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BH: Bryan Hudson
MT: LTC Michael Thomas

Case # 20160450

RECORDED INTERVIEW OF: Lieutenant Colonel Michael Thomas

BY: Inspector Bryan Hudson, DHSMV, Office of Inspector General

BH: I am Inspector Bryan Hudson of the Office of Inspector General and I will be conducting the interview of Lieutenant Colonel Michael Thomas of the Florida Highway Patrol. At this time I would like to inform you that this interview is being recorded. Persons present during this interview are myself and Lieutenant Colonel Thomas. The interview is being conducted in Lieutenant Colonel Thomas's office, here in the Kirkman Building. Today's date is August the 24th, 2016 and the time is 1:46 PM. This investigation concerns administrative matters only. Unless you give false testimony your statements can not be used as evidence in any criminal proceeding against you. If you fail to answer any questions directly related to your duties or your continued fitness for employment you may be subject to discipline for insubordination that may result in your dismissal from the Department. This interview is being conducted according to requirements of the collective bargaining agreement that specifically relate to the interview of a witness who is not the subject of the investigation. You may request and secure the attendance of a representative during this interview. Do you request such a representative?

MT: No sir.

BH: As a law enforcement officer pursuant to section 117.10 Florida Statutes I have the authority to administer an oath in connection with the performance of my official duties. Any person making false statement under oath may be guilty of perjury and be subject to penalties of law. Would you please raise your right hand. Lieutenant Colonel Thomas, do you swear affirm the statement that you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

MT: I do.

BH: Inspector General Julie Leftheris of the Office of Inspector General is in charge of this investigation. Lieutenant Colonel Thomas are you now on duty?

MT: I am.

BH: The nature of this investigation is administrative. Sir, for the record would you please state your name?

MT: Uh, it's Michael J Thomas.

BH: And your position, sir?

MT: Lieutenant Colonel.

BH: And how long have you been in your position?

MT: A year.

BH: Sir, do you recall me coming into your office last week and requesting an off-duty or secondary employment file on Major Brannon Snead?

MT: I do.

BH: And do you recall what you told me when I came in asking for that?

MT: Yes, I told you I did not have such file.

BH: Ok, and Lieutenant Colonel what I'd like to ask you is since Major Snead has promoted to the rank of Major, has he made you aware that of any self-employment or secondary employment that he was undertaking?

MT: No.

BH: Has he made any written request of you for approval to work self-employment or secondary employment or off-duty police employment?

MT: No.

BH: Sir, is there anything that I failed to ask you that you would like to add to your statement?

MT: No.

BH: Upon request you will be provided a copy of your statement at no cost to you. You are instructed to not to discuss this case or disclose your statements to anyone other than designated Department Authority until the case is closed. This is the end of the interview and the time is 1:45 PM.