advancement to be o ne based on merit.

I will assist in an investigation regarding yelling, berating of employees and berating of me.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sent at Date: 04-14-2015 17:38:15

Was just in the middle of a quick text to you. Yes please feel free to be at home temorrow. Will follow up with you in the morning.

Received at Date: 04-14-2015 17:52:29

Thank you very much

Received at Date: 04-15-2015 15:36:13

Hi Theresa. I just responded to Brandy regarding a meeting at 10 am. That works for me. Thank you.

I am hoping you will consider meeting me someplace other than City Hall. I'm still pretty upset about this whole thin g, having some issues sleeping and just exhausted. It would make me feel more comfortable to meet off site of you are open to that.

Sent at Date: 04-15-2015 17:28:06

Hi Monique - we need to meet here as I've asked Meghann from HR to join us. We need to talk about placing you. M ake sense? See you in the morning. We have no Cabinet mitg, tomorrow if you're concerned about running into people. Should be quiet up here.

Received at Date: 04-15-2015 17:39:17

Hi Theresa. Please tell me Meghann doesn't know anything about the Information I told you and the mayor in confide nce.

Sent at Date: 04-15-2015 17:43:24

She does not.

Received at Date: 04-15-2015 17:55:03

Ok. I appreciate that. Theresa I'm not trying to be difficult but would it be possible for me to talk with you over the p hone at 10? I'm still having a really hard time with this whole thing.

Sent at Date: 04-15-2015 18:17:01

That's fine. I'll call you at 10.

Received at Date: 04-15-2015 18:21:13

I appreciate it very much. Thank you.

Subject: FW: Overtime

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 4:11:42 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Straub, Frank

To: Isserlis, Nancy, Jacobson, Erin

In light of yesterday's discussion, please see the email I sent following the discussion.

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Frank

rom:

Jacobson, Erin

ent:

Monday, April 13, 2015 9:17 AM

To:

Pfister, Terri

Subject:

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Awhile back (months, maybe even a year or more) we had a PRR for Frank Straub's and Monique Cotton's texts (and maybe other phone records as well, I'm not sure). Could I please get a copy of the response that was provided to that request? May be relevant to another issue that I'm working on. Thanks very much!

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Erin A. Jacobson | Assistant City Attorney office 509.625.6889 | cell 509.710.8028







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Theresa/Nancy/Erin

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Theresa's Office

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**Meeting Status:** 

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Jacobson, Erin

**Required Attendees:** 

tsanders@spokanecity.org; Isserlis, Nancy (nisserlis@spokanecity.org)

From:

Condon, David

nt:

Monday, April 20, 2015 12:31 PM

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Cc:

Theresa Sanders

Subject:

Set up meeting

Please set up meeting with Chief Straub and Theresa tomorrow right after cabinet.

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Chief Straub & Theresa

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Mayor's Office

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April 17, 2015

**Monique Cotton** 

Dear Monique,

Based on a unique set of needs, your position of Division Communications Manager will be moving to the Parks Department on April 27, 2015. You are a great asset to the City, and I believe that your skills and talents will complement the current staff of the Parks Department.

The details of your appointment remain the same. You are in an at-will, exempt position, represented by the Managerial and Professional Association – Exempt A. You are eligible for your annual step increase to Step 5 on May 25, 2015, however, you will receive an additional step increase at that time to Step 6 or \$89,533.44 annually. You will report directly to NAME, TITLE, DEPT.

In the capacity of this position, you will maintain your current benefits which include:

- Accrual of 3.7 hours of vacation per pay period.
- Accrual of 4.0 hours of illness leave per pay period.
- Forty (40) hours of personal leave to use during the 2015 calendar year (your existing balance is maintained)
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Please note that since your position is represented by the Managerial and Professional Association – Exempt A, the benefits listed above are subject to change as bargained benefits change.

As an at-will employee, you will be serving in this position at the pleasure of the current, sitting Mayor. If you accept this offer to transfer, please sign below and return to Heather Lowe, Human Resources Department, within ten working days from receipt.

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Coddington, Brian

∠ent: \_ Monday, April 20, 2015 9:42 AM

To:

Steinolfson, Meghann

Cc:

Sanders, Theresa

Subject:

RE: Draft Offer Letter

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What do you think about this approach?



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c: Coddington, BrianSubject: Draft Offer Letter

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Lowe, Heather

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Tuesday, April 21, 2015 9:14 AM

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Coddington, Brian; Steinolfson, Meghann

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This feels like too much of an offer letter to me. While I like the language in the beginning, we need to tailor the end and remove all areas that make this an offer letter. I'll take a run at it and send a draft.



Heather L. Lowe | City of Spokane | Human Resources Director 509.625.6233 | fax 509.625.6379 | hlowe@spokanecity.org | spokanecity.org







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Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 8:55 AM o: Steinolfson, Meghann; Lowe, Heather

**c:** Sanders, Theresa

Subject: RE: Draft Offer Letter

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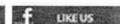
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Sent: Monday, April 20, 2015 9:42 AM

To: Steinolfson, Meghann :: Sanders, Theresa

**Jubject:** RE: Draft Offer Letter

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David A. Condon Mayor

From:

Coddington, Brian

ent:

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 2:11 PM

To:

Sanders, Theresa

Subject:

FW: Letter

Attachments:

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From: Monique Cotton [mailto:monique.cotton@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2015 1:03 PM

o: Coddington, Brian ubject: RE: Letter

Hi Brian.

Attached is the letter with my minor modifications. Thanks for your time working on this.

Additionally, I sent you a few questions in a prior email, which I assume you received, however please let me know if you did not and I will resend.

Thanks,

Monique

From: <u>bcoddington@spokanecity.org</u>
To: <u>monique.cotton@hotmail.com</u>

Subject: Letter

Date: Wed, 22 Apr 2015 00:41:35 +0000

Monique,

draft letter is attached. Please give me a call with questions. Thanks.

Brian



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Coddington, Brian

∠ent:

Monday, May 04, 2015 10:55 AM

To: Cc: Lowe, Heather Sanders, Theresa

Subject:

Parks communications manager

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Heather,

Monique started in Parks this morning. The attached letter went to her as well, although the cover was updated to reflect today's date. Let me know if you have questions.

Brian



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Cotton, Monique

∠ent:

Monday, May 04, 2015 12:16 PM

Subject:

FW: Cotton to lead Parks communications

It has been a true pleasure to highlight the hard work and dedication of the people of the Spokane Police Department to the community and the media. You are great people doing great work and I hope to see you around in the future.

Take care.

Monique

Monique Cotton
Director of Communication & Marketing
Spokane Parks & Recreation Division
509-435-1866
mcotton@spokanecity.org

From: Coddington, Brian

Sent: Monday, May 04, 2015 11:22 AM

To: Coddington, Brian

**ubject:** Cotton to lead Parks communications

Good morning everyone,

A \$64 million renovation of Riverfront Park, the City's most recognizable asset, is underway. This investment will require significant public engagement over the next few years with the opportunity for our Parks and Recreation Division to tell a much broader story that includes classes, sports leagues, the top public golf courses in the region and other amenities.

Mayor David Condon has appointed Monique Cotton to manage all outreach, marketing, community communications, and media relations critical to Riverfront Park's master planning process and subsequent renovation phases while telling the full Parks and Recreation story.

Monique has successfully led communications for the Spokane Police Division for the past three years. In her time with Spokane Police she has led major communication initiatives, including communication for the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Collaborative Reform Initiative, and she organized the Spokane Police Junior Police Academy, which attracted more than 1,000 participants.

Please join me in welcoming Monique to City Hall.

Brian



Brian Coddington | City of Spokane | Director of Communications and Marketing

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015, 11:47 A.M.

# Police communication director moving to parks department

## By Rachel Alexander

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After three years at the Spokane police department, communications director Monique Cotton is leaving to manage outreach and public relations for the Riverfront Park redesign, as well as other parks initiatives.

Cotton began her new role Monday.

"We have a unique opportunity to do something special in Riverfront Park," Mayor David Condon said in a news release. "Telling an engaging story requires someone experienced in bringing a vision to life. Monique has had great success doing that during her time with the Spokane Police Division."

