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TO: Vice President Bryan Norwood

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Cpl. Jason Moseley, Union President, IUPA Local 5004

GREIVANT: All Officers and Corporals

RE: Step 3 Grievance/Lack of Secured Parking Lots and Hang Tag Fees

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**FACTS:**

On Thursday, September 21, 2023, Cpl. John Ivey initiated a Step 1 Grievance with Major Crowder regarding requiring Bargaining Unit employees stationed at Dulles International Airport (IAD) and Headquarters (HQ) to pay for hang tag fees. On Wednesday, September 27, 2023, Major Crowder responded that he was unable to resolve the grievance. The Union proceeded to Step 2 by way of letter dated October 2, 2023 to Chief Huchler. By letter dated October 16, 2023, Chief Huchler stated that the Authority takes the position that officers at IAD must pay for parking while DCA officers do not, and that he was unable to resolve the Union's demands because the payment of fees for parking is outside the scope of his authority. By way of this letter, the Union proceeds to Step 3 in this grievance.

Article 26 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement states that Bargaining Unit employees who pay the prevailing hang tag fees are entitled to a "secure parking location adjacent to each station at either Airport without additional charge." It is uncontested that the lot at Reagan National Airport (DCA) is unsecured, and the Union is already in possession of an arbitration award regarding that lot. Since raising this grievance, the Union has also been informed of a recent incident at Dulles International Airport (IAD) in which a female broke into the gate of the IAD parking lot and obtained unauthorized entrance into the IAD lot.

At this time, it appears that the Employer is out of compliance of Article 26 at both airports. Even if the IAD lot is re-secured, it is the Union's continued position that no Corporals or Officers should have to pay hang tag fees so long as the Authority continues to be in violation of its requirements under Article 26 at either airport. There is but one Police Department, one Bargaining Unit, and one Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Authority's breach of the CBA at either airport is a material breach of the CBA. The provision of a secured lot at both airports is a condition precedent to any Bargaining Unit employees requirement to pay hang tag fees. Moreover, there is substantial overlap of assignments between airports that additionally justifies the Union's position. The Union's interpretation of the arbitration awards from Judge Kloch and Arbitrator Kominers supports the Union's position.

In accordance with Article 31, Section 2, the Union initiated Step 1 with an oral grievance with Major Crowder, who was unable to resolve this grievance. For Step 2, Chief Huchler likewise concluded that he was unable to resolve the Union's demands. Therefore, it is proper to proceed to Step 3 by way of this written grievance.

**SECTIONS VIOLATED:** Article 26 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, which states:

**Article 26 – Parking**

Section 1

Bargaining Unit employees shall, upon payment of the prevailing periodic fees, be entitled to a secured parking location adjacent to each station at either Airport without additional charge. However, the employees must obtain the appropriate hangtag.

**PROPOSED REMEDY:** The Union demands the following remedies:

1. All Corporals and Officers at both airports must be provided with secured parking locations that fully comply with Article 26. The Union is already in possession of an arbitration award regarding the lot at DCA and raises this issue as to IAD based on newly acquired facts.
2. All Corporals and Officers should be exempt from paying hang tag fees unless and until such time as the Authority provides secured parking locations that are fully in compliance with Article 26 at both airports. The provision of a secured lot that is fully in compliance with Article 26 at any one location shall not obligate the Corporals and Officers stationed at that location to pay for hang tag fees unless and until the Authority has provided a secured lot that is fully in compliance with Article 26 at both airports.
3. In the event that any Corporals and Officers have paid hang tag fees, the Authority will immediately reimburse those Corporals and Officers, and the action of having paid those fees shall in no way constitute a waiver of the Union's or the Bargaining Unit employees' rights.
4. Posting of a remedial notice in locations accessible to all Bargaining Unit employees of the Authority's violation and the remedies awarded to the Union.
5. The award of all reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Union in pursuing this grievance and ensuing arbitration.
6. Any such other relief as is deemed just and appropriate.

The Union reserves the right to amend or revise this grievance based on any facts and information obtained during the pursuit of this grievance and any ensuing arbitration.

Sincerely,



Heidi Meinzer, Counsel for IUPA Local 5004

