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Arbitrator rules for reinstatement of Crosby Police Officer Smith

An arbitrator from the Minnesota Bureau of Mediation Services ruled May 31 that Crosby Police Officer Jesse Smith have immediate, unconditional, full and complete reinstatement to his former position as a Crosby Police Officer with no loss of seniority or any other rights and benefits; and city records that reference his termination must be expunged.

The ruling was the culmination from long investigation after Smith filed a grievance, protesting his termination, at

the request of Crosby Police Chief Kim Coughlin, by the Crosby City Council on Oct. 6, 2016.

This is the second time Smith has faced termination and reinstatement. Smith was terminated on Jan. 28, 2013 after being placed on paid administrative leave for alleged officer misconduct in August of 2012. Smith got his job back in 2014, but was demoted from a sergeant to an officer, by Crosby Police Chief Coughlin.

Smith was terminated a

second time for allegedly performing work for Cuyuna and Deerwood police departments while he was on duty and being paid as a Crosby officer and for using a city computer for his own personal computer use.

The following information was taken from Mediator Kapsch's 52 page decision on the current:

Background

Officer Smith commenced employment with the Crosby

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Officer Smith support

Rose Stromberg displays a sign in the window of Hair Refinery in Crosby congratulating Jesse Smith for the arbitrator's order on May 31, 2017 for an immediate, unconditional, full and complete reinstatement to his former position, as a Crosby Police Officer.

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Great River Strings Time vs. Eternity art contest



(left to right) Rich Aulie, Mary Aulie, third place winner, Betty Jean Mate of Aitkin; Jeannie Hanson and first place winner, James Bzura of Crosby.

Unconditional and indiscriminating, time was the impetus of the first art contest

sponsored by the Great River Strings. Artists traditionally have a unique perspective

Kimberly Meirose (Aitkin High School Art Teacher) and Mary Beal (Board member of the

with regard to the concept of time. For this contest, the artist was charged with developing the theme of time using a medium of their choice. Each entrant created art that showed how people internalize, distinguish themselves, and/or communicate the concept of time. The contest was an educational collaboration with members of the Jacques Art Center. The art pieces were judged by Jan Hasselius (Jaques Art Center),



Second place winner was Jan Lendobeja.

Great River Strings).

The first place winner was James Bzura, Crosby; second place winner was Jan Lendobeja, Brainerd, and third place winner was Betty Jean Mate, Aitkin.

The winners' art pieces are on display at the Jacques Art Center.



Big smiles for sunfish

Five-year-old Luke Fredrickson of Plymouth caught this 11 inch long sunfish in an area lake on Sunday, May 28. It was the first fish that he had touched. He exclaimed, "It's a monster!" He was very, very excited and "wanted to eat it." Although, it was pouring ice cold rain, Luke wanted to keep fishing.

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h - Woodtick Races, Cuyuna. A \$5 entry fee with jockey meeting at 11 a.m. and races starting at noon. There will be food, vendors/crafters, a beer garden and much more!

h - Garrison Lions 36th Annual Style Show at Rutter's Bay Lake Lodge, tickets are \$25.00, 11a.m. is social hour, luncheon served at noon with Betty Lemae dessert included. Tickets can be obtained by calling cookie art at 612-201-3330 or June at 320-692-4032 or any Garrison Lion member.

h - The Crossing Arts Alliance Needle-felted Landscape Workshop with Lisa Jordan, 2 - 5pm. Students will learn to design a needle-felted landscape "painting" by layering colors, building texture, and adding interesting elements to create their own unique piece. Using a specially-barbed needle and fluffy wool, needle-felting is a fun and accessible art form. All materials are included in the class fee. \$20 for TCAA members, \$25 for non-members. Skill Level : beginner, intermediate For more information contact For more information contact The Crossing Arts Alliance at 218-833-0416

h - Malmo Evangelical Free Church Summer Gospel Concert, 7 pm, bring a lawn chair. Garms family - this family band from Braham, MN, play and sing a wide variety of music. In case of rain or excessive heat the concert will be inside the air conditioned church. Refreshments will be available and a free will offering will be received. Located Hwy. 18 near the north east corner of Lake Mille Lacs.

h - Weight Loss Seminar, 6 p.m., Heartwood Senior Living Community, Crosby

h - Unlimited Learning: Living in 1930-33 during World War II: Dr. Jan Hansen, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Heartwood Senior Living Community, non-members \$5.

h- Cuyuna Lakes Chamber Business After Hours, 5 -7 pm at K&M Signs, 802 Fourth Street, Ironton Industrial Park. Sponsored by K&M Signs, AJ Metalworks Inc., and Superior Balancing. Chamber members AND non members are invited to register and attend this event, so bring your business cards and get ready to network.