In addition to her work for Riverfront Park, Cotton will manage communications for the parks department, including information about classes, sports leagues and golf courses.

Cotton said as far as she knew, the police department would be finding another commissioned officer to share public information officer duties with Cpl. Jordan Ferguson.

Cotton said she's proud of the work she did for the police department, including managing communications about the Department of Justice's collaborative reform process and organizing the Junior Police Academy.

She especially enjoyed telling human-centered stories about the work officers were doing, she said.

"That was a really cool experience for me to be able to highlight those stories and tell them to the community," she said.

This story is developing and will be updated.

UPDATED: MAY 4, 2015, 12:47 P.M.

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Sanders, Theresa

ent:

Monday, May 04, 2015 12:39 PM

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Isserlis, Nancy

Subject:

RE: question

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I'm reminded of the song in My Fair Lady, "with a little bit of bloomin' luck"......



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From: Isserlis, Nancy

Sent: Monday, May 4, 2015 12:22 PM

To: Sanders, Theresa Subject: Re: question

Will recheck. Excellent spokesman story on new parks employee

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On May 4, 2015, at 12:16 PM, Sanders, Theresa < tsanders@spokanecity.org > wrote:

No idea. Are we sure it's not just a random access issue? Let me know if you need me to dig.





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From: Isserlis, Nancy

Sent: Monday, May 4, 2015 12:08 PM

**To:** Sanders, Theresa **Subject:** question

Adrian Dominguez city email has been disabled as of this morning. Any idea why?

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From:

Eadie, Leroy

To:

Chris Wright; Susan Traver

Subject:

Monique Cotton

Date:

Thursday, April 30, 2015 4:37:14 PM

Hi Chris and Susan. I want to give you a heads up that I'm accepting an offer from the Spokane Police Department to loan us Monique Cotton as a Public Information Officer. We have been struggling not having a communications person with Nancy out. We need to be pushing more information out regarding RFP Bond Implementation and Monique has some skills in this area.

At this point I have no certainty when or if Nancy will return and I can't officially fill her position unless she officially vacates the position. This is a temporary reassignment for Monique and at least in the near future will not cost me any additional dollars.

Monique is going to start working with us on Monday. We'll be sending out a press release on that day as well.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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From:

Chris Wright

To:

Andy Dunau; "Eadie, Leroy"

Cc:

"Susan Trayer"

Subject:

RE: Media Advisory: Three Riverfront Park Finalist Design Teams to Visit Spokane Sites

Date:

Friday, May 15, 2015 6:24:00 PM

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Just by way of clarification, the "Director" title is not Nancy's title. That's part of my concern....We'd be adding "Acting" to a title and position *that currently doesn't exist*. In my view we need a title that reflects the [ostensible] reality that she is on temporary reassignment to Parks, and she keeps the title she had at PD.

Otherwise your comments are well put. She should not have to suffer if the final, funded arrangements do not include a new position for her.

#### CJW

From: Andy Dunau [mailto:andy@dunau.com]

**Sent:** Friday, May 15, 2015 6:09 PM **To:** Chris Wright; 'Eadie, Leroy'

Cc: 'Susan Traver'

Subject: RE: Media Advisory: Three Riverfront Park Finalist Design Teams to Visit Spokane Sites

Sam Song has had the title acting director for well over a year and performed admirably. I see no reason Monique cannot simply put the word acting in front of Nancy's title. To me it's clean and I would be appreciative that the city is helping backfill. She would return to PD when Nancy comes back. The only way she stays beyond acting is if a) Nancy retires and she applies for the job, or b) the board creates a new, funded position that she applies for. If it's exempt, the board would do this knowing the mayor could hire at his discretion.

Currently, the only way Monique can be considered a new body in PR with new title is if there is paperwork saying she's on full time loan from Police Department (not different than if Avista provided a loaned executive to city hall, which was done way back when with Kim Pearman Gillman). Under those circumstances, there is typically a time period associated with it. If that's the desire of the administration, I suggest you create the paper trail and make sure the assignment takes you to end of year so Board can decide if it wants to adopt the position for 2016 and beyond through the budget process. If the board does not choose to create and fund the position, Monique should be assured return rights to Police Department.

At the end of the day, however, this needs to go through finance committee. It's not an RFP issue, and the chair cedes the floor fully to Chris and Susan.

#### Andy

From: Chris Wright [mailto:chris@cjwrightlaw.com]

**Sent:** Friday, May 15, 2015 5:38 PM

To: Eadie, Leroy

Cc: 'Susan Traver'; Andy Dunau

Subject: RE: Media Advisory: Three Riverfront Park Finalist Design Teams to Visit Spokane Sites

I will let others weigh in, but I am not comfortable with the title, "informal" or otherwise. No one out in the public sees her as temporary, she is not suggesting any interim character to her position and you are not introducing her as such. I think the better approach would have simply been to bring her in at a sub-director level before you wedded yourself to any title and position, and before the board has even agreed to fund a position at the director level. The real problem, as I see it, is if the 2016 budget is adopted in October and you have not persuaded the board to fund it. Then you are faced with an awkward personnel issue.

Andy, Susan?

CJW

From: Eadie, Leroy [mailto:LEadie@SpokaneCity.org]

**Sent:** Friday, May 15, 2015 4:03 PM

To: Chris Wright

Cc: 'Susan Traver'; Andy Dunau

Subject: RE: Media Advisory: Three Riverfront Park Finalist Design Teams to Visit Spokane Sites

Chris I agree that we need to move forward with a plan. Jason and I are in the process of putting together next steps and will be bringing forward a new position description. I'm inclined to look to create an except level Director of Communications and Marketing. I don't want to just sit and wait until PD quits paying the bill. We need a plan. That plan will not include elimination of Nancy's position. Nancy's position will be here when she gets back.

That being said, I'm completely comfortable with Monique using the title of Director of Communications and Marketing. She needs a title to be successful in the work she is doing. I'm asking her to do work at the same level as Julie Happy and Marlene Feist. I'm not looking at this as a formal Parks and Recreation title until the position is approved but I will continue to ask her to use it as an informal title.

I have been looking for someone over the past two months to do communication and marketing work for us. We were completely deficient in this area and the system doesn't allow me to fill Nancy's position no matter how long she is out. I had to be creative. Theresa helped us find a person with good skills and at least initially doesn't cost me anything. Theresa is not trying to force anything on the Park Board, she was only being helpful. I interviewed Monique and had complete control on either agreeing or not agreeing to bring her to Parks.

I'm hoping you can accept her using this informal title until I ask the Board to consider a new position.

Sincerely,

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From: Chris Wright [mailto:chris@cjwrightlaw.com]

Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 8:46 AM

To: Eadie, Leroy

Cc: 'Susan Traver'; Andy Dunau

Subject: FW: Media Advisory: Three Riverfront Park Finalist Design Teams to Visit Spokane Sites

Importance: High

Leroy, we need to discuss the plan with Monique's position. I fully understand the need to (a) cover Nancy G's workload and (b) coordinate the Riverfront Park outreach, but I am not comfortable with Monique using the title of "Director of Communications & Marketing," a position that is neither funded within our budget nor formally recognized, so far as I know. It suggests a Division-level position has been created without consultation with the board. While the Mayor has great latitude to hire positions within the department, he does not have latitude to create a position at park fund expense without the board's consent. I realize the position is currently paid for by the police department – a separate issue in and of itself – but this is a mere technicality at the moment and, as you told me yourself, there is no clarity as to whether that funding will continue through the end of 2015.

Let's get this under control as soon as possible with a written proposal and position description that gets to Finance Committee and, if Andy so desires, is considered by RFP Comm as well. We need the scope of this position fully understood by the board before we allow Monique to assume any formal position titles.

