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August 15, 2003

Randolph Alexander
401 W. Florida Avenue, Apt. 5C
Haines City, FL 33844

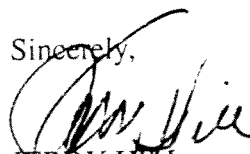
Re: Haines City Internal Affairs Investigation Case # 03-05-0631A

Dear Mr. Alexander:

This office has had an opportunity to review the investigation conducted under the above-referenced case number. The investigation was initiated after numerous items, that should have placed into evidence or into records at the Haines City Police Department, were found in a self-storage unit located within the City of Winter Haven. These items were found only after you had failed to make payments on the unit and the property within the unit was being removed for sale. The Internal Affairs investigation has determined that you neglected your duties, failed to follow proper procedures, and that you were untruthful during the investigation. Disciplinary action is pending. It has been recommended that you be terminated as an officer with the department.

The honesty and integrity of a law enforcement officer are essential to the prosecution of a criminal case. Our office must be able to vouch for the credibility of the officers who testify on behalf of the State of Florida. As the result of your conduct, this office will no longer use you as a witness. Please keep this in mind should you consider applying for a law enforcement position with another department.

Sincerely,


JERRY HILL
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cc: Chief Morris West

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February 7, 2003

The Honorable William Guess
Dundee Police Department
P.O. Box 1000
Dundee, FL 33838

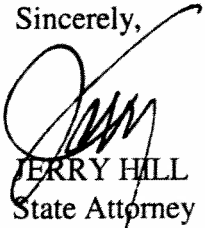
Re: Anthony J. Armstrong

Dear Chief Guess:

On January 31, 2001, I sent a letter to Anthony Armstrong notifying him that this office would no longer use him as a witness. This decision was based on an administrative investigation conducted by the Polk County Sheriff's Office when Mr. Armstrong was employed as a deputy sheriff. The Polk County Sheriff's Office investigation had sustained allegations that Mr. Armstrong was untruthful during a Lake Alfred Police Department traffic investigation, as well as during a subsequent traffic court case and a Lake Alfred P.D. Internal Affairs investigation. Finally, the investigation determined that Mr. Armstrong was also untruthful during the investigation conducted by the Sheriff's Office.

Recently, Anthony Armstrong and his attorney, Kirk Warren, asked me to review the prior decision not to use Anthony Armstrong as a witness in the cases prosecuted by this office. I have reviewed my prior decision not to use his testimony and have concluded that it was correctly made and should not be changed. To do otherwise would be to ignore the findings regarding his untruthfulness in all of the prior proceedings.

Sincerely,


JERRY HILL
State Attorney

cc: Anthony Armstrong
Kirk Warren

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August 24, 2007

Jonathan Berkofsky
P.O. Box 1603T
Loxahatchee, FL 33470


Re: Polk County Sheriff's Office # 2006-240482

Dear Mr. Berkofsky:

You were arrested and charged with Grand Theft. You entered a plea of Nolo Contendere to the charge. Judge Karla Foreman Wright adjudicated you guilty of the charge, placed you on three years probation and ordered you to serve 259 days in the Polk County Jail.

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June 7, 2000

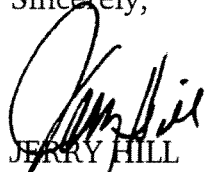
Officer Chad Boyd
1995 Thunder Road
Eagle Lake, Florida 33839

Dear Officer Boyd:

Last week, you had a discussion with Assistant State Attorney Keith Spoto regarding your criminal history. In that discussion, you either willfully or inadvertently misrepresented facts concerning your record. Furthermore, according to your Eagle Lake Police Department personnel file, you misrepresented your record when you applied for employment there. Finally, your record contains a conviction for Giving False Information to a Law Enforcement Officer, a crime involving dishonesty. That conviction can be used to impeach your testimony in any matter in which you testify.