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OBITUARIES

DOROTHY MILLER



Dorothy Lucille Miller, 101, of Palisade, died of a stroke Friday, May 26, 2017 at her home in Van Nuys, California.

Funeral service was on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Palisade with Reverend William Sass officiating. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Logan Township, Aitkin County, Minnesota.

She was born June 2, 1915 in Brainerd, the first child of Allison Burl and Edna

Luella (Runge) Rice. The family moved to Riverton in 1917 and around 1920 they moved to McGregor where they farmed the land until opening a small restaurant in town. She attended elementary and high school in McGregor, graduating in 1933. She continued her education at Duluth State Teacher's College, graduating in 1936. She taught in rural Minnesota schools for 10 years. Dorothy married Morris Richard Miller on August 23, 1945 in McGregor. She was baptized in the Lutheran Faith February 8, 1948. They built their home in Palisade and lived there until 1951. They moved to North Hollywood, CA, then to Van Nuys, CA. in 1952 and continued to travel back to their home in Palisade every summer. After Morris' death in 1995, Dorothy still traveled to Palisade, but for shorter stays. She attended San Fernando Valley State College and graduated with a B.A. Degree in Education in 1959. She taught elementary grades in California for 21 years. She retired in June of 1980 and holds Life Certificates in Elementary Education in both California and Minnesota. Her hobbies included: fishing with Morris, sewing, reading, music, poetry, and traveling. She was a Lutheran Church member in Palisade and in Van Nuys, CA. and was a member of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She was also a member of the Edmund G. Rice Society and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She spent her later years writing down her memories, enjoying her grandchildren, and visiting her family.

Dorothy is survived by her four children and their spouses: Marvin (Marv) and Marjorie (Marge) Miller, anice (Jan) and Eugene (Gene) Sweet, Robert (Bob) and Elizabeth (Betsy) Miller, and Steven (Steve) Miller; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; her youngest sister, Beryl (husband Delbert) Skeesick of Weiser, ID.

She was preceded in death by her husband Morris on April 6, 1995; two sisters, Betty Halverson and Isla Douglass both of Mahtowa; and her parents: Allison and Edna (Runge) Rice.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

DENIS HEIN



Denis Henry Hein, 81, of McGregor, died Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at Mercy Hospital in Moose Lake.

Funeral service was Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at Grace Lutheran Church in McGregor with Reverend Erika Foss officiating. Burial with military honors was in Pine Needle Cemetery.

He was born July 14 1935 in Colby, WI to Henry and Ruth (née Butler) Hein. He was the ninth and youngest of a large family. Orphaned by age nine, Denis was raised by his Uncle Phillip and Aunt Katie Hein. He graduated from Stratford High School in 1953. While in school, Denis pitched two no-hit baseball games and dreamed of a future in the major leagues. Instead, Denis joined the United States Air Force in 1955, serving four years. He traveled the world, including stints to Paris and Morocco, and partook in the 1958 World's Fair in Brussels, Belgium. Denis returned to the United States in 1959, moving in with his older sister Elsie and her husband, Clarence Kunze, in Prior Lake, MN. He met Opal Iris Grabow at the Sea Girt Inn in Orchard Lake; they married April 29, 1961. Five children resulted from the union: daughter Dori, and sons: Denis, Dana, David, and Daryl.

Opal passed away October 22, 1984. In May 1985, Denis married Mary (née Dorn) Puckett, and became a stepfather to Kristina. Mary passed away in 1993. In 1998, Denis retired from his career as a machinist/model-maker for such companies as Kawasaki and FSI. He moved "Up North" to McGregor, purchasing a small cabin on Big Sandy River. In 2000, while mowing his elderly neighbor Edith Ekelund's lawn, Denny met her widowed daughter, Donna (née Ekelund-Jackson). Two years later, Denis and Donna were married, and Denis became a stepfather again, this time to daughter, Anita (Thoennes) and sons: Rick and Rob Jackson. Denis spent his golden years putting in his workshop making furniture and catching Northern Pike on Big Sandy Lake. He will long be remembered by numerous friends, loved ones, and family.