CJW Christopher J. Wright Attorney at Law 522 W Riverside, Suite 601 Spokane, WA 99201 (T) (509) 279-2793

## (e) chris@cjwrightlaw.com

From: Cotton, Monique [mailto:mcotton@spokanecity.org]

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 5:30 PM

To: Cotton, Monique

Subject: Media Advisory: Three Riverfront Park Finalist Design Teams to Visit Spokane Sites

MEDIA ADVISORY: May 14, 2015

# Three Finalist Design Teams to Visit Spokane Sites as Part of Final Riverfront Park Design Team Selection Process

\*\*\*Media Invited to participate in site visits on May 19th with a news conference to be held at 11:00 am at Riverfront Park's Rotary Fountain\*\*\*

The three "Design of Public Spaces and Park Grounds" finalist design teams, comprised of multidisciplinary local and national professionals, will visit sites representing Spokane's landscape on <u>Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup></u>. The purpose of the visits is to give design teams a better understanding of Spokane's natural landscape to guide their vision and ultimately their design of the new Riverfront Park, which combines both urban and natural elements.

A news conference, where the three teams will deliver remarks about their approach and past design experience, will be held at 11:00 am at Riverfront Park's Rotary Fountain (located just north of the intersection of W. Spokane Falls Blvd. and N. Howard Street). Additionally, members of the Parks and Recreation Division will be on hand to speak to the importance of the site visits in the overall selection process.

Members of the media are invited to go along with the design teams as they visit and analyze sites immediately following the news conference.

Detailed directions to each location will be provided to media attending the 11:00 am news conference. A news release regarding the site visits will be forthcoming.

## **Monique Cotton**

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Sanders, Theresa

ent:

Wednesday, May 27, 2015 4:45 PM

To:

Isserlis, Nancy

Subject:

RE: we need to discuss the request for reimbursement of expenses

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Can we chat a few minutes before or after Cabinet?

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----Original Message-----From: Isserlis, Nancy

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 9:55 AM

To: Sanders, Theresa

Subject: we need to discuss the request for reimbursement of expenses

I can't speak with her because she is represented, but you can. I have an outline of what you need to say, and what we can, and cannot do.

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Organizer:

Sanders, Theresa

**Required Attendees:** 

Cotton, Monique



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Via Hand Delivery

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Re: Reimbursement Claim/Agreement

Dear Mayor Condon and Ms. Sanders:

As you know, you recently accommodated our client concerning a City employment matter. As part of that process the City agreed and promised to reimburse our client for certain fees and expenses incurred relating to that accommodation.

The total amount of those fees and expenses to be reimbursed is \$13,276.89. We understand that the bills and documentation have been previously provided to Ms. Sanders. This letter is to formalize our client's claim/request for payment pursuant to the contractual agreement reached. Thank you in advance for facilitating this. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

DUNN BLACK & ROBERTS, P.S.

ROBERT A. DUNN

cc: Client

From:

Isserlis, Nancy

Sent:

Wednesday, November 11, 2015 12:53 PM

To: Subject: Isserlis, Nancy FW: I hesitate to ask

----Original Message-----From: Isserlis, Nancy

Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 3:15 PM

To: Imus, Roxanne Subject: I hesitate to ask

But I need a phone appt with bob Dunn to discuss his recent correspondence to the mayor. This week will be tough.

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From: Isserlis, Nancy

Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 4:42 PM

To: Bob Dunn

Subject: Re: No subject

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From: Isserlis, Nancy

Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 7:44 PM

To: Isseriis, Nancy

Subject: Fwd: No subject

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Date: June 9, 2015 at 12:25:27 PM PDT

To: "Isserlis, Nancy (nisserlis@spokanecity.org)" <nisserlis@spokanecity.org>

Subject: No subject

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Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 7:46 AM

To: Isserlis, Nancy Subject: RE: No subject

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Nancy—so where are we on our issue please? Obviously we want this addressed before it turns into a Police Omsbudsman headline, right?

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Sanders, Theresa

∠ent:

Friday, June 12, 2015 12:57 PM

To:

Isserlis, Nancy

Subject:

RE: Have you spoken with Monique?

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She's on my calendar Monday.

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Subject:

Monique & Theresa Theresa's Office

Start:

Mon 6/15/2015 9:30 AM Mon 6/15/2015 10:00 AM

End: Show Time As:

Tentative

Recurrence:

(none)

**Meeting Status:** 

Not yet responded

Organizer:

Sanders, Theresa Cotton, Monique

Required Attendees:

From:

Sanders, Theresa

ent:

Monday, June 15, 2015 10:26 AM

To:

Eadie, Leroy

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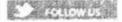
Chris met with Monique and told her the board does not support her position??? Seems contrary to what some board members have said to me.



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Mayor David Condon Spokane City Hall 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201

Ms. Theresa Sanders City Administrator Spokane City Hall 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201

Re: Reimbursement Claim/Agreement

Dear Mayor Condon and Ms. Sanders:

The City is continuing to balk at paying the agreed and promised reimbursement to our client for certain fees and expenses incurred relating to her involvement in the City employment matter at issue.

Despite my prior request dated June 8, 2015, you have again advised my client, (and City Attorney Isserlis has since informed me) that a formal claim supposedly needs to be submitted for the previously promised reimbursement. This is despite the fact that the Mayor's office has authority to approve minor contract claims, which is what this is. A promise was made for services rendered, my client relied on those promises, and then performed as requested. Thus, insistence upon a formal tort claim is not only unnecessary, but counterproductive to all concerned. The City should know by now that I have absolutely no problem filing tort claims against it. However in this situation, that was not the course my client wanted to pursue, nor was it the agreement. But if you are adamant that a formal claim is really required to process the reimbursement that was promised, I submit that it will be something along the following lines:

"... that the City and specifically Mayor Condon knew or should have known about the candidate's personal relationship improprieties with female subordinates, yet nonetheless intentionally ignored such information while personally choosing to recruit

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Mayor David Condon Ms. Theresa Sanders June 17, 2015 Page 2

and hire that person into a high level City Department Head position, and then despite such notice, did absolutely nothing to supervise or monitor that hire's subsequent predatory and sexually inappropriate misconduct and outrageous interactions, including physical and emotional assaults with and against subordinate female City employees; causing and creating a work environment so sexually charged and hostile that it caused the constructive discharge of my client who suffered significant emotional injury and upset such that it required health counseling, etc. Thus the claimed amount against the City and the above named City officials for such tortious and unlawful misconduct is an amount not less than \$500,000."

Of course, we all understand that any such claim will necessarily become public record, with no assurance that it will not be discovered and aggressively pursued by the media. If front page, above the fold exposure is really what you are wanting us to experience because of an unwillingness to simply address the reimbursement request that was previously promised, then that is precisely what we will be encountering as a result of unreasonably insisting upon a formal Claim Notice. The City has until Friday, noon, to acknowledge its obligation and to reimburse the requested amounts, or I will proceed accordingly just as you have insisted.

Very truly yours,

DUNN BLACK & ROBERTS, P.S.

ROBERT A. DUNN

cc: Nancy Isserlis, City Attorney



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Robert A. Dunn Dunn, Black & Roberts, P.S. 111 N. Post St., Ste. 300 Spokane, WA 99201

Dear Bob:

I am responding to your letter addressed to the Mayor and Theresa Sanders received yesterday.

Your client has repeatedly informed Ms. Sanders that she does not want any publicity. She also adamantly resisted any investigation into the type of alleged conduct that you referenced in your hypothetical claim language. The City immediately accommodated her request for reassignment, and it appears that she is doing well in her new role.

As you and I have previously discussed, it will be necessary for your client or you to file a claim to reimburse her for the costs she has incurred, and for which she is seeking reimbursement. Absent a court order allowing her to file a claim as "Jane Doe," we are forbidden by state law from paying for these expenses absent a claim being filed. We have received copies of the expenses for which your client is seeking reimbursement. Ms. Sanders has informed your client that the expenses will be paid if a claim is filed. No other agreement has been made. Your client has also been advised that, while the City would take no affirmative action to publicize the filing of the claim, the City routinely receives public records requests for all claims submitted to and paid by the City.

To circumvent this process would require me to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct, the City Code of Ethics and state law – none of which Lintend to do.

I enclose a copy of the claim form.

Very truly yours,

Nancy L, Isserlis City Attorney

Encl.

## CLAIM FOR DAMAGES CITY OF SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

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From: Cote, Brandy <bcote@spokanecity.org>

Sent:Friday, August 28, 2015 5:14 PMTo:McCabe, David E.; Griffiths, MarkCc:Lowe, Heather; Jacobson, ErinSubject:Meeting with Mayor Condon

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Thursday, September 03, 2015 2:25 PM

To:

Griffiths, Mark; McCabe, David E.