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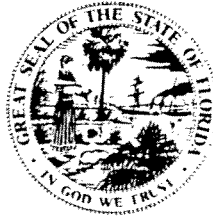
Sincerely,


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cc: Chief J. R. Sullivan, Eagle Lake Police Department

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April 18, 2002

Sherita Brown
1528 Citrus Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870

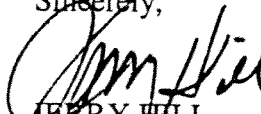
Re: Bartow Police Department Internal Affairs Case Number 02-01

Dear Ms. Brown:

This office has had an opportunity to review the investigation conducted under the above-referenced case number. It was alleged that you were untruthful when you appeared at the Clewiston office of the Division of Driver Licenses on September 6, 2000 posing as Sherry Hicks in an attempt to obtain a fraudulent driver license. In addition, it was alleged that you were untruthful during the Bartow Police Department Internal Affairs investigation that arose from your actions at the driver licenses office. The Bartow Police Department Internal Affairs investigation has sustained these allegations. You resigned from the Bartow Police Department prior to disciplinary action being taken against you by the department.

The honesty and integrity of a law enforcement officer are essential in the prosecution of a criminal case. Our office must be able to vouch for the credibility of the officers who testify on behalf of the State of Florida. As the result of your conduct, this office will no longer use you as a witness. Please keep this in mind should you consider applying for a law enforcement position with another department.

Sincerely,


JERRY HILL
State Attorney

cc: Chief Erik Sandvik

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May 16, 2006

Stephen Burnett
1003 W. 11th Street
Lakeland, FL 33805

Re: Polk County Sheriff's Office Case # 2005-169824

Dear Mr. Burnett:

You were charged with the felony offenses of Grand Theft, Scheme to Defraud, Official Misconduct and Tampering with Evidence. You pled guilty to those charges. You were sentenced to three years probation on each of those offenses.

The honesty and integrity of a law enforcement officer are essential in the prosecution of a criminal case. Our office must be able to vouch for the credibility of the officers who testify on behalf of the State of Florida. As the result of your conduct, this office will no longer use you as a witness. Please keep this in mind should you consider applying for a law enforcement position with another department.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jerry Hill in black ink.
JERRY HILL
State Attorney

cc: Sheriff Grady Judd

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October 26, 1998

The Honorable Paul Lorren
Chief of Police
15 NW First Street
Fort Meade, FL 33841

RE: OFFICER DONALD CARTWRIGHT

Dear Chief Lorren:

I and my staff have reviewed your department's internal investigation of Officer Donald Cartwright in which it is alleged that Officer Cartwright falsely reported that parts to his laptop computer were taken from his car in a burglary and subsequently made false statements under oath during the investigation of that incident. It is my understanding that he was given the opportunity to withdraw his statements and to take a polygraph but declined. I am also aware that after the matter was referred to this office, he was again offered a polygraph examination. He at first accepted but canceled his appointment on the day the test was to be given.

Our review of your department's investigation leads to only one logical conclusion. Officer Cartwright lost his equipment not by a burglary but by negligently driving away from a traffic stop with the equipment left sitting on the top of his patrol vehicle. When confronted with his actions, he lied on several occasions rather than admit his mistake.

The credibility of a law enforcement officer is an essential part of the prosecution of any criminal case. Our office must be able to vouch for the credibility of the officers who testify, and this we cannot do with Officer Cartwright. Consequently, we will no longer use him as a witness.

Sincerely,

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JERRY HILL
State Attorney

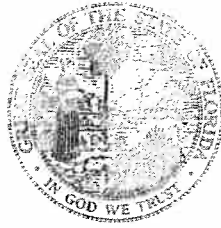
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June 9, 2006

The Honorable Herbert Gillis
Chief of Police
133 East Tillman Avenue
Lake Wales, FL 33853

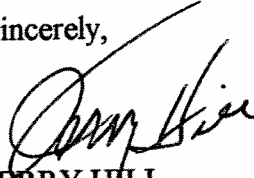
RE: Detective Jeffrey Chauncey, Sergeant Donald Pelt, and Officer Juan Lopez

Dear Chief Gillis:

On February 1, 2006, Judge Dennis Maloney entered an order in a criminal case being prosecuted by this office in which he found that the three officers named above lied under oath during a suppression hearing over which he presided. Following the entry of his order, this office conducted an independent investigation into the matter. That investigation is finished, and we have found nothing which refutes Judge Maloney's conclusion.

The honesty and integrity of a law enforcement officer are essential to the prosecution of a criminal case. Our office must be able to vouch for the credibility of the officers who testify on behalf of the State of Florida. As a result of the conduct of these three officers, this office will no longer use them as witnesses whether they are working for your department or some other agency.

