



City of Phoenix

To: Daniel V. Garcia
Chief of Police

Date: January 28, 2014

From: Joseph S. Knott, Commander *JSK*
Professional Standards Bureau *1-28-14*

Subject: INTERNAL INVESTIGATION - PSB13-0084

Internal Investigators:

Lieutenant Brian Riggan (Investigative Review)
Sergeant Allisen Altamirano (Primary Investigator)
Sergeant Tadd Cline (Interviews)
Sergeant Daren Wunderle (Interviews)
Sergeant Armando Carbajal (Interviews)

Allegation #1:

On January 18, 2012, Officer William R. Strohmeyer #6085 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 Maricopa County Attorney's Office on October 13, 2011.

Findings:

Sustained

Employee/s Involved:

Officer William R. Strohmeyer #6085
Division: Patrol
Bureau: Desert Horizon Precinct
Squad: 61A
Schedule: 0530-1530/ S, Su, M
Date of Hire: 1/24/1995

Complainant:

Mr. Keith Manning, Maricopa County Attorney's Office

Attachments:

Letter from Keith Manning, Law Enforcement Liaison
CR 12-0269 Trial transcripts dated 1/18/2012
Audio Disc of Interviews
FBI "Wanted" Bulletin
Scottsdale PD Criminal Information Bulletin
Side-by-side photos
Data Disc of Bank Surveillance Photos

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:

On January 18, 2012, Officer William R. Strohmeyer #6085 was subpoenaed by, and testified on behalf of, the defense in the Armed Robbery Trial of former Phoenix Police Officer Chad Goulding, CR 12-0269. During his testimony, when specifically questioned by the defense about still-image surveillance photographs of the armed robbery suspect, Officer Strohmeyer testified to his opinion the pictured suspect was not Chad Goulding. He said, "...I would stake my reputation..." and "...career on it, that is not Chad Goulding." On cross-examination by Maricopa County Attorney Robbie Mayer, Officer Strohmeyer acknowledged that during a pre-trial interview on October 13, 2011, he specifically said he could not ethically identify or eliminate the pictured suspect as being Chad Goulding when shown the same photographs.¹ Due to the conflicting statements between what Officer Strohmeyer told prosecutors at his pre-trial interview, and what he testified to for the defense during trial, the matter was brought to the attention of the Police Department by the County Attorney's Office for review.