He was preceded in death by wives: Opal Grabow and Mary Puckett, and by great-granddaughter Arabella Tocholke.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; five children: Dori, Denis, Dana, David, and Daryl; four stepchildren: Kristina, Anita, Rick, and Rob; eight grandchildren: Christina, Makyla, Travis, Cody, Jaymie, Hailey, Jacob, and Madison; two great-grandchildren: Aria and Jayden.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

NORMAN L. BILL



The Lord took home the most awesome son, brother, husband, daddy, grandpa, great grandpa, uncle and friend on Friday, June 2nd, 2017. Norman Lawrence Bill, also known as Larry, passed away at the Crosby Care Center.

He will be greatly missed by his wife of 55 years, Marian Bill; daughter, Julie (James) Riley; his mom, Margaret Bill; brother, Mark (Victoria) Bill; 3 grandsons - Michael, Kevin and Scott; a great grandson Grant; nephews; a niece and many friends. His dad Norman Victor Bill and youngest daughter, Cynthia Lee Diehl met him at the pearl gates. A family friend gathering will take place at his old home on Saturday, June 10th, early afternoon.

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Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.
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Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
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Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am.; Sat. 6 pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day)
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483
Hillman — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 10
McGrath — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr. KK), Mass: Sun. 11:15 am.
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr. KK), Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 8:45 am
Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.

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181 at 9 am, Wed; community meal every Mon. and Thurs., 5 p.m.; food shelf second and fourth Thurs. each month, 9:30 am – 5 pm
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Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.
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Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.
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McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.; SS 10; Worship 11.
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.

McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.
McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm
Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Michael Gustafson, Worship 9.
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Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9:00 a.m. SS 9:15 am. Adult Ed – 10:15 am. Wed. Worship 5:45 pm. Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5: pm.
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Fleming-(Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10
McGregor-(Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
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OBITUARIES

RANDALL GREEN



Randall Lee Green, 60, of Aitkin formerly of Great Falls, Montana died Friday, February 24, 2017 at his home near Aitkin.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the Aitkin Moose Lodge.



He was born June 9, 1956 at Sheridan, Wyoming to Larry and Oline (Wiederrick) Green. He attended schools in Belt, Montana and Lancaster, California where he graduated from high school. He then served in the U.S. Air Force at the end of the Vietnam War. Upon his discharge he worked as an EMT for several years in Great Falls, Montana and then started working as a welder. He joined the union and worked throughout the United States as a pipefitter. He moved to

the Aitkin area in 2000 and has lived here since. He married Lori Loken on December 31, 2016 in Aitkin. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating, camping, welding, friends, campfires, collecting and building things. He was a member of the Union Local 11 zone 2. Randall especially loved his dogs Jozie and Piper.

He is survived by his wife, Lori Green, Aitkin; son, Matthew Green, Wildwood, MO; daughters, Jamie Wachob and Corrina Green both of Great Falls, Montana; sisters: Cindi Green, Great Falls, Montana and Bonnie Green of Gillette, Wyoming and grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Larry and Oline.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

GAIL GRATTON

Gail Gratton, 82, of Brainerd died on June 4, 2017 at Essentia Health St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

Graveside services will be 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 9, 2017 at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls with full military honors

He was born on March 24, 1935 in Ironton to Henry J. and Muriel (Corwin) Gratton. Gail was retired from the U.S. Air Force with 20 years of service. He was a former employee of Lost Trail Ski Resort in Sula, MT.

He is survived by his wife, Debra; two sons:

Rick Gratton and Greg Gratton; three daughters: Ashley Gratton, Tanya McGaffey and Mary Vukelich-Williams; three brothers: Charles Mills, Bill Mills and Gary Gratton; one sister, Rose Mills and numerous grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; step father, Charles Mills; one daughter, Robin Silvermen; and two brothers, Robert Mills and Graild Gratton.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

ALLAN TEMPLETON, JR.



Allan C. Templeton Jr., 88, of Emily died on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at his home.



Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby with full military honors presented by the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443 of Ironton. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services on Saturday at the funeral home.