Sincerely,



JERRY HILL
State Attorney

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pc: Detective Jeffrey Chauncey
Sergeant Donald Pelt
Officer Juan Lopez

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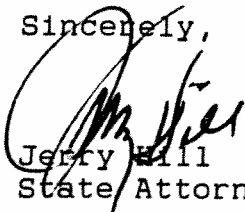
The Honorable Ronald Martin
Chief of Police
Winter Haven Police Department
551 3rd Street N.W.
Winter Haven, FL 33880

Re: Officer Terrell Courson
Administrative Inquiry 96-04-01

Dear Chief Martin:

I have had the opportunity to review the administrative investigation conducted by your department with regard to the actions of Officer Terrell Courson. The investigation reveals that in at least seven cases, Officer Courson wrote reports stating that he had logged items into evidence when in fact the items were never placed in evidence. In most of the cases, Officer Courson could not account for the whereabouts of the evidence. In one case, he attempted to log the items into evidence almost nine months after the crime. The actions of Officer Courson raise serious questions concerning his credibility as a witness. This office will no longer vouch for his credibility as a witness in the prosecution of criminal cases.

Sincerely,


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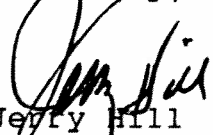
The Honorable Ronald Martin
Chief of Police
Winter Haven Police Department
551 3rd Street N.W.
Winter Haven, FL 33880

Re: Officer Bradley Davis
Administrative Inquiry 96-04-02

Dear Chief Martin:

I have had the opportunity to review the administrative investigation conducted by your department with regard to the actions of Officer Bradley Davis. Officer Davis has given three statements in your investigation which contain significant differences as to facts material to the case. In addition, the statements of Officer Davis differ substantially from the statements given by the other witnesses. As a result I have serious concerns about the credibility of Officer Davis. The credibility of a police officer is crucial to the prosecution of criminal cases. The actions and statements of Officer Davis leave me no choice but to refuse to use him as a witness in the prosecution of criminal cases.

Sincerely,


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April 8, 1998

Sheriff J. Loran Cogburn
Hardee County Sheriff's Office
P. O. Box 158
Wauchula, FL 33873

Re: Deputy Christopher Donellan

Dear Sheriff Cogburn:

Several years ago, this office reviewed an investigation conducted by the Lakeland Police Department with regard to the actions of Christopher Donellan while acting in his capacity as an officer for that department. A decision was made not to prosecute Officer Donellan because there was insufficient evidence to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Officer Donellan was terminated from the department and as a result there was no need to make a determination as to his credibility as a witness for future prosecutions.

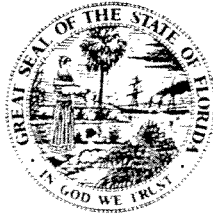
I recently became aware that Christopher Donellan is employed by your department. As a result, it is necessary for this office to make a decision as to whether or not it can vouch for Deputy Donellan's credibility as a witness in criminal cases filed by your department. In making that decision, I have gone back and reviewed the investigations conducted by the Lakeland Police Department with regard to Christopher Donellan. It is clear after reviewing those investigations that serious questions are raised concerning Deputy Donellan's credibility. As a result, this office will not use him as a witness in any criminal prosecutions.

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January 24, 2003

Melvin Duperon
8025 Apple Blossom Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810-1342

Re: Polk County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs Case Number 02-030

Dear Mr. Duperon:

This office has had an opportunity to review the Polk County Sheriff's Office investigation conducted under the above-referenced case number. It was alleged that you were untruthful during depositions regarding a homicide investigation where you acted as a translator. As a result of the investigation, you were terminated by the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Hill".

JERRY HILL
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March 3, 1997

The Honorable Lawrence Crow
455 North Broadway
Bartow, FL 33830

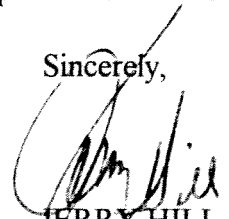
RE: Lesa Ford

Dear Sheriff Crow:

I am writing in response to inquiries which have come from your staff concerning our use of Lesa Ford as a witness. At this time we have no pending cases in which her testimony would be required. As to the future, I and my staff have reviewed the reports, statements, and depositions concerning the incident for which she was suspended. Based on that review which at a minimum demonstrates a total disregard for sheriff's office policy and procedures and a willingness to cut corners even where the interests of others are at stake, it is our belief that we would have difficulty vouching for her credibility as a witness.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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February 28, 2007

