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Mr. Motes:

We have some concerns regarding recently retired correctional officer, Gary Watkins' personal leave payout. These concerns were outlined in an October 6, 2011 email to Jail Director Ford. (see attached copy)

Records indicate that Officer Watkins questioned you on why he was being paid only 20% of his personal leave, for the apparent failure of giving 14 days notice – while Officer Snider, a person that was a convicted felon for over 20 years, while serving as a sworn officer, received 100% of his personal leave time.

In a September 7, 2011 email to Mr. Watkins, you stated that Mr. Snider had “extenuating circumstances”. Other than his already mentioned “convicted felon” status, were there other “extenuating circumstances”?

VolusiaExposed.Com is preparing an article that questions the apparent disparate treatment between Officer Snider and Officer Watkins.

We would imagine, that given all the recent attention attached to the VCDPP – that the county would wish to maintain a position of fair and equal treatment of all their employees. Further, that Volusia County enforces it's non-retaliatory policy, for employees that voice their concerns about perceived problems within their divisions / departments. (attention given to Officer Watkins' Retirement Letter-see attached)

With the above in mind, we would like to give you this opportunity to explain, for inclusion into our article, the “extenuating circumstances” surrounding the Officer Snider situation, as well as any other issues you feel need clarification prior to our publication.

Please be advised, that we intend to publish our article on or around November 5, 2011, therefore, any response you may wish to send, must

be received by close of business on November 2, 2011.

Thank You

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Attachments