He was born on April 16, 1929 in Minneapolis to Allan and Charlotte (Carlson) Templeton Sr. He was a WWII U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

He married Marilyn Tveraa on December 9, 1947 in Minneapolis. He was retired from the Minneapolis Water Department with 30 years of service. He was a longtime member of the Emily Greens Golf Course.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; two sons and daughters-in-law: Allan and Denise Templeton, Saginaw, MI and Terrance and Sharolyn Templeton, Dafter, MI; daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Mark Dray, f Ham Lake; nine grandchildren and 14 great- grandchildren.

Preceding Allan in death are his parents and one sister, Deyonne Gonzalez.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

BARBARA HABIGHORST



Barbara Yvonne Habighorst, 56, of Crosby died on June 3, 2017 at Essentia St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

Funeral services will be 1:00 pm on Friday, June 9, 2017 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby. Burial will be at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Cedarbrook. Visitation will be on Thursday at the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby from 4 to 7 pm and on Friday one hour prior to services at the church.

She was born on December 31, 1960 in Brainerd to Richard and Yvonne (Nichols) Root. Barb married LeRoy Habighorst on May

29, 1992 in Cedarbrook. She was employed as a teller with Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union with 20 years of service. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby and was a local Scentsy Consultant.

She is survived by her husband, LeRoy; parents, Richard and Yvonne Root of Brainerd; three sons: Cory Habighorst of Pequot Lakes, Dan Viehauser of Crosby, David Viehauser of St. Paul Park; one daughter, Melissa Sanvig of Baxter; two sisters, Bonnie Leikvoll of Garrison, Beverly "Bear" (Gordy) Grover of Menomonie, WI and three grandchildren.

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Police Department as a police intern in 1995; became a part-time police dispatcher in 1998 and a full-time sworn, licensed police officer with the department in 1999. In 2002, he was elected to the position of Union Steward for the bargaining unit by his co-workers and served in that position until about 2014.

In 2004, Kim Coughlin became the new Chief of Police for the department. She was a previously seasoned, veteran law enforcement officer, with broad-based experience with the Minneapolis Police Department.

Despite being on the opposite ends of the labor relations spectrum in the department (she, the Chief and he, the Union Steward) the two developed and enjoyed a relaxed, friendly social relationship both on and off duty and included their respective families.

In 2007, on the recommendation of Coughlin to the Crosby City Council, Officer Smith was appointed/promoted to the position of Sergeant with the department. At that point, the department chain-of-command consisted of the Chief, a Captain and Smith, as the Sergeant.

First Termination

The ongoing relaxed and friendly relationship appears to have routinely continued until about the latter part of 2012, Chief Coughlin initiated an internal Department investigation into 18 specific allegations of misconduct by Sergeant Smith. An internal investigation was conducted and reviewed by a panel of law enforcement officers and officials from nearby communities, appointed by Coughlin.

Upon completion of its

investigation, the panel concluded that that eight of the allegations be dismissed, but that the remaining ten be sustained. Coughlin subsequently recommended to the Crosby City Council that Sergeant Smith be demoted from his Sergeant position for nine of the ten sustained violations and that he be terminated for the 10th sustained violation (untruthfulness). The Crosby City Council subsequently accepted Chief Coughlin's recommendations and on January 28, 2013 Officer Jesse Smith was terminated by the Department and the City of Crosby.

Smith and the Union filed two grievances, one protesting the demotion and the second challenging the discharge. Both grievances subsequently proceeded to arbitration, per the applicable labor agreement.

Within essentially the same general time frame that the department was investigating and considering the termination of Sergeant Smith; certain other officers, who had also served on the Union Bargaining Committee, during the negotiations with Council Members Hufmann and Vukelich, were disciplined by Chief Coughlin. The officers were allegedly guilty of engaging in conversations and discussions with the Council Members about department operations, without the prior knowledge and approval of the chief. The Union grieved those disciplinary actions and they were apparently informally settled by the Parties, prior to formal arbitration.

Second Termination

On March 7, 2016, Lieutenant Kevin Randolph, who was new to the Crosby Police

Department, reported seeing a strange login on Smith's squad computer to Coughlin. The code was for the Cuyuna Police Department, while Smith was on duty with the Crosby Police Department.

