

Chief Shane Prickett

From: Mike Ingle
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 4:59 AM
To: Chief Shane Prickett; Sean Humphrey
Subject: Fw: [External] Request for assistance

Chief-

This is an option that I think would alleviate you, me, Sean, Jeff, Alex, whomever, from having to develop a case against a former Florence Chief, if their Chief would agree to help, but I have a feeling he would if you decide to go that route. Unless CBI would take it from the start.....?

Its fun being the Chief huh! You and Sean will be sharing a laugh about all this someday when you are both sitting on the porch in your rocking chairs sharing some of Sean's expensive whiskey collection!

From: Jeff Bodmer <jbodmer@pueblo.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 4:43 PM
To: Mike Ingle <mike.ingle@pd.florencecolorado.org>; Steven Noeller <snoeller@pueblo.us>
Cc: Chief Shane Prickett <shane.prickett@pd.florencecolorado.org>
Subject: RE: [External] Request for assistance

Mike,

I have copied Chief Chris Noeller on this email and his phone number is [REDACTED]. Thanks.

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From: Mike Ingle <mike.ingle@pd.florencecolorado.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 11:29 AM
To: Jeff Bodmer <jbodmer@pueblo.us>
Cc: Chief Shane Prickett <shane.prickett@pd.florencecolorado.org>
Subject: [External] Request for assistance

External email. Please use caution.

Good morning sir,

I am sure you have noticed the City of Florence has been in the news lately. We have a new City Manager that is on top of things and requesting that some specific issues conducted by the previous CM be looked into. However, due to conflict of interest reasons my Chief felt it best to request assistance from another

agency. Your agency has always assisted us in the past. Is there a general phone number to your Chief or Deputy Chief, or email, that you would be able to release to us in order to make contact with them in order to make this request? Or, do you recommend another avenue? Apologize about this, wish it was about another Peacekeeper issue, but, it is indeed strange times down in Florence right now.

Thank you sir for any assistance you could provide.

Mike Ingle

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Chief Shane Prickett

From: Chief Shane Prickett
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2022 10:11 AM
To: Jodi Wright - CDPS
Subject: RE: Florence corruption requires immediate response

Thank you! I guess you know what I have been dealing with for quite some time. Thank you again for your time and effort!

Shane Prickett
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From: Jodi Wright - CDPS <jodi.wright@state.co.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2022 8:51 AM
To: Chief Shane Prickett <shane.prickett@pd.florencecolorado.org>
Subject: Fwd: Florence corruption requires immediate response

Chief, this is what we sent out due to repeated email communications about Florence. Wanted you to know.

Sent from Jodi's iPhone.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Schaefer - CDPS, Chris" <chris.schaefer@state.co.us>
Date: March 17, 2022 at 08:47:05 MDT
To: Jodi Wright - CDPS <jodi.wright@state.co.us>, Susan Medina - CDPS <susan.medina@state.co.us>
Subject: Fwd: Florence corruption requires immediate response

Jodi,

Can you get this to the Chief as soon as possible. We want to make sure he knows what we sent out.

Thanks

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Medina - CDPS, Susan** <susan.medina@state.co.us>

Date: Wed, Mar 16, 2022 at 5:43 PM

Subject: Re: Florence corruption requires immediate response

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: FBIDN_PUBLICAFFAIRS@fbi.gov <FBIDN_PUBLICAFFAIRS@fbi.gov>, Jody Write <jody.wright@state.co.us>, Philip Weiser <philip.weiser@coag.gov>, Lawrence Pacheco <lawrence.pacheco@coag.gov>, Emily Wenger <emily.wenger@coag.gov>, Chelsea Brentzel <chelsea.brentzel@krdo.com>

Good evening, [REDACTED]

Thank you for contacting the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

I can confirm that the Florence Police Chief contacted the CBI on March 9 to request investigative assistance related to the severance package of the former chief. After reviewing the request, it was determined this was most likely a policy issue involving the City Council and the City Manager, and did not appear to be criminal in nature. That information was reported back to the current chief.

Please see the criteria related to the CBI's Case Acceptance policy, along with the CBI's statutory authority below.

With regard to the criminal allegations that were sexual in nature, those appear to already have been investigated by the Florence PD and presented to the DA.

