

AFFIDAVIT OF RICHARD S. GARDNER

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF VOLUSIA

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared, Richard S. Gardner, to me well known, who, after being duly sworn, and being of sound mind, deposes and says that he has personal knowledge of the foregoing facts and that they are true and correct.

1. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years.
2. Over a year ago I was asked by Director of the Department of Beach Safety, Kevin Sweat, if I was in a relationship with another Officer named Cara Gittner.
3. Officer Gittner and I were not in a relationship at the time and I responded truthfully that we were not.
4. In late 2010, I requested a meeting with Mr. Coffin to discuss the position of Deputy Chief of Beach Safety in the presence of Director Sweat.
5. Mr. Coffin did not ask me a general question of whether there was anything in my background which could cause embarrassment to the Division but instead made the following statement: "Obviously, we're in the midst of a lawsuit here. If you are appointed to Deputy Chief, are we going to find out that you had knowledge of the Simmons and Tameris allegations prior to it being reported?"
6. I responded to Mr. Coffin's statement by truthfully stating "No, absolutely not."

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.



Richard S. Gardner, Affiant

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The foregoing instrument was SUBSCRIBED AND ACKNOWLEDGED before me this 21st day of February, 2012, by Richard S. Gardner, the affiant, who:

is personally known to me, or

has produced _____ as identification and who did (did not) take an oath.



Lynn A. Fahnestock

Notary Public

State of Florida at Large

My commission expires: