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William F. McCorkle
Chief of Police

Department Correspondence

To: Chief William McCorkle
From: Ofc. Wahl #249
Date: June 25, 2010
Subject: Documenting Incidents with Sgt. Sciaronne

Sir,

In regards to your questions about Sgt. Sciaronne, here are the facts:

During Chief Fellman's tenure, I had a respiratory infection and was off work for one full week and under a Doctor's care. The Dr. told me that towards the end of the week, if I felt better, I could go out for short periods. One Sunday, I went out for approximately 2 hours to watch my daughter's soccer game. I returned for duty Monday night. Tuesday morning, Sgt. Sciaronne called me into his office and stated I had abused sick time. I explained that I had followed Dr.'s instructions to the letter. Sgt. Sciaronne became irate and began screaming at me. Sgt. Sciaronne insisted I had violated general orders and continued to scream at me. I defended my position. Sgt. Sciaronne then threatened me stating Chief Fellmann wanted to fire me and Sgt. Sciaronne was not going to stop him. Sgt. Knight was present for this entire meeting.

Also during Chief Fellmann's tenure, I worked New Year's Eve, it was cold and snowy. We had a call for a snowmobile breaking through the ice. I was outside in the snow for an extended period of time. The next day (New Year's Day), I woke up with flu-like symptoms (fever, headache, diarrhea and vomiting) and had my wife call me in sick. When I returned to duty, Sgt. Sciaronne called me into his office and questioned me about my sick time. Sgt. Sciaronne accused me of faking my illness on a holiday. I explained that I had worked New Year's Eve and that I was sick and couldn't work. Sgt. Sciaronne became irate, pointed his finger at me and screamed "You're a liar." Sgt. Sciaronne repeatedly questioned me and I answered him each time with the same explanation. Finally, Sgt. Sciaronne said, "Well, if that's your story and you're going to stick to it." I explained to Sgt. Sciaronne that there was no "story" because it was the truth; therefore, my explanation would not change.

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During Sgt. Sciaronne's tenure as Chief, he came to roll call one day and stated, "I talked to Mary..." and paused. I asked, "Mary who?" In a condescending tone he stated "Mary, our Village Attorney." He then turned to sit down, put his hand on his gun and stated, "I swear I'm going to shoot you." This incident was witnessed by Det. du Chemin, Ofc. Schmoeller and other officers at roll call I can't recall exactly whom.

This memo is being written per your instructions to me to document these events.

Respectfully submitted,

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To: Chief McCorkle #200

From: Det. du Chemin #244

Date: 6/22/10

Subject: Former Chief Sciarrone's conduct

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In summary on 1/4/08 and again on 3/7/08, I (Detective du Chemin #244) drove through two I-pass tolls without paying while acting in official capacity as a Police Officer with this department's black crown Victoria squad #280. After doing so I informed Sgt. Sciarrone of these events and advised that I did not have any money on me to pay the toll and this department does not poses an I-pass transponder after several requests by myself to acquire one.

I advised Sgt. Sciarrone that I did not know the proper course of action in rectifying my actions and I was reporting to him for direction. Sgt. Sciarrone advised me not to worry about it because I was driving a police vehicle and I was in the performance of my duties. I asked Sgt. Sciarrone if he wanted me to document this in writing or any other way and advised that he did not.

On 11/21/08, the Illinois Toll way mailed a violation notice to this department for the amount of \$83.10 for tolls missed on 1/4/08, 3/7/08, 9/16/08, and 9/16/08 by the said department vehicle. Shortly after this date Chief Sciarrone (formerly Sgt. Sciarrone) received the violation notice and then approached me in my office. Chief Sciarrone immediately began yelling at me asking me, "What is this, why did you go through these tolls you're going to pay for this out of your own pocket!"

I advised Chief Sciarrone that I had informed of the incidents at which time I looked at the documentation and advised him that I never went through the tolls on 9/16/08. Chief Sciarrone continued to scream at me stating, "Are you saying that their lying! It's right here in black and white, I'm not paying for these you are going to pay for these out of your own pocket!" I advised Chief Sciarrone that I was not calling anyone a liar; I was simply stating that I know I didn't go through the tolls on 9/16/08.

Chief Sciarrone began to intensely scream at me and state, "Then you need to find out who did. That's going to be your job to find out who else went through the tolls!" I advised Chief Sciarrone that I did not appreciate the way he was treating me at this point and that he does not need to be

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screaming at me. Chief Sciarrone stated, "I'll scream at you if I want to I'm the Chief and I don't care if you want me to scream!"

I then advised Chief Sciarrone that I was not going to find out who else drove through the tolls because there was not point to it. I stated that I know I went through the other two so I will take the blame for all of them. Chief Sciarrone became enraged at this point and continued screaming, "You will find out who else did this or I will write you up for insubordination and go after your job!"; "You're a punk kid and you will do what I tell you to do!"

