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Dear LPD Sergeant: (I was told by LPD Sgt. Hans Lehman to come in during Charlie squad shift and give this to LPD 269's rotating sergeant)

After a few things I have seen with my own eyes, I am almost afraid to even submit an Internal Affairs citizen complaint, and indeed: My concerns are not felt by myself alone: My father has told me that he disapproves of this, my action, even though he has said that I was mistreated by LPD on several occasions. His exact words (regarding my decision to report suspicious behavior of LPD personnel) were "you'll never learn;" However, regarding my mistreatment that provoked my decision to report this to you, he has said that if I had left the scene of the incident, as the cop later said I should have, I would have probably been arrested for "leaving the scene of an accident and fleeing and eluding," meaning I was damned if I do leave and damned if I don't -the latter being what I did. #1: These comments are about a simple traffic ticket, but #2: I have also had LPD officers accuse me of helping another person flee and elude, when they knew full well that I had in fact, helped them catch the suspect. #3: After I was false arrested on that -my only arrest ever, not hard to determine which one, and went to court, it is on record that your department illegally refused to release the 911 tapes into discovery, something you know your colleagues in the communication section shouldn't have done -but did because they knew this would exonerate me. #4: As if that wasn't enough, I have witnessed the illegal arrest of others -at least once in person and another time, via a records search of the county courthouse, arrests of several panhandlers; While panhandling begging is something we both detest, arrest of suppression of this behavior has been found illegal by the courts -because it is "protected free speech," so long as the panhandler doesn't step into traffic or threaten anybody: Now, before I go into my own complaint, I feel that you may be like that one LPD investigator in financial crimes and tell me it's none of my business what happens to other suspect, just as #5: This same investigator had told me when I asked him to investigate a \$300.00 bad check case when we knew who it was, but in a case, in which that officer (forget his name) told me it was about my father being ripped off, not me, so it was none of my business. On points 4 and 5 above, it was and would be wrong to make the argument it is "none of my business," because -as you know, I *AM* supposed to report suspicious behavior.) ~~~ OK, enough of unproven complaints: I will be specific about my complaint of illegal behavior by LPD staff.

*** Specifically, I have read your departmental policy, and, it is against policy for any officer to violate any Florida Law, no matter if it is in court or out; Actually both occurred. (Three counts of felony perjury are included, and I document these serious charges, so please take note.) ***

In late 2003, at 19:50 in the evening of Saturday, 23 August 2003, LPD 269, Charles "Chuck" Dallas, gave me a traffic ticket, and, ten minutes later, false arrested another citizen. The reason my complaint has taken so long to bring to justice is that I know that any self-respecting Sergeant would not accept a serious perjury or law-breaking charge against one of his officers unless there was proof available; However, the "slow-as-molasses" courts "dragged their feet" and didn't provide a transcript within 50 days, as required by law, so I didn't get proof of this until about December 01 or 02, last month. (See "First Enclosure," dated Nov. 28, 2005, a few days before I got it in the mail.) Then, since I am busy with a full-time job now -one that doesn't pay me much -I needed several weeks to analyze and respond to it and get you the proof that you needed. Then, when I thought I could respond timely, I was

Additional Complaint:
6:
Officers Leann Yeager & Dennis Mosser committed what the ~~Assistant~~ State Attorney's office described as: "Perjury in a Non-Official" capacity - when they swore out their affidavits, falsely saying that the DISPATCHER had told me to leave the area - when she had NOT said that. (EN)

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repeatedly misdirected to LPD. Sgt. Hans Lehman, something that was not an intentional mistake but a problem about which he says he will have a talk with other officers who need to know he is only Sergeant over officers in certain situations, like special operations, or whatever you call it -not every situation.

