



SPRINGBORO
POLICE DEPARTMENT

JEFFREY P. KRUTHOFF
CHIEF OF POLICE

December 18, 2017

Ms. Darla Buckland
88 South 3rd St.
Waynesville, OH 45068

Dear Ms. Buckland,

This letter is in response to an exhaustive complaint you have made regarding the actions of the Waynesville Police Department. At the request of the Village of Waynesville, your complaint was assigned to Police Commander Parker from the Springboro Police Division to conduct a full and complete investigation into your allegations. The intent of this request by the Village was to provide some measure of transparency and ensure an un-bias review of the factual situation surrounding your allegations. The results of this investigation were forwarded to my office for review and disposition. This letter is to inform you of the findings in matter.

Many of the facts surrounding your complaint are not in dispute. You had a family member that was a resident of 367 Chapman St. in the Village of Waynesville. This property was involved in an extensive civil court process in which the Warren County Sheriff's Office and the Court of Common Plea's was involved. You were actively disputing this civil action regarding the property on Chapman St. and this caused you to have a number of interactions with the Waynesville Police Division and its officers. Your family was eventually evicted from this residence against your will. You allege in your complaint that members of the Waynesville Police Division conspired to steal the Chapman St. property from you and your family.

The investigation reviewed an extensive amount of material which you authored and had provided to the Village of Waynesville over a course of time prior to the investigation of this complaint. The investigation, conducted by Commander Parker, specifically focused on the involvement of officers from the Waynesville Police Department in this matter. The investigation also reviewed in detail the sections of the Ohio Revised Code that you asserted were violated by members of the Waynesville Police Division.

It should be pointed out that the investigation did not include a personal interview with you, since the written record of your statements and opinions were included in the material provided to Commander Parker at the onset of this investigation. When the results of the investigation were forwarded to my office, I also took the liberty of reviewing your statements made previously.

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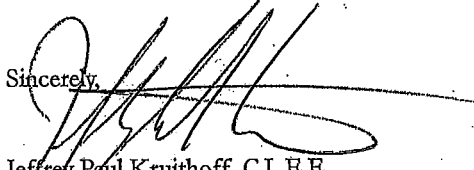
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The investigation found that members of the Waynesville Police Division acted legally in their actions taken during their involvement in this matter. At no point in the investigation were any facts supported that showed the actions of the Waynesville Police Division or any individual officers acting on its behalf violated any law, ethical standard, or professional best practice.

I am sure you are disappointed with the outcome of this investigation; however, I have a great deal of confidence that the investigation arrived at the only logical conclusion given the actual facts that had occurred.

It is my understanding that you have either retained legal council or are in the process of selecting an attorney to assist you in resolving this matter. If you would be so kind as to provide them with this findings letter, when they are retained, I would be appreciative.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Paul Kruithoff, C.L.E.E.
Chief of Police