Coughlin discovered about 10 police reports created by Smith for the Cuyuna Police Department, while he was on duty as a Crosby Police Officer. She also discovered evidence that there were other Cuyuna reports that appeared to have been originally created by Crow Wing County Deputies. She concluded that Smith was working for and creating Cuyuna case reports, while concurrently working for and being paid by the City of Crosby.

On or about March 12, 2016, Coughlin made a formal request to the neighboring Cass County Sheriff for assistance with a criminal investigation in Crosby as to whether one of its police officers was engaged in "double dipping", that is being paid by two different departments at the same time for the same work.

On March 15, 2016, Coughlin and Randolph met with Smith in the Council Chambers at Crosby City Hall and informed him that he was being suspended, with pay, pending the outcome of a criminal investigation that was being conducted, relative to his conduct as a Crosby Police Officer.

The criminal investigation commenced on March 18, 2016 at which time Chief Coughlin turned over the results of her preliminary investigation to Lieutenant Scott Thompson, of the Cass County Sheriff's Department, who was designated to conduct the criminal investiga-

tion.

Thompson initially found about three dates where it appeared that, based upon time records, Smith had been paid by both Crosby and Cuyuna for the same work period. However, in rechecking those records two of those instances were cleared and no problem noted. However, he concluded only one instance, on July 8, 2014, Smith had been paid by both Cuyuna and Crosby for the same hours. Thompson conceded that discrepancy could be the result of a simple error by Smith in entering his hours by hand on the Cuyuna timesheet.

Thompson stated that, "...I can find no evidence of Officer Smith creating ICRs in order to be paid from both the cities of Crosby and Cuyuna, or by creating ICRs to coincide with hours put in for payment by the city of Cuyuna."

Thompson pointed out that he did compare Smith's login times and his ICRs for 2014, 2015 and 2016 with his payroll time sheets. He concluded that "...It did appear that numerous times in each year Officer Smith would create an ICR for the City of Cuyuna for an event that had taken place in the jurisdiction of the City of Cuyuna. His created date would be different than the reported date and it appears that the original ICR that he had created the Cuyuna ICR

from, came from another officer or other agency that had responded to that call on the original reported ICR. Numerous Cuyuna ICRs created by Officer Smith appear to have been created by Officer Smith while he was on duty with the city of Crosby."

After reviewing Thompson's report, findings and conclusions, Coughlin and Randolph determined that further efforts to pursue criminal charges against Smith would probably be futile.

Internal Affairs Investigation

Coughlin decided that the next course of action would be to initiate an Internal Affairs (IA) investigation. She appointed Randolph to conduct the internal investigation.

Randolph questioned Smith about the records which appeared to indicate that he had concurrently worked for both Crosby and Cuyuna at the same time.

Smith said he filled out a time sheet once a month for Cuyuna and he simply made a couple of errors on his shift time entries.

Randolph asked Smith if he thought it was appropriate to use Crosby computers for non-Crosby related purposes. Smith stated, "That's no different than what everybody else in the department does: FaceBook, videos, Netflix on the computer. Everybody in the department does that."

Randolph subsequently conducted Garrity interviews

with each of the other officers in the department, regarding Smith's assertions that they were also using the city's computers for non-city-related purposes. Randolph conceded in the hearing that prior to recording those interviews, he advised each one that he, the interviewee, was there because Smith had, "thrown them under the bus" or similar.

An indication that Randolph may have misunderstood his role as an IA Investigator, occurred in the hearing when, on cross-examination, he was accused, by the Union, of lying to witnesses during their Garrity interviews. His response was that the courts have approved of law enforcement officers lying to or engaging in other types of non-coercive trickery, to induce criminal suspects to confess.

The Union's Attorney reminded Randolph that he wasn't interviewing "criminal suspects", in his IA investigation.

Randolph became aware that Officer Josh Herold, who also serves as a part-time officer in Emily, had been paid for at least three hours of work time by both Crosby and Emily. No criminal or IA investigation was launch to determine if there was a broader or more extensive problem. Instead, Herold was instructed to reimburse Crosby for the hours and warned not to let it happen again.

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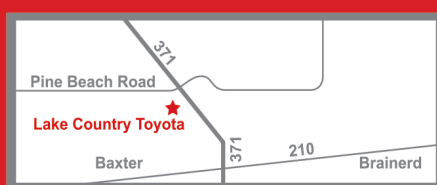


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