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This shall serve as my response to both questions:

The substance of Unit Chief Cappetta's interviews with Michelle Newman and Robert Turner was disclosed during the September 18th phone call between the Sheriff and Mr. Cappetta. Therefore, the nature of the allegations and the behavior/violations to which Michelle Newman had already acknowledged in her interview with Mr. Cappetta were known to us at that time. Because of that, and in conjunction with Mr. Cappetta's written memorandum, the conduct and resulting violations that resulted in Michelle Newman's failure to graduate from the Academy were never a disputed fact. However, the internal investigation couldn't go forward until the information from the FBI National Academy was documented in writing and presented to us. And as you already know, that didn't happen until October 22nd. While waiting for Mr. Cappetta's memo, we were reviewing all relevant policies and procedures, researching any cases of a similar nature and working out the schedule for Michelle Newman's interview.

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Gary:

A few quick follow up questions - kinda a follow up to question # 4...

Since F.S. 112.532 states -- "*identifiable witnesses shall be interviewed, whenever possible, **prior** to the beginning of the investigative interview of the accused officer*", - How did the VCSO investigators know in Sept through Oct that Newman was going to admit to the behaviors and violations in her November sworn recorded statement? - their (Investigators) apparent rationale for NOT taking sworn statements from the identifiable witness during the 6 weeks prior to Newman's interview.

Lastly, if the investigators were not taking sworn statements during that 6 weeks (mid Sept to Nov 2) - what were they doing, to forward the conclusion of this investigation?