



GLOCESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

162 Chopmist Hill Road
Glocester, Rhode Island 02814
(401) 568-2533

Joseph S. DelPrete
Chief of Police

March 21, 2012

[REDACTED]
North Scituate, R.I. 02857

Dear [REDACTED]

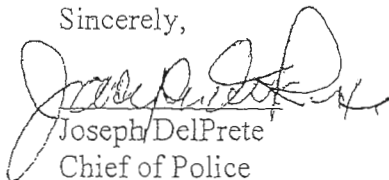
I am writing in response to your citizen complaint dated March 7, 2012 regarding the incident on [REDACTED] at the Holiday Acres campground. You alleged that a member of the Glocester Police Department may have misappropriated money seized at the scene.

Members of the Glocester Police Department were investigating and processing an apparent suicide at the site of an RV Trailer. As part of this investigation there was a quantity of money seized from inside the trailer and also the vehicle. This money had been *photographed, and properly documented* according to department evidential procedure prior to being seized. A thorough investigation was conducted by the department internal affairs officer with all the involved parties at the scene and concluded that all of the seized currency was properly accounted for and documented. The following day all of the money was turned over to an immediate family member and properly documented.

However, the internal investigation did reveal there was several attempted personal money exchanges back and forth by individuals who were bantering about who would buy coffee for all police and fire personnel who assisted in the investigation of this tragic incident.

Therefore, I recognize the validity of your complaint, however it is *clearly unfounded*. Furthermore, I have complete confidence and trust in the integrity of the Glocester Police Department personnel during this investigation. Thank you for your time and interest in this matter.

Sincerely,


Joseph DelPrete
Chief of Police

Law Office [REDACTED]
Attorney and Counselor at Law

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1/2/2012

Joseph DelPrete
Chief of Police
Glocester Police Department
162 Chopmist Hill Road
Chepachet, RI 02814

December 29, 2011

Re: [REDACTED] Glocester Police Department v. [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I write on behalf of [REDACTED]. Your Department arrested Ms. [REDACTED] December 22, 2011 and charged her with several serious criminal offenses to include breaking and entering a dwelling. The incident arose over an allegation brought by her estranged husband, [REDACTED] when Ms. [REDACTED] went to her husband's home searching for her son whom she had had no contact from for a concerning amount of time.

Ms. [REDACTED] described to me a series of events that she alleges transpired shortly before her arrest that, if true, clearly constitute criminal conduct by Mr. [REDACTED]. Ms. [REDACTED] supported her allegations with photographs taken of her by her daughter the day following the incident. These photographs depict significant bruising all over her body that she claims were sustained during an assault by her husband on her person.

Ms. [REDACTED] further supported her allegation with the coat and shirt she was wearing at the time of her arrest. The shirt is ripped and torn consistent with her version of events. Her jacket is clearly stained with blood that she claims is her own and resulted from the injuries caused by her husband during his assault.

Ms. [REDACTED] claims that one of your arresting officers also injured her during the arrest incident, refused her immediate medical attention, would not permit her to utilize the restroom while in custody, and made disparaging comments towards her. She claims that it was not until [REDACTED] took notice of her that she received any appropriate attention.

Ms. [REDACTED] alleges that your Department denied her the opportunity to complain about her treatment and rejected her complaint that her husband assaulted her. She turned to the Rhode Island State Police who referred her back to your Department. On December 24, 2011, your Department summarily rejected her again. On that occasion, your officer told Ms. [REDACTED] that if she did not leave the headquarters building, that she would be "spending the weekend in it."

[REDACTED]

Law Office of [REDACTED]
Attorney and Counselor at Law

These are [REDACTED] allegations. Her injuries and other evidence that she was significantly assaulted pose a real concern. The fact that none of her pleas for attention were acted on is more troubling. Accordingly, I respectfully ask for your attention to this matter. By way of this letter, I respectfully ask that your Department initiate an investigation into whether your officer assaulted Ms. [REDACTED] whether your officer(s) failed to attend to her needs in an appropriate manner while in custody, or whether your officers ignored evidence that Ms. [REDACTED] may have been assaulted by her husband.

I am in possession of Ms. [REDACTED] torn and bloodstained clothing as well as photographs of her injuries that I will turn over to your Department upon request.

Thank you for your professional attention. I look forward to speaking with you about this incident.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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Joseph S. DelPrete
Chief of Police

March 19, 2012

Mrs. [REDACTED]

North Scituate, R.I. 02903

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

I am writing and responding to your citizen complaint and allegations about the performance of members of the Glocester Police Department and your arrest resulting from a domestic incident on Thursday night December 22, 2011. This complaint and your allegations were forwarded to [REDACTED] the professional standards officer of the Glocester Police Department, for investigation.