Lt. Michael Green
Haines City Police Department
P.O. Box 1507
Haines City, FL 33844

Re: Haines City Police Department Case # 05-12-14402
State Attorney's Office Case # I2007-000009

Dear Lt. Green:

This office has had an opportunity to review the investigations conducted by the Haines City Police Department, the Polk County Sheriff's Office and by Investigator Chuck Zeller of the State Attorney's Office. You chose to take a position with the Haines City Police Department after you were terminated from the Polk County Sheriff's Office for untruthfulness and for associating with a criminal.

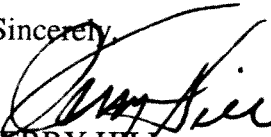
The report prepared by Investigator Zeller identifies several instances where you were untruthful or showed a reckless disregard for the truth regarding material facts involving the events surrounding the response by the Haines City Police Department to the incident at 1712 Bartley Street on December 27th, 2005. The report you prepared the day after the incident contains many statements which were not true, some of which you later admitted were untrue.

In your report, you state that Chief West informed you of a "situation," which you also referred to as "undetermined situation." In contradiction to your report, Chief West stated that, before he sent you to the scene, he gave you the details that he had obtained from Cpl. Porter. In another part of your report, you state that "continuous attempts" were made to contact Mr. Franklin at the address phone and on a cell phone. You later admitted that no calls were made to either number. Further you stated in your report that, "Officers and arriving detectives were having a difficult time keeping bystanders away from the inner perimeter." It turns out that, contrary to your report, the detectives did not arrive until after Detective Varnadore was shot. Finally, and most importantly, you state in your report, "I instructed Detective Varnadore to push open the partially opened front door of the residence while he was stacked up on the south side of the door frame." Similarly, in your sworn statement to Detective Ivan Navarro on the day of the incident, you said, "Officer Varnadore was instructed to push the door open and to stay where he's at." Both Detective Varnadore and Officer Hammond state that your plan was for Detective Varnadore to enter the residence. When questioned by Investigator Zeller, you admitted that you didn't specifically tell Detective Varnadore not to enter the residence.

It is clear from reviewing all of the reports and statements, that your decision to approach the house was made prematurely and was ill-conceived. The report which you subsequently created was an attempt to justify your decision. It appears that you also sought to influence other officers to create facts to support your version of the events. You failed on both counts.

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JERRY HILL
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cc: Chief Morris West

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March 15, 1993

The Honorable Sam Baca
Chief of Police
Lake Police Department
20 Lake Wire Drive
Lakeland, FL 33801

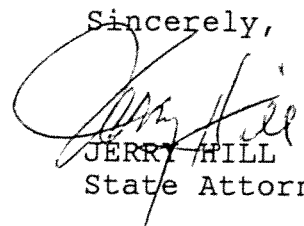
Re: Criminal Investigation of Detective Dan Guild

Dear Chief Baca:

As a result of information brought to my attention concerning the conduct of Detective Dan Guild in the case of State of Florida vs. Laura Carden, my office instituted a criminal investigation to determine whether Detective Guild committed the crime of perjury. We have concluded that investigation, and while it is clear that Detective Guild intentionally lied during a deposition, we believe that the statutory defense of recantation contained in section 837.07, Florida Statutes (1991), would preclude us from proving the crime of perjury beyond a reasonable doubt. Accordingly, we will not be filing criminal charges against Detective Guild.

Having said this, I want to make it clear that I do not in any way condone Detective Guild's conduct in this matter. As I have said before, he lied. While I would not presume to suggest how you should handle a matter of internal discipline, I believe that it is only fair to you and the Department to tell you that this office will not in the future be able to vouch for Detective Guild's credibility or present him as a witness.

If you have further questions or concerns about his matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

JERRY HILL
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JH:cb

pc: Florida Department of Law Enforcement, CJST

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April 13, 2006

Jeff Ignash
P.O. Box 2840
Winter Haven, FL 33883

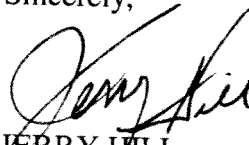
Re: Winter Haven Police Department Internal Affairs File # 06-03-03

Dear Mr. Ignash:

This office has had an opportunity to review the investigation conducted under the above-referenced case number. The investigation established that you were untruthful prior to and during the investigation. You chose to resign before the department could take disciplinary action against you.

