



SHEBOYGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF
POLICE

Memo

To; Mayor Juan Perez
From: David E. Kirk, Chief of Police
Date: October 19,2005
Re: Internal Complaint #05-0065-294

Dear Mayor Perez:

On 9-26-05 we met in your office along with Susan Hart when we had a discussion on several different issues. One of the issues that arose was Susan Hart stating that Officer Eric Edson is an angry man and is getting angrier since the time of the shooting. Susan further stated that when she was riding along with Deputy Chief Kittelson of the Sheboygan Fire Department, that she was introduced to Officer Eric Edson by either Deputy Chief Kittelson or Captain Tetztaff, that Eric Edson extended his hand to her in a hand-shake type of motion and when she was identified as being from the Mayor's office, he withdrew his hand, turned around and walked out of the office. Susan stated that this was extremely rude and that she does not recall ever being treated so rudely.

As we finished our conversation, I then went to my office and there spoke with Deputy Chief Sherven. At that point it was determined that an internal investigation would begin into these allegations made by Susan Hart This investigation is now completed and will be classified as unfounded. However, there are several concerns.

The concerns I have are many of the same concerns I addressed to you on 9-30-05. At the time of that meeting, you did tape record this conversation and you indicated to me that you would provide me with a copy of that recording. I again ask for a copy of that recording.

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The concerns that I addressed that day and the ones that linger upon completion of this investigation are: First, Susan Hart indicated that one of my officers, Officer Eric Edson, is an angry man and is getting angrier since the time of the shooting. Upon questioning, Susan maintains that she was told this by Deputy Chief Kittelson. In speaking with Deputy Chief Kittelson, he maintains he never made such a statement to Susan Hart about Officer Eric Edson and he does not harbor such a feeling about Eric. I believe that such statements attributed to or said by Deputy Chief Kittelson contain more credibility because his specialty within the Sheboygan Fire Department as he is in charge of personnel issues in that department

More importantly, the Sheboygan Police Department does not see Officer Eric Edson as an angry man and one who has become angrier since the time of the shooting.

The second concern is that Susan Hart maintains that upon being introduced to Officer Eric Edson on the night that she rode with Deputy Chief Kittelson, that he extended his hand to shake her hand and as she was introduced as being from the Mayor's office, that Eric Edson then rudely withdrew his hand, turned around and walked out of the office. The concerns I have here is that Deputy Chief Kittelson and Captain Tetdaff state that such an introduction never took place. Further, Officer Eric Edson maintains that such an introduction never took place and all three of them state that Officer Eric Edson never extended his hand to Susan Hart in a handshaking type of motion and then withdrew it

What we have is Susan Hart making statements about one of my employees and when these statements were checked into, both high ranking members from the Police and Fire Departments and the officer involved maintain they were never said nor did they take place.

This internal investigation within the Sheboygan Police Department is now completed and classified as unfounded; however, this matter is being referred to your office so you can address this issue as to its proper resolution. Sheboygan Police Department has always taken a strong stand on integrity, honesty, and truthfulness.



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