Case Acceptance Considerations

CRS 24-335-412, Functions of Bureau, states that the Bureau has the following authority:

*When assistance is requested by any sheriff, chief of police, district attorney, head of a state agency, or chief law enforcement officer **and with the approval of the director**, to assist such state agency or law enforcement authority in the **investigation and detection of crime and in the enforcement of the criminal laws of the state.***

While preferable for the Bureau to handle all requests that might be received, as a practical matter the Bureau may be unable to do so because of call volume, workload, staffing, or other limitations. When it becomes necessary to prioritize requests for service, the following Case Acceptance Considerations will be applied:

- Investigation of major felony cases for which the local jurisdiction needs resources or expertise that can be provided by the Bureau.
- Officer-involved shootings, particularly in jurisdictions lacking resources or expertise, or in jurisdictions with which the Bureau has agreed to assist through a Memorandum of Understanding.
- Public Corruption cases having widespread negative implications for the administration of justice in a particular region or jurisdiction, or those requiring a level of independent review that can only be provided by the Bureau.

- Cases generated by Task Forces upon which CBI Agents serve, or generated by key agency partners on matters of mutual concern.

As a general rule, the Bureau will be unable to assist with the following:

- Investigation of Internal Affairs matters, such as violations of agency policy, or misconduct that is unlikely to be considered criminal.
- Disputes between agencies, political entities, or with members of the public, not likely to involve significant criminal conduct.
- Cases which have no reasonable likelihood of solvability or prosecution.
- Cases for which criminality isn't readily apparent (i.e., 'fishing expeditions').
- Cases which can be adequately handled at the local level, by either the requesting agency or through partner agency assistance.

Thank you,

Susan

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On Wed, Mar 16, 2022 at 10:27 AM [REDACTED] wrote:

Colorado Attorney General Philip J. Weiser,
FBI,
CBI,

I am writing to you, as a victim, a concerned citizen, and a former Employee of the city of Florence, CO. Our city is in desperate need of your help and begging for your intervention before the situation in our city gets any worse.

The facts in this matter are quite simple and yet the details are extremely complicated! The facts are laws have been broken, crimes have been committed, procedures have not been followed, and assistance from the appropriate authorities cannot be obtained. We need your help.

We have had a serious sex scandal that spanned over years and involved numerous women, the abuse occurred at the hands of our former city manager. Despite insistence that another agency investigate, the investigation was conducted by the city. According to investigators, the investigation was directed to remain an internal investigation by the police chief Shane Prickett. However, recently, in the March 7, 2022 city council meeting, the police chief said that the police department could not investigate the city as it would be a conflict of interest. So my first question to each of you is how could the chief of police direct investigators to keep the investigation internal in September 2021 and declare it a conflict of interest in March 2022?

On March 7, 2022 the city manager Tom Piltingsrud, confirmed that there was in fact missing money, only after being confronted by the media, he declared that prohibited activities took place financially at city hall with taxpayer funds by city employees. Which is not only against city policy, it is against the law. (CRS 18-8-407). After numerous complaints from victims, citizens and exposure by KRDO news media, demands were made by the citizens to the council that a forensic audit take place and authorities be called. It was then announced by a city councilman that they had attempted to call in the CBI. The councilman informed us that the CBI responded by telling the council they could only be called in to investigate by the District Attorney's office or the police department. Which leads me to my next questions, how can this be the only way, where is that written, how do you expect taxpayers to report when the police are part of the problem? We are clearly a city in distress. We have extreme corruption taking place at city hall, our top cops are involved and our district attorney's office has been recused! So I'll ask you again, how can this be the only way, what are we supposed to do, who are we sunshine to tell?

With no other options, our city council asked the police chief how these issues are to be investigated and the police chief responded by announcing they could not investigate issues involving the city as it would be a conflict of interest. City council then instructed the chief of police to call in the CBI. Supposedly, on March 8, 2022, the police chief Shane Prickett contacted the CBI and the Sergeant Mike Ingle contacted the Pueblo police department, however there is no proof that the contact was actually made and neither agency has ever responded. I want to know why and exactly what is the protocol for assistance from other agencies?

The city council was also found to be in violation of the Open Meetings Law C.R.S. 24-6-401, resulting in the release of 7 executive session meetings. The January 10, 2022 meeting around 1 hr 15 minutes should be of particular interest to all law enforcement agencies. I will attach what I am able regarding supporting documentation for your review, I would also encourage you to explore the links in the news coverage by KRDO.com which contains additional city documents.

These serious issues and supporting documentation has now been reported to each of you, and I am asking each of you directly, what are you going to do?

Thank you in advance for you assistance in this matter and I will be eagerly awaiting your response. I am committed to taking all measures necessary to ensure we get the assistance we need from the higher law enforcement authorities.

Respectfully



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Deputy Director-Investigations



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