The honesty and integrity of a law enforcement officer are essential to the prosecution of a criminal case. Our office must be able to vouch for the credibility of the officers who testify on behalf of the State of Florida. As the result of your conduct, this office will no longer use you as a witness. Please keep this in mind should you consider applying for a law enforcement position with another department.

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cc: Chief Paul Goward

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January 5, 2000

Mr. Patrick Jones
Avon Park Police Department
304 W. Pleasant Street
Avon Park, FL 33825

RE: Avon Park Police Department Internal Affairs Investigation 98-3

Dear Mr. Jones:

This office has received a copy of the internal affairs investigation referred to above as well as the subsequent opinion and award of arbitrator James M. Mancini. As you aware, that investigation resulted in the sustaining of allegations of untruthfulness and filing a false police report. In my view there was ample evidence to support that decision.

The honesty and integrity of a law enforcement officer are essential in the prosecution of a criminal case, and my office must be able to vouch for the credibility of officers who testify on behalf of the State of Florida. As a result of your conduct, this office will no longer use you as a witness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Hill".

JERRY HILL
State Attorney

JH:ct

pc: The Honorable Anthony Velong
The Florida Department of Law Enforcement

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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEYS AND SECRETARIES
FROM: JERRY HILL
RE: USE OF CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AS WITNESSES
DATE: May 12, 1995

From time to time, I have found it necessary to determine that we will not use certain law enforcement officers as witnesses because of their lack of credibility. At the present time, there are three:

Dan Guild	-	Lakeland Police Department
Richard Robinson	-	Dundee Police Department
David Morris	-	Auburndale Police Department

Should you have a case in which an agency lists any of these men as a witness, please report that fact to Chip Thullbery or me. I hope in the near future we will be able to program our computer so that it will automatically alert you if they or others similarly placed appear on a witness list.

pc: Becky DeVenny

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May 10, 2006

Jennifer Natter
520 Rochelle Avenue
Lake Alfred, FL 33850

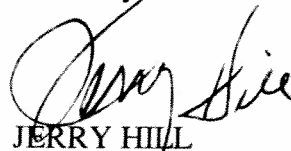
Re: Winter Haven Police Department Internal Affairs Case # 06-04-01

Dear Ms. Natter:

This office has had an opportunity to review the above-referenced investigation conducted by the Winter Haven Police Department. The investigation concluded that you were untruthful in your employment application with regard to prior drug usage. As part of that investigation, you admitted to falsifying information as to prior drug use in your employment application. As a result of the investigation, Winter Haven Police Chief Paul Goward recommended your termination from the department. In response to his recommendation, you chose to resign from the department.

The honesty and integrity of a law enforcement officer are essential to the prosecution of a criminal case. Our office must be able to vouch for the credibility of the officers who testify on behalf of the State of Florida. As the result of your conduct, this office will no longer use you as a witness. Please keep this in mind should you consider applying for a law enforcement position with another department.

Sincerely,


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cc: Chief Paul Goward

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March 1, 2006

Kerman O'Brien
7285 Remington Oaks Drive
Lakeland, FL 33809

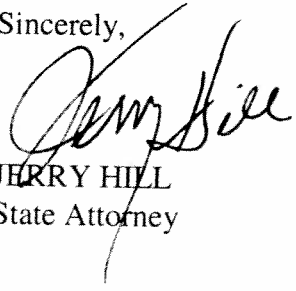
Re: Lakeland Police Internal Affairs Unit File # 05-060

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

This office has had an opportunity to review the investigation conducted under the above-referenced case number. A Complaint Review Board determined that you falsely reported your location while on duty, willfully neglected your duties, and committed conduct unbecoming an officer. The board recommended that you be terminated as an officer with the department. You chose to resign.

The honesty and integrity of a law enforcement officer are essential to the prosecution of a criminal case. Our office must be able to vouch for the credibility of the officers who testify on behalf of the State of Florida. As the result of your conduct, this office will no longer use you as a witness. Please keep this in mind should you consider applying for a law enforcement position with another department.