Cc:

Lowe, Heather; Jacobson, Erin

Subject:

RE: Meeting with Mayor Condon

I should have mentioned, we will go ahead and meet in the Mayor's conference room on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall.



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Subject: RE: Meeting with Mayor Condon

Great, thanks Mark. We look forward to it.



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**To:** Cote, Brandy; McCabe, David E. **Cc:** Lowe, Heather; Jacobson, Erin

Subject: RE: Meeting with Mayor Condon

Looks like you can expect about 10-12 of us for Tuesdays meeting. Thanks again for the invite.

#### Lt. Mark Griffiths

Major Crimes Unit | Special Victims Unit | Domestic Violence Unit Spokane Police Department | 1100 W. Mallon Ave. | Spokane WA 99260 (509) 625-4214 | mgriffiths@spokanepolice.org From: Cote, Brandy

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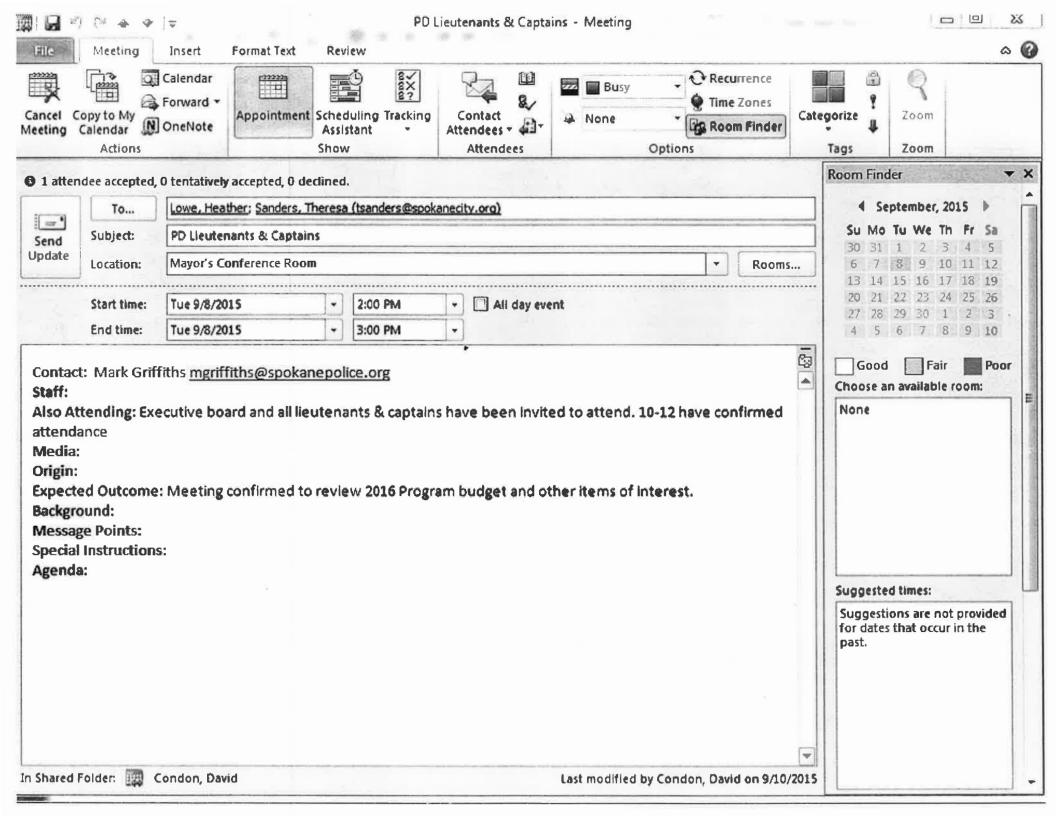
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#### Kris Cappel

~rom:

Sanders, Theresa

\_ent:

Tuesday, September 08, 2015 5:31 PM

To:

SPD Captains and Lieutenants

Cc:

Condon, David

Subject:

Thanks

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All – Just wanted to say thanks for taking time with Mayor and I today and for your candid input. Also thanks for doing all you do to move this great city forward.

Door is open.



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# CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

To:

Nancy Isserlis, City Attorney's Office

From:

Assistant Chief Rick Dobrow, Assistant Chief Selby Smith, Director Tim Schwering,

and Deputy Director Sarah Lynds

RE:

Confidential Attorney-Client Privileged material

Date:

September 18, 2015

This confidential communication is to advise you that on September 17, 2015, we had a Labor Management meeting with the Lieutenants and Captains Association and the Police Guild. There were many issues brought up, mainly concerns regarding treatment of members. Please see attached notes.

In addition to this meeting, we met with the Mayor and City Administrator on September 10, 2015 at their request. We spoke about the budget but we were also asked additional questions as a result of a meeting that the Mayor and City Administrator had with the Lieutenants and Captains Association and Police Guild on September 8, 2015.

The Mayor and City Administrator sought clarification surrounding topics discussed at the meeting with the Lieutenants and Captains Association, involving Chief Frank Straub's behavior. We confirmed the validity of some of the issues that had been raised by the lieutenants and captains and expressed our own concerns regarding the behavior. We have witnessed multiple instances of communication and management tactics that could constitute a hostile work environment. We believe there is a pattern and practice of inappropriate behavior and we confirmed the concerns of the members of the Lieutenants and Captains Association.

We have witnessed and/or experienced:

- Unreasonable emotional outbursts
- Personal attacks
- Threats regarding our employment and position
- Scare tactics
- Retaliation
- Degradation of character
- Demeaning and condescending treatment
- Profane and highly inappropriate language

# SPD Labor Manut Guild/Lts + Cpts Assic

9/17/15

Employer treatment; net w/Marger, expressed concurs about interactions with chiref. Affecting ability to have open interactions w/members. Hostile, profanity, members felt threatened. Motified legal. What's happened, happened. Wants to may ferward openly. NOT lakely towards work of no confidence in glot new.

PD: Tuchels on EEO, is there immediat action that nucls to take place?

MG We've talked to Theresa - its fine for new.

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to get the Cop shops up + running.

Mb. Command/Exec Staff Mtgs-re-institute? Lts & Cots training (leadurship), make printy

SS: We've good to were with budget to id funds specifically ser training. Will not be done in a vacuum. Mandatury v. prof devel, etc.

RD: WWKIZ twards a formalized mentership program.

MG: We want to help you achieve this - in From our membership of the Guild.

Guild-no topics

J6: Wire not been directly improved in what was discussed early, but there are standards and we thought their need to be enforced to respected.

Homicide Trainly-Cohosting, trainers from Detective Training - Dec 7

II. Membership was requested to meet w/ Margard Theresa to speak about freatment, we are dedicated to merry SPD ferward. But the pattern of behauter will not be tolerated. Retaliation not tolerated.

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To:

City Attorney's Office

From:

The Executive Board of the Lieutenants and Captains Association

RE:

Confidential Attorney-Client Privileged material

Date:

September 18th, 2015

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 several members of the Spokane Police Department Lieutenants and Captains Association met with City Administrator Theresa Sanders and Mayor David Condon. This meeting was at the invitation of the Mayor to discuss the 2016 City Budget and any other "areas of interest."

During the meeting many members discussed their concerns with the performance of Police Chief Frank Straub. Members of this Association reported several specific examples of unprofessional and even hostile behavior directed toward themselves or other members by Chief Straub. These actions taken by the Chief of Police, in his official capacity, against subordinate members of this agency constituted a pattern of behavior dating back over two years. It often included profanity, personal degradation, or other behavior not becoming the office of the Spokane Police Chief. His behavior has created a workplace environment inconsistent with collaboration and contrary to effective leadership.

Several other concerns were shared about the lack of communication by Chief Straub to the members of his Command and Senior Staff tasked with carrying out the daily operations of the Spokane Police Department. This behavior has resulted in inefficient resource allocation, duplication of efforts, wasted time, unnecessary overtime, and general frustration. When the Chief fails in these initiatives he often blames the result on the very people he failed to include in the planning process.