Chief Sciarrone finally left my Office and shortly after that I described to Sgt. Green of this incident. I then left work for the rest of the day because I did not feel I could complete my assignments properly after Chief Sciarrone's attack on me.

Later in that same day I had spoken with Sgt. Green on the phone who advised me that he had spoken with Chief Sciarrone and that I needed to apologize to him for the incident. I advised Sgt. Green that I did not do anything wrong in this incident other than leave work early. Sgt. Green stated that I needed to swallow my pride in this matter and apologize to Chief Sciarrone because, "You know how he is." I followed the direction given by Sgt. Green and called Chief Sciarrone on his cell phone. Chief Sciarrone did not answer his cell phone so I left a message stating that I apologize for my actions and I will understand if I am punished for insubordination but I also did not feel that he handled the situation appropriately. I had a few days off after this and never heard from Chief Sciarrone during that time.

When I returned to work on my following scheduled day I was again in my office placing phone calls for cases that I was working. While of the phone with a bank Chief Sciarrone walked into my office closed the door and immediately became irate with me. I stated to Chief Sciarrone that I was on the phone with the bank and he immediately screamed, "I don't give a who you're talking to I'm the Chief and you're going to listen to me!" At this time I abruptly ended my conversation with the person I was speaking with and received the verbal attack from Chief Sciarrone.

Chief Sciarrone was screaming and spraying saliva everywhere stating, "You think you're better than me, you're nothing but a young punk and you don't realize that I am the Chief and you will do thing my way! Do you want to fight me, is that what you want because we can go outside!" I advised Chief Sciarrone that I do respect him and that I did not wish to fight him. Chief Sciarrone then stated, "You won't beat this old man... You're too big too fight I'll just shoot you!"

Chief Sciarrone continued to be irate towards me for several minutes as I remained quite. At this point I did not respond to Chief Sciarrone because I feared that he would strike me or possibly follow through with his threat of shooting me. I allowed Chief Sciarrone to vent at me until he finally left my office.

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I spoke with Sgt. Green after this incident and advised him of the statements and threats that Chief Sciarrone had made towards me. Sgt. Green advised me that he would speak with Chief Sciarrone. At this point I did not know how else to handle this situation I felt that no matter what I did I would have some sort of repercussion towards me so I entrusted that Sgt. Green would properly handle this situation. Sgt. Green never brought this issue outside of the Police Department, he advised me that Chief Sciarrone apologized for the way he acted and that this would not occur again.

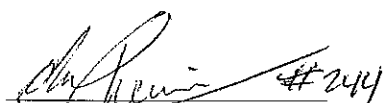
I have had incidents after this with Chief Sciarrone and making threats to me. To my fault, I have not documented dates of the occurrences. Chief Sciarrone has had disagreements with me since the aforementioned incident and has responded by asking me if I want to fight with

him. Chief Sciarrone then states that I am to big to fight, he will just shoot me. This has happened at least five times since November of 2008. On a couple of these occasions, Chief Sciarrone has pulled his .357 revolver out of his holster while making these statements. Chief Sciarrone never pointed the gun at me but the combination of the statements and the action has instilled a great amount of fear in me at my place of work. Chief Sciarrone has also emptied the .357 bullets from his firearm and described the amount of power that the weapon creates. Chief Sciarrone describes the round as a "Man Stopping" round and that even someone my size would not survive one shot from the weapon. I have also reported these incidents to Sgt. Green with no avail as to a resolution.

Regarding the incident in November of 2008 it was determined that Officer Manetti was the Officer that drove the squad car through the tolls on 9/16/08.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department Memorandum

To: Chief McCorkle

From: Julie Saley

Date: 30-June-10

Subject: Incident 03-Aug-09

Upon arrival for work at 0650 on above date, I was called into Chief Sciarrone's office where the newly appointed Dispatch Supervisor Ruonavar was already seated. Due to prior comments made by Mr. Ruonavar, I was aware that this was to inform me that I was no longer assigned to day shift after 7 years and a high seniority ranking. Admittedly, I was distraught going in due to the fact that I have 2 teen boys at home and knowing the shift change was going to cause a great deal of hardship for my family. I was ordered to sit down by Chief Sciarrone who proceeded to yell to me, "You wanna fight? You want this to be a career-ender? Go ahead and call the Union attorney." His face was red, he was shaking, spitting, pointing his finger at me and yelling very close to my face. I was afraid he was going to hit me. It was also scary because he was armed. He then left the office and Mr. Ruonavar handed me a memo regarding the shift change which was discussed briefly. Chief Sciarrone then returned to the office and stood about 2 feet from me and said, "Have you been drinking? I smell alcohol." He then went and sat behind his desk. I said "No, Sir. You want to smell my breath?" As I got up to let him smell my breath, he yelled, "Sit down. I didn't tell you to get up!" I apologized for my initial attitude, told him that I would do whatever is asked of me without complaint and that I would continue to do a good job.