Sincerely,


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cc: Chief Roger Boatner

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January 24, 2003

Jimmy Osborne
902 9th Street N.E.
Winter Haven, FL 33881-4221

Re: Winter Haven Police Department Internal Affairs Case Number 02-06-02

Dear Mr. Osborne:

This office has had an opportunity to review the Winter Haven Police Department's investigation conducted under the above-referenced case number. It was alleged that you were untruthful during an investigation into misconduct as a law enforcement officer.. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Department sustained allegations of untruthfulness on your part during the investigation.

The honesty and integrity of a law enforcement officer are essential in the prosecution of a criminal case. Our office must be able to vouch for the credibility of the officers who testify on behalf of the State of Florida. As the result of your conduct, this office will no longer use you as a witness. Please keep this in mind should you consider applying for a law enforcement position with another department.

Sincerely,

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January 15, 2004

Ryan Pannebaker
835 W. Parkdale Street
Bartow, FL 33830

Re: Bartow Police Department Internal Investigation Case # 03-07

Dear Mr. Pannebaker:

This office has had an opportunity to review the investigation conducted under the above-referenced case number. It was alleged that you falsified and predated an offense report in your duties as a Bartow Police Officer. In addition, the investigation determined that you were untruthful to your supervisors regarding the report. Subsequently, during the internal investigation, you admitted to this conduct. You resigned from the Bartow Police Department prior to disciplinary action being taken against you.

The honesty and integrity of a law enforcement officer are essential in the prosecution of a criminal case. Our office must be able to vouch for the credibility of the officers who testify on behalf of the State of Florida. As the result of your conduct, this office will no longer use you as a witness. Please keep this in mind should you consider applying for a law enforcement position with another department.

Sincerely,

JERRY HILL
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cc: Chief Erik Sandvik
Criminal Justice Professionalism Program

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July 28, 2005

John Phillips
1528 Citrus 402 Adams Road
Mulberry, FL 33870

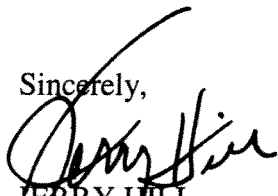
Re: Mulberry Police Department Incident Number 05-169-OF

Dear Mr. Phillips:

This office has had an opportunity to review the investigation conducted by the Mulberry Police Department under the above-referenced case number. It was alleged that when you became aware of a complaint filed against the department for failing to dispatch an officer to investigate a citizen complaint, you fabricated a dispatch log indicating that an officer was dispatched to the complaint. It is also alleged that you subsequently deleted the fabricated log when it became obvious that you had created it in the first place. As part of the investigation, you were asked to give a sworn statement which you refused to do. At the completion of the investigation you were dismissed from the department. You chose not to appeal that dismissal.

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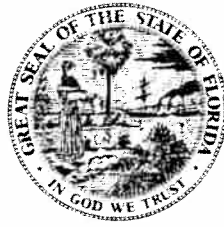
Sincerely,


JERRY HILL
STATE ATTORNEY

cc: Chief Larry Cavallaro

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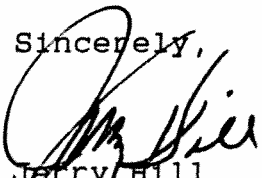
The Honorable Ronald Martin
Chief of Police
Winter Haven Police Department
551 3rd Street N.W.
Winter Haven, FL 33880

Re: Sergeant Roger Quarles
Administrative Inquiry 96-05-03

Dear Chief Martin:

I have had the opportunity to review the administrative investigation conducted by your department with regard to the actions of Sergeant Roger Quarles. That investigation indicates that Sergeant Quarles obtained a search warrant without having previously procured the sworn statement upon which the warrant was based. In addition, knowing that the search warrant had been obtained improperly, he attempted to proceed to execute the search warrant. Fortunately, other members of your department prevented its execution. The actions of Sergeant Quarles raise serious questions concerning his integrity and credibility. As a result, this office will not prosecute any case where Sergeant Quarles is the primary witness for the prosecution.

Sincerely,


Jerry Hill
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November 29, 1995

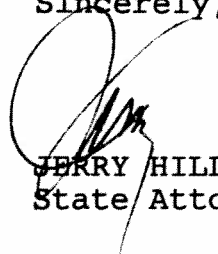
The Honorable Roy Holland
Dundee Police Department
Post Office Box 1000
Dundee, FL 33838

Dear Chief Holland:

I am writing to inform you that once again this office finds itself in the position of prosecuting a case which has been seriously weakened because one of the material witnesses to the offense is Officer Rick Robinson. As you are aware, this office is unable to vouch for Officer Robinson's credibility and thus cannot use him as a witness.