During the meeting, our membership provided full support in continuing to move the Spokane Police Department forward. We also avowed it was our interest and intention to avoid any embarrassment or negative publicity directed toward the Spokane Police Department as a result of the Chief's actions.

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, members of the Lieutenants and Captains Association executive board met with Assistant Chief Rick Dobrow, Assistant Chief Selby Smith, Director Tim

Schwering, Deputy Director Sarah Lynds, members of the Spokane Police Guild, and Human Resources Representative Meghann Steinolfson for a scheduled Labor-Management meeting. During that meeting, members of the Executive Board summarized the concerns of the Lieutenants and Captains Association with the behavior of the Chief of Police as discussed at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Mayor and City Administrator. We respectfully advised those present of the issues discussed and to advise we, as an Association, would not tolerate any further unprofessional behavior by the Chief of Police directed at our members or other members of the agency. We also reiterated our commitment to the future success of the Spokane Police Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daya McCaha President

Eric Olsen, Conductor

Mark Griffiths, Vice President

Dave Richards, Treasurer-Secretary

#### **Kris Cappel**

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Sanders, Theresa

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Friday, September 11, 2015 4:54 PM

To:

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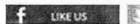
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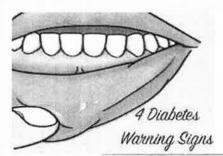
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#### Watch this report

City Manager Harry Black released a memo with a scathing assessment of Blackwell's leadership.

Memo: Blackwell 'fostered a hostile work environment and verbally abused subordinates'

In the memo released Wednesday, Black stated, "A culture of hostility and retaliation instituted by Mr. Blackwell has put the integrity of the police department at risk."

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"The formal and informal feedback solicited from a variety of sources indicates that Mr. Blackwell uses verbal abuse and insult to convey authority. This is one of the more troubling conclusions I have reached. It is important to note that the incidents that have been relayed to me span the spectrum of rank, gender, and race. Individuals have been threatened and berated, in the presence of subordinate officers, superior officers, and members of the public. This tactic has served to damage morale and has caused a number of officers and CPD civilian employees to seek treatment for anxiety and stress caused by this environment," Black wrote.

"In reaction to the recent story regarding Mr. Blackwell's use of overtime, which chronicled the use of taxpayer money, Mr. Blackwell engaged in several documented and corroborated acts of retaliation. He illegally threatened Assistant Chief (David) Bailey with termination because Mr. Blackwell believed the Assistant Chief was responsible for the story. Mr. Blackwell separately accused Tiffaney Hardy of the same offense and ordered an 'investigation' into Ms. Hardy's actions. These are textbook acts of retaliation," Black wrote.

Black said that a recent electronic survey of nearly 500 people in the department found morale was ranked at 2.29 out of 10, a level Black said was lower than after the 2001 riots

"Based on my investigation and the climate assessment report, I have concluded that Mr. Blackwell is the primary reason for the low morale," Black wrote.

Black wrote that "Mr. Blackwell has an unprofessional obsession with publicity and self-promotion, even at the expense of management and the morale of the police department. A particularly egregious and insensitive example is Mr. Blackwell taking 'selfies' along the

procession route of slain officer Sonny Kim. Mr. Blackwell was in a car that was traveling the procession route, from which he took 'selfies,' and then later walked along the procession route taking 'selfies' with citizens along the route, in a manner that was more reflective of a parade rather than a funeral procession."

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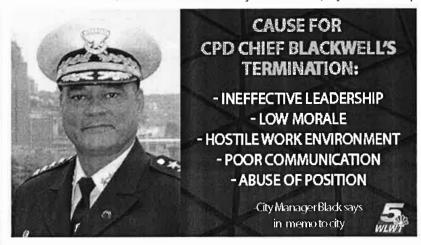
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In a supporting document, Lt. Barbara Young, commander of the inspections unit, wrote that four days after her unit moved into District 1 and she made some requests for paint and locks, she was called into a meeting with Blackwell.

"As we were taking our seats, Chief Blackwell turned to me in front of my 3 subordinate sergeants and started to personally attack me for 45 minutes. He started out with saying how he had heard I was unhappy about the move and that if that was the case he would transfer me immediately. Chief stated that I had personally brought down the morale with negativity for the entire 2nd floor," Young wrote.

"This is definitely the most unprofessional meeting I have ever been involved in over the last 24 years with the Department. I felt I was personally attacked and degraded by Chief Blackwell without cause and in front of the sergeants I supervise." She said Blackwell did not consult her immediate superior or the assistant chief.

In another document, Capt. Paul Broxterman wrote, "I know Police Chief Jeffrey Blackwell to be a good man. As the Cincinnati police chief, I think he had the best of intentions to serve the city well. However, I believe there were times where his conduct was unprofessional, and overall, his management style did not foster a healthy environment within the Cincinnati Police Department."

In his statement, Assistant Chief David Bailey wrote, "In most functional police agencies business is conducted through regular collaboration with the Department's top commanders. From the onset, Chief Blackwell essentially ignored recommendations from his command staff and instead set up an alternative advisory team who he considered as 'loyal'. This group would regularly meet behind closed doors and make determinations regarding a myriad of operational issues. Once these decisions were made, they were sometimes never even so much presented as at least general information to the senior command staff."

#### Supporters of both sides speak out at City Council meeting; Blackwell in attendance

Blackwell was in the audience at Cincinnati's City Council meeting Wednesday afternoon as several members of the public spoke in his support.

"City manager, he is coming after you next, you don't understand that? It is going to go line by line until we get the politics that you want which is cronyism, it is completely inappropriate how you are behaving in the city," community activist Alexander Shelton said.

Some members of the community gave Blackwell a standing ovation as he walked into council chambers, prompting Mayor John Cranley to demand order.

Supporters made it clear they were upset about the chief's firing and would continue to support Blackwell.

Watch: Former chief Blackwell receives standing ovation as he enters City Council meeting

City Council members appeared divided about the way it all played out, but many expressed concern about the findings in the report, saying they would need time to digest it.

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Among those who spoke on Blackwell's behalf was City Councilwoman Yvette Simpson, who complained about the speed at which Blackwell's firing occurred.

"We move on too fast, we don't allow wounds to heal," Simpson said. "The problem ... is the process by which this happened. There are things in this assessment, outdated technology and fleet vehicles. The chief has no control over that."

Cranley acknowledged letting Blackwell go is not popular in parts of the community. Cranley and Black were taking the brunt of the blame on Wednesday, not only for the firing, but for the way it was handled.

"He verbally abused and insulted staff. He disregarded the chain of command which negatively effected communications inside the department. While the department is hurt, the wounds are not fatal, we know what needs to be done to fix the problems that exist," Black said.

Cranley was interrupted several times by audience members, whom he asked officers to remove.

"It is clear that the manager made the right decision," Cranley said. "The decision was difficult, but the evidence was clear."

"As much as I like Chief Jeffrey Blackwell, I know he is not perfect but I never served under a perfect chief. And let's be fair, I wasn't a perfect cop," Councilman Wendell Young, a fellow Democrat, told Cranley. "The atmosphere that Jeffrey Blackwell served under made it clear to me that we would get to this point today and now we're here.

"My fear now is true, not only is he no longer the chief in the city of Cincinnati he's got a report tied around his neck that if people want to believe this says, he's not fit to be a chief anywhere," Young said. "This has been bad theatre here today Mr. Mayor, this could have been handled a lot better. We could have shown a lot more respect, we could have had a transition that is meaningful and not tainted.

"This could have been handled a lot better," Young said. "You created this atmosphere. Deny it all you want. This is on you."

Critics say the Cranley administration didn't want Blackwell from the get-go.

And some blasted the mayor and manager for petty politics and poor process.

But others took pause when police department specialist Scotty Johnson, who worked closely with Blackwell, told lawmakers about the environment he witnessed. Mobile users, click here to watch Johnson speak about department under Blackwell

Scotty Johnson spoke to the council on Wednesday. A statement from Johnson was also one of several cited in Black's memo.

"The ladies that were being intimidated, that were being belittled, that were being disrespected ... time and time again, watching my colleagues endure disrespect, watching my colleagues break down at work, not wanting to come to work. That's the environment we were dealing with on the second floor at 310." Johnson said.

