



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

I. SYNOPSIS

DR NUMBER:

14-00002290

On Friday, February, 28, 2014, at approximately 1000 hours, Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Detective Carlos Contreras, #4133, was advised by SIU Sergeant Bryan DeSanti, #5550, to provide investigative assistance to the Phoenix Police Department (PPD). PPD requested an investigation into allegations that members of the Phoenix Fire Department's (PFD) arson unit, specifically Director Jack Ballentine, Captain Sam Richardson and Captain Fred Andes, were criminally negligent concerning a fire investigation case involving Ms. Barbara Sloan, PFD case DR #2009-90774688.

Based upon interviews, information gleaned from collected documents, and reports, SIU investigators identified testimonial discrepancies from an arson investigation conducted by the Phoenix Fire Department Arson Investigation Unit. The testimonial discrepancies are notated in the investigative narrative of the SIU investigation.

After the SIU investigation concluded, the SIU recommended charges (Arizona Revised Statute 13-2703.A.) to the Maricopa County Attorney Office against Captains Sam Richardson and Fred Andes. No criminal charges were recommended in relation to Director Ballentine.

Detective Name	ID No.	Location	Date	Supervisor
C. Contreras	4133	31030100	7/10/2014	Sergeant J. Neumann, #5931