Mr. Ruonavar later stated to me that he thought that Chief Sciarrone was going to punch me.

Julie Saley

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Department Correspondence

To: Chief McCorkle #200
From: Det. du Chemin #244
Date: 6/24/10
Subject: Statements made by Chief Sciarrone

This letter is to inform you of alarming statements made while Sgt. Sciarrone was the Chief of the Island Lake Police Department. To my fault I never documented dates nor do I recall the actual dates these statements took place. These statements did take place in the Island Lake Police Department's dispatch center and roll call room.

On at least two occasions Chief Sciarrone made statements in front of me and other members of the Island Lake Police Department threatening harm to the Village Trustees and the Mayor. Chief Sciarrone made these statements on days after village board meetings while describing his feelings about comments and decisions made by the Village Officials.

I recall Chief Sciarrone stating that he wanted to, "Shoot them all in the head!" while simulating shooting a gun with his hand. On one occasion Chief Sciarrone stated, "I'm gonna shoot them all in the head. Except for Connie... I like Connie!" Chief Sciarrone was referring to Trustee Connie Mascillino.

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To: Chief McCorkle #200
From: Det. du Chemin #244
Date: 7/16/10
Subject: Misuse of Nikon S560 camera

In summary on 2/15/10, I (Detective du Chemin #244) was assigned as the Officer in Charge of the Island Lake Police Department after Chief Sciarrone was placed on administrative leave. On February 17th, 2010, I digitally photographed Chief Sciarrone's Office to document the contents.

While photographing the office, I observed the Nikon S560 digital camera bearing a hand written identification number of S24864 and a serial number of 36232788 sitting on the metal file cabinet located under the window of the said office. In the photos I took you can see the wrist strap of the camera at mentioned location but unfortunately not the camera itself. These can be viewed in picture #DSC_0024.JPG, DSC_0039.JPG, and DSC_0040.JPG. These photos are attached to this report.

I do know that this camera was given to the Island lake Police Department through a grant by the Illinois Attorney General to be used for sex offender registration. This camera has not been issued appropriately and had remained in the possession of Chief Sciarrone the entire time. I reviewed the pictures that were on the said camera an observed that the camera has been used for personal use by Chief Sciarrone and his step-daughter. It is apparent in several of the pictures that Chief Sciarrone's step-daughter had complete physical control of this camera while off the grounds of the Island Lake Police Department.

I was present when you opened a letter from the Illinois Attorney General's Office who was inquiring of the serial number and other information of the said camera for records pertaining to the grant. At that time we located all accessories and documentation on the said camera and you sent the appropriate information.

I have attached all pictures found on the said camera to this report. I have also included pictures of the said camera, SD card, and other accessories.

Respectfully submitted,


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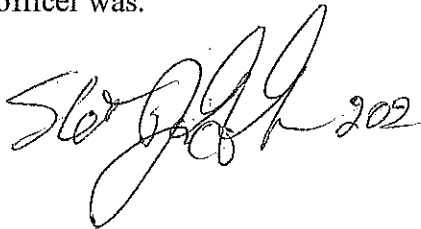
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To: Chief McCorkle
From: Sergeant Green #202
Date: March 30, 2010
Subject: Investigation

Chief McCorkle came to me and asked if I had heard Former Chief Sciarrone use any words to the effect of harming any Village Officials. Chief McCorkle said he was investigating allegations that Former Chief Sciarrone had threatened Village Officials that I was there when this had occurred. He said I was to put in writing everything I knew about any incident.

I do not recall the exact date of the incidents and who was also present, I do recall that during a conversation in the dispatch area, Former Chief Sciarrone was having a heated exchange with Departmental personnel, I heard Former Chief Sciarrone say that he disagreed with the "Board" and that someone should put a bullet in their head. I remember walking away and having a conversation in the Chiefs office later that day.

I said that as the Chief of Police he should not make any reference to harming anyone and that it looked bad. I recall Former Chief Sciarrone saying he was upset over the board's actions and that he would not say those kind of thing again. I do recall a officer tell me that he had also heard Former Chief Sciarrone say "bad" things and I do not recall who the officer was.





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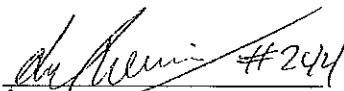
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02-03-11


Sergeant Anthony P. Sciarrone
3502 Woodland Circle South
Island Lake, IL 60042

Dear Chief William McCorkle:

I am tendering my irrevocable intention to retire as of 2-3-11. Upon my retirement I am to receive my comp time, vacation and sick time pay made payable to myself. Please draft my last pay check and other pay when I return any village property to you on Tuesday 2-7-11 at 1:30 pm.

Please advise me as soon as possible if there are any other arrangements that I may have to attend to.

Sincerely,



Anthony Sciarrone