Then, when I finally got organized, I got called in several times at work and had to put this off until today, 06 January, but please do not complain to me about the 2003-to-2006 time delay: I am acting almost as fast as I get the proof of serious perjury charges and other documentation you need, so here we go:

*** Since this letter is has the potential to be "long," I'll cut to the chase:**

The cop, Officer Dallas in this case:

1) Illegally arrested numerous people (See from the bottom of page 21 to the top of page 23 of the "Initial Brief" enclosed), a violation of recent court rulings, and, himself should have been arrested, and his supervisor disciplined, arrested, and/or **sued** in his official capacity for repeatedly allowing this. (Two panhandlers and, I myself, constitute **three (3)** people he's illegally arrested, and I'm sure there were more; I don't plan to **sue** today, but please do see "Document 2," in which I -by a 4-3 decision, almost won the Terri Schiavo Habeas Corpus petition -and, before you laugh, see Jeb's brief court ruling enclosed here: He lost 7-0. *Who did better?*)

2) He violated the State Law regarding improper backing: I waited until traffic was clear before I backed, and any vehicle that was "impaired" was such when I was stopped, not backing, and this, like "slow driving," is not against the law. ~~~ Violation of a state law -even this one -violated LPD departmental policy, as the printed handout proclaims.

3) FLORIDA STATE LAW 92.525 (Verification of documents; perjury by false written declaration, penalty) makes it a third degree felony for anyone (Dallas included) to perjure, and we know he took two oaths, one in court that day, and another when he took his oath as an officer.

(a) He committed perjury when he claimed that the panhandler that night was Dan Bishop, when it was later found to be Earl Savage; While this may seem an innocent mistake (was it?), he never retracted his words even after proof rolled in he was wrong.

(b) He committed perjury when he initially tried to buffalo the court into believing he had no complaints on his disciplinary record.

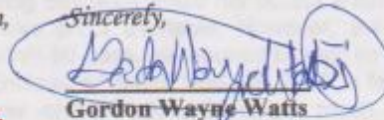
(c) He committed perjury when after the court asked him if he had had any prior dealings with me, he said "No, no," even though he full well knew that he had arrested me in the past.

Especially on point "C" above, he was either lying (impaired integrity) or very, VERY forgetful (impaired memory, which bolsters that second-hand testimony received into evidence regarding cannabis usage by Dallas.) Either one is bad: A cop must have both good memory and flawless integrity.

4) Although not the subject of this complaint, it is on record that LPD illegally arrested me: The arrest, which later was refused for prosecution by the State's Attorney office, involved more than one officer, who violated the "police scanner" statute: My scanner was not mounted, as the statute required. ~~~ OK, while I may have not violated the letter of the law here, I'll admit I may have found a "legal loophole" and violated the "spirit of the law," but charges made by Dallas and LPD Officer, Melanie Yeager, and or others that I helped the suspect flee and elude or words to that effect (regarding my illegal arrest) are false, and this is why your communications division refused for a while to release the 911 tapes to the public defender's office: They knew the tapes would show that I HELPED the cops catch the guy, not HINDER them or help the gut flee and elude. I am also willing to testify that then Lt. Henson, while a very nice guy and motorcyclist extraordinaire, nonetheless refused a chapter 119 public information request a long time ago from his Communications section. All these points added together are troublesome. (Don't feel bad: Both the traffic court judge and the judge in the scanner arrest were worse violators of law: The latter refused to compel LPD to comply with the law on discovery to my public defender, and the former didn't call the cop on the perjury charge, so this shows "Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act"-type cooperation between cops and courts.) However, I will call the cop on this: The charges above, 1 and 2, plus the three charges under point 3 (not even including charge #4 above -or perjury, defamation of character, libel, slander committed against me) are five different violations, for which I bring an internal affairs complaint. ~ If point 4 won't overload you, I bring this as well. Please see the enclosures, e.g., the official court brief and official verbal transcripts of the cop's words for details to verify my claims above. (Reading time for me, a slow reader, of all this, was less than 30 min as I recall.)

With kind regard, I am,

Sincerely,



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My Identifying data: Fla. DL#: W [REDACTED] ; DOB: [REDACTED] ; SSN: [REDACTED]

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