



City of Phoenix

To: Daniel V. Garcia
Chief of Police

Date: December 12, 2013

From: Joseph S. Knott, Commander *JSK*
Professional Standards Bureau *12-26-13*

Subject: INTERNAL INVESTIGATION - PSB13-0021

Internal Investigators:

Lieutenant Brian Riggan (Investigative Review)
Sergeant Allisen Altamirano (Primary Investigator)
Sergeant Tadd Cline (Interviews)
Sergeant Mark Doty (Interviews)
Sergeant Crista McCarthy (Interviews)
Sergeant Armando Carbajal (Interviews)

Allegation #1:

On January 12 and 17, 2012, it is alleged Officer John Meche #6691 provided testimony in the criminal trial of former Phoenix Police Officer Chad Goulding that was inconsistent with statements made during a pre-trial interview conducted by personnel from the FBI and the Phoenix Police Department on October 20, 2011.

Findings:

Unresolved

Allegation #2:

On January 17, 2012, while providing testimony in the criminal trial of former Phoenix Police Officer Chad Goulding, it is alleged Officer John Meche #6691 made unprofessional statements regarding the professionalism and conduct of personnel from the FBI and the Phoenix Police Department during a pre-trial interview conducted October 20, 2011.

Findings:

Unfounded

Employee/s Involved:

Officer John Meche II #6691
Division: Strategic Support Services
Bureau: Tactical Support/Air Support
Squad: S71
Schedule: 1800-0400; Th/F/Sa
Date of Hire: 7/28/1997

Complainant:

MCAO Law Enforcement Liaison Keith Manning
FBI Special Agent in Charge James Turgal

Attachments:

Letter from FBI Special Agent in Charge James Turgal
Letter from Keith Manning, Law Enforcement Liaison
FBI 302 Report dated 10/21/11
CR 12-0269 Trial transcripts dated 1/12/12 and 1/17/12
CR 12-0269 Trial transcripts dated 1/23/12
CR 12-0269 Trial transcripts dated 1/24/12
Employee Work History, John Meche II 6691
Employee Work History, Chad Goulding
CD containing Audio Interviews

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:

On January 12 and 17, 2012, Officer John Meche III #6691 was subpoenaed by, and testified on behalf of, the defense in the armed robbery trial of former Phoenix Police Officer Chad Goulding. Officer Meche is alleged to have made statements during his testimony that were inconsistent with statements he made to Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent James Egelston and Phoenix Police Detective Steve Paul during an unrecorded pre-trial interview conducted on October 20, 2011. Based on the report authored by Special Agent Egelston regarding the pre-trial interview, Officer Meche's trial testimony differed in three areas: job assignment, tactical training, and tactical response. Officer Meche is also alleged to have testified in an unprofessional manner when speaking directly to the conduct of the prosecution representatives during the pre-trial interview. The delay in the request for official internal review, from the time of Officer Meche's testimony on January 12 and 17, 2012, was due to the trial lasting approximately four months, awaiting the transcription of the court reporter notes, and the time it took for the Maricopa County Attorneys Office Law Enforcement Liaison to review the transcribed testimony.

