

Request for comment

From: Kirk Allen (kirk@illinoisleaks.com)

To: jesse.danley@gmail.com

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 09:45 AM CDT

Mr. Danley,

In your August 24, 2020 Press Release you indicated the Brady Allen matter was being turned over for investigation by the ISP. Can you provide any communications that confirm the ISP was asked to investigate the matter?

If the matter was turned over to the ISP for an investigation can you explain why the Mattoon Police would be investigating the matter the same day of your press release?

Have you seen the video interview conducted on 8/24/2020 by the Mattoon PD on this matter?

Have you filed an ARDC complaint against Mr. Allen and if so will you provide a copy of the complaint? If you have not filed such a complaint can you tell us why you chose not to?

It appears from the video interview there are numerous potential crimes that may have been committed by Mr. Allen to including obstruction of justice, witness tampering, and official misconduct at a minimum. Is there an investigation taking place on the allegations exposed in the interview and if yes, who is conducting that investigation?

We would appreciate a response by end of business today for publication.

Thanks

Kirk Allen

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~~Any comment on the matter?~~

From: Jesse Danley - Coles Co State's Atty's Office <jdanley@co.coles.il.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Kirk Allen <Kirk@illinoisleaks.com>
Subject: Comment

Mr. Allen,

Seeing that this a query regarding my office, I have copied your message into this email and am responding from my work email, as opposed to my private email to which the original message was sent.

I will take your questions one at a time.

First, I believe my Press Release regarding this matter was dated August 25, 2020 not August 24. Please correct me if that is not accurate. I do not have any documentation of my request that ISP investigate the Brady Allen matter. I made several phone calls before being directed to the appropriate division. I had conversations by phone with Insp. Matthew Barber regarding my request for investigation.

Second, upon learning of the allegations against Mr. Allen on that Saturday through contact with your organization, I met with Mr. Allen in my office on Sunday. He provided his explanation of his conduct and suggested that a Mattoon resident would have independent information regarding the accuracy of the claims against him. His employment was terminated at that time. I believed I had a duty to, at the very least, make some inquiry to determine the facts before taking further action. Because this matter was not brought to my attention via a police report or interview of an alleged victim, it required proactive investigation quickly. Upon learning that the independent witness was a Mattoon resident, I contacted the Mattoon Police Department to locate and request a voluntary interview with that person. The interview was conducted on Monday evening. I contacted the Illinois State Police the next day.

Third, I have seen the video interview conducted on 8/24/20 at the Mattoon Police Department on this matter. As a result of that viewing, I contacted the Illinois State Police to further investigate.

Fourth, ARDC complaints are confidential while an investigation is pending. I can neither confirm or deny that I have filed any ARDC complaint concerning Mr. Allen.

Fifth, as I previously stated, it is my understanding that Insp. Matthew Barber with the Illinois State Police is investigating this matter. I am not aware of the status of that investigation. My office has complied fully with all requests from the Illinois State Police regarding that investigation.

I hope the above answers your questions.

Sincerely,

Jesse Danley

Coles County State's Attorney

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