Johnson said it was painful to talk in public about the internal problems, but felt it necessary to give people an understanding of what he says he saw firsthand.

He agrees with the change at the top, wants citizens to know it has nothing to do with race as alleged by some and that the department under Blackwell was hanging on by the skin of its teeth.

Johnson, a 29-year officer, wrote that "I have never witnessed such hostility and lack of respect for employees."

"Watching my colleagues breaking down at work, not wanting to come to work," Johnson told City Council. "I believe the city of Cincinnati deserves better."

#### City manager names Interim replacements

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Black announced Eliot Isaac will be interim chief of police. Bailey will be interim executive assistant chief of police and Douglas Wiesman, will be interim assistant chief of police.

Photos: Isaac sworn in as interim police chief

#### PHOTOS: ELIOT ISAAC SWORN IN AS INTERIM CPD POLICE CHIEF



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Isaac was hired by Cincinnati police in 1988 and is a 26-year veteran of the force.

His experience spans virtually every aspect of policing, including administration, patrol command,

internal investigations, and problem solving and community engagement.

Isaac became a police captain in 2004. From 2007 to 2012, he served as District 4 commander.

He also served as the internal investigations section commander and department night chief.

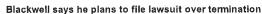
In July, Isaac was sworn in as an assistant chief.

Isaac spoke publicly at Wednesday's City Council meeting for the first time since being sworn in as interim police chief Wednesday morning.

"The Cincinnati Police Department will not go backwards during my time as interim chief. I can not only talk about it, I lived it. I've been a part of it, I've implemented it, I've worked on it, I embrace it, I believe in it," Isaac said.

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After leaving the council meeting, Blackwell spoke briefly with media, stating both the mayor and manager never wanted him to begin with.

"Because I've never had their support, ever, I was never able to command the department the way it should've been led. I've never had an opportunity to read the report, it was not given to me for some reason. You all have it. I have not seen it," Blackwell said.

Blackwell said Black and Cranley had it in for him, before getting in a car and leaving. Blackwell told WLWT he planned to file a lawsuit over his termination.

Blackwell had come under increasing criticism in recent months. The Fraternal Order of Police had scheduled a special meeting for Sept. 14 where a no-confidence vote was expected to be taken by union members, and a city councilman had said last week that it was time for Blackwell to step aside.

The violence in Cincinnati this summer included the death of veteran Cincinnati police Officer Sonny Kim, who died June 19 after responding to a 911 call made by a gunman in an apparent attempt at suicide by cop.

Cranley said in an emailed statement Wednesday that the firing of Blackwell was made based on an independent assessment of conditions within the police department. He said the findings of a report conducted by a consulting firm "revealed an untenable situation and a change had to be made."

#### Climate assessment

In a memo to Cranley and council members, City Manager Harry Black detailed the results of the climate assessment.

View: Climate Assessment

The assessment of morale among officers was launched earlier this summer when police started dealing with a spike in gun violence.

Based on the survey of officers, even if Blackwell had not been fired, he would have faced an uphill climb trying to improve the climate at the police department.

On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being being excellent, officers who took part in the climate assessment of the police department rated morale at 2.29.

A major complaint of many captains, commanders and even assistant chiefs was that Blackwell and his leadership circle did a poor job communicating with them, which made it tough to keep the streets of the Queen City safe.

According to the survey, "76.8 percent of respondents disagreed and strongly disagreed that the Cincinnati Police Department leadership communicates organizational priorities to its members and aligns operational activities to support those priorities."

In a section labeled Key Findings, the outside consulting group that conducted the survey, Make It Plain Consulting, writes, "staff have become increasingly reluctant to accept, respect and act upon the Police Chief's leadership" and added, "There is a perception among staff that the Police Chief projects a 'me mentality' that often 'outshines' the work and efforts of department, as a whole. Staff also noted that everyone in the organization should be held accountable for creating a more collaborative, functional, and high performing department."

Make It Plain Consulting, based in Cincinnati, used executive interviews, focus groups, interviews, site observations, demographic reviews, police ride-alongs and an electronic survey.

About 500 of the police department's 1,100 officers took part in the survey.

#### Blackwell's background with the city

Blackwell was first named as a finalist for the job more than two years ago. On Sept. 17, 2013, he was first introduced to the Cincinnati as the next top cop and he was sworn in by Sept. 30. He had previously served as deputy chief in the Columbus Police Department.

Cranley said there will be a national search for Blackwell's replacement, but said he hopes Isaac will apply.



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#### Martha Norberg

Cc:

From: Pfister, Terri <tpfister@spokanecity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 12:39 PM

To: Coddington, Brian; Eadie, Leroy; Cote, Brandy; Straub, Frank; Cotton, Monique; Lowe,

Heather; George-Hatcher, Gita; Sloon, Michael; Chan-Palmer, May; Conley, Jason K.;

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IT Enterprise Administration; Farnsworth, Laurie; Williams, Stephen; Dalton, Pat;

Muramatsu, Mary; Sanders, Theresa

**Subject:** FW: Spokesman-Review Public Records Request August 18, 2015

**Attachments:** SR FOIA PRR 8-18-2015.pdf; Your telephone inquiry

See email below and first attachment which is a public records request from Nick Deshais of Spokesman. Prior to submitting his request, Nick contacted me by telephone and inquired about a prior public records request - see second attachment. Except for item No. 7, there were no time frames specified in the request so I contacted Nick and he provided the time frames reflected below.

Time frames within which to search for responsive records, if any:

Item No 1: 6 months before transfer to Parks and one month after transfer to Parks.

Item No. 2, 3, 4 and 5: for period of entire employment Item No. 6: past year Item No. 7: As stated - three years Item No. 8: Same time frame as the February 19, 2014, Naccarato PRR.

Please advise of the timeframe you will need in order to perform a diligent search and to compile responsive records, if any, that you or your department may have. Do not destroy any records in your possession pertaining to this public records request. To do so would be a violation of State law. If you know of any other employees or departments that may have responsive records to this request, let me know. In addition, if you have any questions or feel additional clarification of the request is needed before you can proceed, please advise.

Nick indicated he would like responsive records as they become available for each of the respective items.

IT, as soon as I know employment dates, I will pass along to you so you can proceed with a search for emails.

The Office of the City Clerk's deadline to provide an initial response on this request is August 25, 2015. Please get back to me before that date.

Thank you,

Terri L. Pfister, MMC | City of Spokane | City Clerk 808 W. Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, WA 99201-3342 509.625.6354 | fax 509.625.6217 | tpfister@spokanecity.org

----Original Message-----

From: Nicholas Deshais [mailto:nickd@SPOKESMAN.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 11:15 AM

To: Pfister, Terri

Subject: Spokesman-Review Public Records Request August 18, 2015

Hi Terri,

Here's a request for some records. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Nicholas Deshais City Hall reporter The Spokesman-Review 509-459-5440 @NickDeshais

# THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

Nicholas Deshais City Hall reporter

August 18, 2015

Ms. Terri Pfister City Clerk Spokane City Hall 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd. Spokane, WA 99201

Dear Ms. Pfister:

Under RCW 42.56, the state public records law, I am requesting the following information:

- Any and all records, documents or emails related to or discussing the transfer of Monique Cotton from the Spokane Police Department to the city's Parks and Recreation Division.
- Any and all records, documents or emails related to complaints made by Monique Cotton.
- Any and all records, documents or emails related to complaints made against Chief Frank Straub.
- 4. Any and all records, documents or emails related to salary increases for Monique Cotton during her employment at the city of Spokane.
- 5. Any and all records, documents or emails related to what city department or division is paying Monique Cotton's salary.
- 6. Any and all records, documents or emails related to the compensation of spokespeople, communications staff, marketing staff, outreach staff or other people involved in relaying information regarding the Parks and Recreation Division to the general public or media.
- 7. Any and all records, documents or emails related to the budget for the Parks and Recreation Division's communications for the past three years, including most current information and details.
- 8. Monthly records showing phone records for Police Chief Frank Straub's phone number, 509-220-0291, and Monique Cotton's phone number, 509-435-1866, showing phone numbers called and received, with dates and times and length of calls, as well as text messages to and from stated phone numbers with dates and times.