Your continued employment of Officer Robinson is, I believe, a serious threat to the public safety of the citizens of Dundee. I urge you to rethink your position in this matter.

Sincerely,



JERRY HILL
State Attorney

JH:cb

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October 12, 1994

The Honorable Ron Martin
Winter Haven Police Department
551 Third Street, NW
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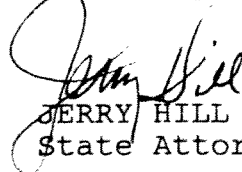
Re: Officer Santos

Dear Chief Martin:

I and my staff have reviewed the recorded statements and other information provided us relating to the internal affairs investigation of Officer Santos. Based upon the materials provided, there is insufficient evidence to support a criminal charge.

Thank you for referring this matter to our attention. Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


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November 14, 2008

Mr. Mervin Stewart
35400 U.S. Hwy. 27 N.
Haines City, FL 33844-3727

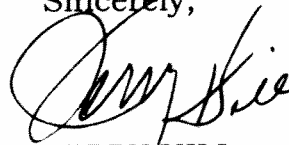
Dear Mr. Stewart:

This letter is to advise you that as of this date, the State Attorney's Office, Tenth Judicial Circuit, will no longer rely on your sworn testimony or any affidavits submitted by you to this office in any criminal case.

As you know, your actions, have resulted in an Indictment by the Grand Jury of Polk County for two counts of Perjury in an Official Proceeding, issued November 13, 2008. Your credibility as outlined in the Grand Jury Presentment has been irretrievably compromised.

This office will no longer vouch for your credibility or your integrity in any court related proceedings.

Sincerely,


JERRY HILL
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cc: Acting Chief Mike Pruitt, HCPD
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September 15, 2004

Arturo Trevino
2013 10th Street NW
Winter Haven, FL 33881


Re: Lakeland Police Department Internal Affairs Investigation Case # 04-02-02
Winter Haven Administrative Inquiry Case #03-09-03 and 03-09-04

Dear Mr. Trevino:

This office has had an opportunity to review the investigation conducted by the Lakeland Police Department regarding your conduct as a Winter Haven police officer. The investigation reveals instances where you were untruthful and others where you exhibited a reckless disregard for the truth. As a result of the investigation, Winter Haven Police Chief Paul Goward recommended your termination from the department. In response to this recommendation, you chose to resign from the department.

The honesty and integrity of a law enforcement officer are essential to the prosecution of a criminal case. Our office must be able to vouch for the credibility of the officers who testify on behalf of the State of Florida. As the result of your conduct, this office will no longer use you as a witness. Please keep this in mind should you consider applying for a law enforcement position with another department.

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June 8, 2007

Nicholas Weaver
111 7th Street S.W.
Winter Haven, FL 33880

RE: Polk County Sheriff's Office Administrative Investigation #07-16

Dear Mr. Weaver:

This office has had an opportunity to review the Polk County Sheriff's Office investigation conducted under the above-referenced case number. It was alleged that you were untruthful during an investigation into your conduct as a law enforcement officer. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Sheriff's Office sustained the allegation of untruthfulness on your part.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alfred C. Thullbery, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

ALFRED C. THULLBERY, JR.
Administrative Assistant State Attorney

cc: Chief Gary Hester



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Audrey Wood
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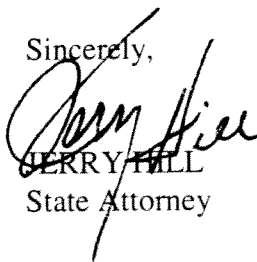
Re: Polk County Sheriff's Office Administrative Investigation Case # 02-016

Dear Ms. Wood:

This office has had an opportunity to review the Polk County Sheriff's Office administrative investigation conducted under the above-referenced case number. It was alleged that you were untruthful during the administrative investigation. Subsequently the Polk County Sheriff's Office sustained the allegation that you were untruthful during the administrative investigation.. You resigned from the Polk County Sheriff's Office prior to disciplinary action being taken against you by the department.

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Sincerely,


JERRY HILL
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cc: Sheriff Lawrence Crow