Please provide the records as they are available.

State law gives agencies five days to respond to such requests. If you are unable to release portions of the above information, please provide the legal justification in writing, citing the appropriate RCWs.

If the cost of this request is expected to be more than \$100, I request that I receive a warning prior to the request being fulfilled.

If you have any questions about this request, or if I can expedite a response, please call me at 459-5440. Documents can be sent to me at the above address, e-mailed to me at <a href="mailed:nickd@spokesman.com">nickd@spokesman.com</a>, or I can pick them up at your office.

Thanks for your assistance,

Nick Deshais Reporter

#### **Martha Norberg**

From:

Pfister, Terri <tpfister@spokanecity.org>

Sent:

Tuesday, August 18, 2015 11:04 AM

To:

S/R Nick

Subject:

Your telephone inquiry

**Attachments:** 

CPR 2014-0020 - 02/19/2014 - CLOSED - BRIAN NACCARATO CELL PHONE RECORDS

CHIEF STRAUB AND MONIQUE COTTON.pdf

Nick:

In response to your telephone inquiry, see attached records request.

Regards,



Terri L. Pfister, MMC | City of Spokane | City Clerk 808 W. Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, WA 99201-3342 509.625.6354 | fax 509.625.6217 | tpfister@spokanecity.org

#### Stratton, Karen

From: Sent: City of Spokane [webmaster@spokanecity.org] Wednesday, February 19, 2014 12:39 PM

To:

City Clerks (Web email)

Subject:

Public Records Request: Brian Naccarato (2/19/2014)

### City of Spokane

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 - 12:39 PM

The following public records request has been submitted online:

#### Public Records Request: Brian Naccarato (2/19/2014)

Requestor's name Brian Naccarato

Requestor's email address theindyflyer@mail.com

Requestor's phone number 509-290-4144

Requestor's address 932 Wind Drift Carlsbad, CA 92011 RECEIVED

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Request

I am making a public records request for cell phone records. I would like the cell phone records of Police Chief Frank Straub cell # 509 220-0291 and Communications Director Monique Cotton cell # 509-435-1866. I am looking for the monthly records showing phone numbers called and received with dates and times and length of calls as well as text messages to and received phone numbers with dates and times. The monthly bills should contain this information. I would like the records from Feb 2013 through Jan 2014. A scanned pdf file of these records emailed to me would be great, thank you

808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd. Spokane, WA 99201 accounts@spokanecity.org



## PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST (RCW 42.56)

**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Mayor/Spokane Police/Human Resources

NAME:	Brian R. Breen	DATE:	September 5,2015	
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(See attached document in Word format) I understand that the City may not legally provide a list of individuals pursuant to this public records request if the request is for commercial purposes. Therefore, I certify that any list of individuals obtained through this request will not be used for commercial purposes. (RCW 42.56.070(9))				
Signature:	Brian R. Breen			
DEPARTME	NTAL NOTES/COMMENTS:			
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SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO:

City Clerk's Office 5<sup>th</sup> Floor City Hall 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd. Spokane, WA 99201 (509) 625-6350 FAX: (509) 625-6217

## Pfister, Terri

From: Sent: Brian Breen <emb4949@msn.com> Saturday, September 05, 2015 1:15 PM

To: Subject: City Clerks (Web email)
Public Records Request

Attachments:

PRR Request Cotton and Straub.pdf; PRR Word Attachment.docx

Please find Attached the Public Records Request of Brain R Breen dated September 5, 2015.

The Official City of Spokane PRR form is attached in PDF format, and as the form did not contain enough room further specifics of the request are attached in Word Format.

Attachment: City of Spokane Public Records Request of Brian R. Breen dated September 5, 2015 regarding Frank G Straub and Monique Cotton.

CONTINUED from page 1 of City of Spokane Public Records Request form.

As well as any and all documents from third parties relating to the transfer of Monique Cotton from the Spokane Police Department to the City of Spokane Parks Department and or concerning formal or informal complaints made by or against Frank G. Straub or Monique Cotton. I further request any and all formal or informal public records request documents made by the Spokesman Review Newspaper regarding complaints or allegations against any and all employees of the City of Spokane including any and all elected officials, such documents to included email or text messages received by or sent from computers or cell phones public or private used to transact public business.

The specific time frame of my request is from January 1, 2015 through September 5, 2015.

I further request that the Public Records Officer of the City of Spokane pursuant to their responsibilities documented in RCW 42.56.580 immediately take the necessary steps to protect and maintain any and all public documents transmitted or contained on public or private computers or cell phones used at any time or by any method for conducting public business with special attention given to but not limited to the following City of Spokane Employees or Elected Officials; David Condon, Theresa Sanders, Nancy Isserlis, Brian Coddington, Heather Lowe, Frank G Straub, Monique Cotton, and Leroy Eadie.

### Public records officers.

- (1) Each state and local agency shall appoint and publicly identify a public records officer whose responsibility is to serve as a point of contact for members of the public in requesting disclosure of public records and to oversee the agency's compliance with the public records disclosure requirements of this chapter. A state or local agency's public records officer may appoint an employee or official of another agency as its public records officer.
- (2) For state agencies, the name and contact information of the agency's public records officer to whom members of the public may direct requests for disclosure of public records and who will oversee the agency's compliance with the public records disclosure requirements of this chapter shall be published in the state register at the time of designation and maintained thereafter on the code reviser web site for the duration of the designation.
- (3) For local agencies, the name and contact information of the agency's public records officer to whom members of the public may direct requests for disclosure of public records and who will oversee the agency's compliance within the public records disclosure requirements of this chapter shall be made in a way reasonably calculated to provide notice to the public, including posting at the local agency's place of business, posting on its internet site, or including in its publications.

## Pfister, Terri

From: Sent:

Brian Breen <emb4949@msn.com> Tuesday, September 15, 2015 5:57 PM

To:

Pfister, Terri

Subject:

**RE: Public Records Request** 

Ms. Pfister,

Thank you for your response. I do however want to be clear that my request includes both City of Spokane owned and privately owned email, text messaging, or any other communications systems or methods used at any time for conducting public business. I also want to be clear that a search should be done of any and all independent server or storage systems beyond the Enterprise Vault System, and that the records search complies with the recent Washington State Supreme Court Decision concerning Nissen v Pierce County. Please also understand that my request is for any public information concerning the movement of Monique Cotton from Director of Communications at the Spokane Police to the City of Spokane Park Department.

Sincerely,

Brian R. Breen

From: tpfister@spokanecity.org

To: emb4949@msn.com

CC: Ifarnsworth@spokanecity.org; swilliams@spokanecity.org

Subject: FW: Public Records Request Date: Tue, 15 Sep 2015 23:54:47 +0000

Mr. Breen:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email below and accompanying public records request. Your request has been forwarded to the following departments for review and for searching for and compiling responsive records, if any: Police, Human Resources, My Spokane, Parks, and Mayor's Office. In addition, the City Clerk's Office has located the attached document (see third attachment). We are in the process of performing a further search of City Clerk records to see what if any additional records can be located. In addition, your request has been forwarded to the City's IT Department to perform a search for emails in the City's Enterprise Vault System (email storage system) based on the information provided in your request.

We anticipate following up with you in two weeks, or on or about September 29, to advise as to what if any additional records have been located. In addition, at that time, we anticipate advising you of the number of hits returned from the email search. Any returned hits from the email search will need to be reviewed for responsive to your request and for any exempt information. Once we know the number of returned hits from the email search, we will be in a better position to advise as to the time frame needed to conclude your request. As we proceed on your request, if clarification is needed, we will let you know.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your request in the meantime, please advise.

Sincerely,

# Pfister, Terri

From:

City of Spokane <webmaster@spokanecity.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 23, 2015 11:59 AM

To: Subject: City Clerks (Web email)
Public Records Request: Mitch Ryals (9/23/2015)

The following public records request has been submitted online:

Public Records Request: Mitch Ryals (9/23/2015)

## Requestor's name

Mitch Ryals

# Requestor's email address

mitchr@inlander.com

# Requestor's phone number

5093250634

## Requestor's address

1227 West Summit Parkway, Spokane, WA 99201

## Request

Please make available to me all records requests made by Nick DeShais regarding Frank Straub and/or Monique Cotton from January 2015 to present. If possible, I'd like the records emailed to <a href="mitchr@inlander.com">mitchr@inlander.com</a>. Please contact me with any questions. Thank you

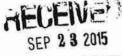
# Williams, Stephen

From: Sent: Patrick Erickson <patrick.erickson@khq.com>

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 7:12 PM

To: Subject: City Clerks (Web email) Public Records Request

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I am requesting records involving Spokane Police Chief Frank Straub including any complaints made about him, internal investigations involving Chief Straub as well as any text messages or emails between Chief Straub and Monique Dugaw (Cotton) and any text messages or email between Chief Straub and Mayor Condon

If you need anything else from me please let me know!

# Patrick Erickson Reporter



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## Williams, Stephen

From:

Pfister, Terri

Sent:

Thursday, September 24, 2015 1:49 PM

To:

SPD Command Staff; Straub, Frank; Cotton, Monique; Coddington, Brian; Sloon, Michael;

Chan-Palmer, May; Armstrong, Kathy

Cc:

IT Enterprise Administration; Farnsworth, Laurie; Williams, Stephen; Dalton, Pat; Muramatsu,

Mary; Sanders, Theresa; Isserlis, Nancy

Subject: Attachments: FW: Telephone request

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FYI, see below and attached. Ms. Nadrich called this morning inquiring about KHQ's records request, which is a copycat of Spokesman request, and Ms. Nadrich requested the same except through the same time period as KHQ, which is September 23.



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From: Nadrich, Lindsay [mailto:lnadrich@krem.com] Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 10:01 AM

To: Pfister, Terri

Subject: Re: Telephone request

### Morning!

Thank you so much for your help. I would like to make the same request. I would also like to add a request for the emails dating up until September 23rd as well.

Thank you,

Lindsay Nadrich KREM 2 News Reporter Cell: 253-344-9311

From: Pfister, Terri < tpfister@spokanecity.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 9:57 AM

To: Nadrich, Lindsay

Subject: Telephone request

Ms. Nadrich:

In follow up to your telephone call, see attached request. My understanding is that you would like the same records as what is provided under the attached Spokesman records request (as subsequently clarified), except that you wish to extend the time frame through September 23, 2015. Please confirm that my understanding is correct, or provide any clarification.

Thank you,

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## Farnsworth, Laurie

From:

Mary Schultz < MSchultz@MSchultz.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 4:37 PM

To:

Dalton, Pat; Pfister, Terri; Farnsworth, Laurie

Cc:

Jacobson, Erin

Subject:

RE: Straub v City REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

All,

Per the below, I obviously need to correct to "Monique" Cotton and not Monica.

Regards,

### Mary Schultz

Mary Schultz Law P.S. Ph.(509) 245-3522, ext 306 Cell (509 999-2639 Mary@MSchultz.com www.MarySchultzLaw.com

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From: Mary Schultz

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 2:50 PM

To: 'Dalton, Pat' <pdalton@spokanecity.org>; Pfister, Terri <tpfister@spokanecity.org>; Farnsworth, Laurie

<lfarnsworth@spokanecity.org>

Cc: Jacobson, Erin <ejacobson@spokanecity.org>

Subject: RE: Straub v City REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Pat,

Thanks for the note.

Based on the below, I'd like a copy of Frank's entire personnel file, but I would also request that if this specific requested information exists and is not in Franks' file, I need to know that:

"Any and all information in the City's possession related to any complaint made or filed at any time by Monica Cotton against Frank Straub, including any letter(s) the City received from any attorney on her behalf, and any correspondence back from the City or resolution to such."

Please let me know.

From: Dalton, Pat [mailto:pdalton@spokanecity.org]

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 2:20 PM

To: Mary Schultz < MSchultz@MSchultz.com >; Pfister, Terri < tpfister@spokanecity.org >; Farnsworth, Laurie

<lfarnsworth@spokanecity.org>

Cc: Jacobson, Erin < ejacobson@spokanecity.org > Subject: RE: Straub v City REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

### Mary,

I'm happy to make you a copy of Frank Straub's personnel file, but I assumed that you wanted all documents that might be relevant to your request and did not want us to limit our search to just Mr. Straub's personnel file. Our standard practice is to have the City's Public Records Officer do a comprehensive search of records from across the City to make certain we haven't missed any relevant records. You have asked for a fairly discrete set of records, so such a search should not take a long time and would be more comprehensive than I could do.

If you would prefer that I just give you a copy of Mr. Straub's personnel file, I am happy to make that copy for you. Otherwise, I will assume you would like us to perform a search of our public records for "any and all information in the City's possession related to any complaint made or filed at any time by Monica Cotton against Frank Straub, including any letter(s) the City received from any attorney on her behalf, and any correspondence back from the City or resolution to such."

Further, I am not making any representation about whether there is anything in Mr. Straub's personnel file relating to a claim against Mr. Straub by Ms Cotton, as I have not looked at the file.

Pat

From: Mary Schultz [mailto:MSchultz@MSchultz.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015 11:54 AM **To:** Dalton, Pat; Pfister, Terri; Farnsworth, Laurie

Cc: Jacobson, Erin

Subject: RE: Straub v City REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Pat, This is a request by an employee for information held in his own employee file, not a public records request.

Is the below saying that there is nothing in his file about such a claim?

From: Dalton, Pat [mailto:pdalton@spokanecity.org]

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 11:49 AM

To: Pfister, Terri < tpfister@spokanecity.org>; Farnsworth, Laurie < terri < tpfister@spokanecity.org> Cc: Mary Schultz < MSchultz@MSchultz.com>; Jacobson, Erin < terri < ter

Subject: FW: Straub v City REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Terri or Laurie,

We received this e mail today from Mary Schultz. It appears to be a public records request.

From: Mary Schultz [mailto:MSchultz@MSchultz.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 11:45 AM

To: Dalton, Pat; Jacobson, Erin

Subject: RE: Straub v City REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Mr. Dalton and/or Ms. Jacobson,

On behalf of Frank Straub, I request any and all information in the City's possession related to any complaint made or filed at any time by Monica Cotton against Frank Straub, including any letter(s) the City received from any attorney on her behalf, and any correspondence back from the City or resolution to such.

Information from city sources suggest that some claim may have been made, even if such perhaps went nowhere. I need this information.

Please advise.

### Mary Schultz

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From: Ochoa-Bruck, Gloria [mailto:gochoabruck@spokanecity.org]

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 11:07 AM

To: Dalton, Pat pdalton@spokanecity.org>; Jacobson, Erin <eiacobson@spokanecity.org>

Cc: Mary Schultz < MSchultz@MSchultz.com>

Subject: FW: Straub v City FW: Public Records Requests and dates

Mary,

I am solely involved in overseeing work projects assigned to Frank. Please direct all inquiries regarding Public Records requests to Pat Dalton and anything else related to Frank's employment or his pending claim to Erin Jacobson.

I have copied both of them on this message.

Sincerely,

Gloria



Gloria Ochoa-Bruck | City of Spokane | Director of Local Government and Multi-Cultural Affairs. 509.625.6326 | fax 509.625.6563 | gochoabruck@spokanecity.org | www.spokanecity.org

# Kris Cappel

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Pfister, Terri

.ent:

Wednesday, September 16, 2015 3:55 PM

To:

Snyder, Jon; Stum, Blaine

Subject: Attachments: FW: Public Records Request FW: Public Records Request

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Yes. There has been one record provided so far. See attached. I anticipate following up with Mr. Breen by on or about September 29 so I would anticipate getting back to you around that same time.



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"om: Stum, Blaine

ent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 3:46 PM

**To:** Pfister, Terri

Subject: RE: Public Records Request

Hi Terri,

CM Snyder asked if he would be able to receive a copy of what responsive records are sent to Brian Breen.

Thanks, Blaine

### **Blaine Stum**

Office of the Spokane City Council Legislative Aide to Council Member Jon Snyder 509-625-6714 bstum@SpokaneCity.org

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