A review of the arrest reports, witness statements, and evidence at the scene indicated that [REDACTED] acted appropriately under the Rhode Island General Law 12-29-3 law enforcement officers-duties and immunity by arresting you for domestic assault. You were clearly identified as the "primary aggressor" in this incident as well as unlawfully entering the residence of your estranged husband [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Glocester. You further assaulted a police officer, resisted arrest, were disorderly, and at one point removed handcuffs from your wrists while detained in the rear of a police cruiser. While in police custody the third shift supervisor [REDACTED] allowed you to make a hand-written statement about your version of the incident and photographed your alleged injuries. All the statements (including yours), reports, photographs and evidence have been reviewed by the Department of Attorney General and support the criminal charges of Domestic Breaking and Entering, Domestic Simple Assault, Assaulting a Police Officer and resisting arrest.

You alleged that the Glocester Police *detained you longer than necessary*. Considering the time of night, and the seriousness of the criminal charges, it is practical and normal procedure to hold a prisoner overnight for arraignment to the following morning at District Court. In your case, also taking into consideration your inebriated condition, members of the Glocester Police [REDACTED] specifically extended a courtesy to you and made arrangements for a special arraignment.

This allowed you the opportunity to be arraigned within 6 hours before a justice of the peace and released on your own personal recognizance without any objections from Gloucester Police. Therefore, the timing of this arraignment was both professional, reasonable, and without prejudice.

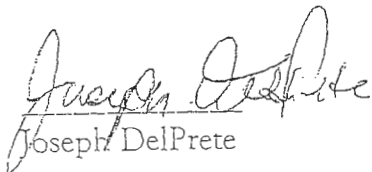
You alleged that you were not afforded the opportunity to use the restroom facilities. Once you were returned back to the Gloucester Police station at approximately 7:34 P.M. you were secured and placed into a prisoner cell where a female [REDACTED] was called to search you for any potential contraband. Other Gloucester Police Officers remained at [REDACTED] to continue the investigation at the residence. Once an officer became available you were afforded the opportunity to privately utilize the restroom facilities.

You alleged that Gloucester Police refused you medical treatment. Once again, Gloucester Police Officers were completing the narcotics/domestic incident investigation at [REDACTED]. The officers cleared the residence at approximately 10:47 P.M. Chepachet Emergency Medical Services were dispatched at 10:58 P.M. after your complaints of arm pain and request for an ice pack. Chepachet Rescue responded after nine minutes and treated you with ice packs, at which point you refused any further medical attention or transport to the hospital. Rescue personnel assessed and documented that there was no other medical need to treat you any further.

On December 24, 2011 you arrived at the Gloucester Police station at approximately 11:03 A.M. demanding that the Police take a report of injuries sustained during the domestic incident. During this request you used profanity, and yelled at the civilian dispatcher and [REDACTED]. You were advised this incident had been investigated, and you were unhappy with that response. You continued to be demanding, disorderly, raising your voice and using profanity. It was at this point you were asked to leave the Gloucester Police station by [REDACTED].

I am confident in the Department of Attorney General's prosecutorial review of this investigation and criminal charges levied against you by the Gloucester Police Department. Based on the extensive investigation by [REDACTED] I further conclude and concur that all of the involved Gloucester Police personnel acted professionally and accordance with department procedure. Therefore, your allegations are unsubstantiated and this internal investigation will be closed.

Sincerely,


Joseph DelPrete

[REDACTED]

GLOCESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT
CIVILIAN COMPLAINT FORM

DATE OF COMPLAINT: 5/18/01 TIME OF COMPLAINT: 2:45pm

COMPLAINANT

NAME: [REDACTED] DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]
HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED] HOME TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

WITNESS(ES) TO INCIDENT

(1)
NAME: [REDACTED] DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]
HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED] HOME TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

(2)
NAME: [REDACTED] HOME TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]
HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

EMPLOYEES NAMED IN THE COMPLAINT (IF KNOWN)

RANK/NAME: [REDACTED] BADGE NO: [REDACTED]
RANK/NAME: _____ BADGE NO: _____

LOCATION OF COMPLAINT

LOCATION: Police Station Lobby
DATE OF INCIDENT: May 12th, 2001 TIME OF INCIDENT: After accident call AM _____ PM _____

NARRATIVE SECTION
NATURE OF COMPLAINT
(Print or Type)

On May 12th, I [redacted] entered to Gloucester

Police Department to speak with someone concerning

An incident, I was speaking to a patrolman in the

lobby when an older gentleman [redacted]

came out and said "I think you're

fucking four today", I then started to get

more upset with the older officer. After exchanging

words, I told the officer that I will be filing a

complaint to report his rude and unprofessional

behavior. He then said "Then the door fucking use

it", I then faced the Police Chief my position.

The Police Chief called me at home per my

request to come down to the station to

talk with him.

The incident I came in to talk about was at a

Rescue call an officer informed the Fire Chief

that my license has been suspended.

He told the chief this and ordered my partner to

stay where he was. The Fire Chief then came over

and told me the police advised him my license was

suspended and he couldn't let me drive. I was

embarrassed in front of the Department members.

(USE ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY)

5/18/01

GLOCESTER POLICE
COMPLAINT AGAINST GLOCESTER POLICE PERSONNEL REPORT

I.A. INVEST [REDACTED]

COMPLAINANT

NAME: [REDACTED]

DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]

HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

HOME TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

BUSINESS TELEPHONE: _____

OFFICER RECEIVING COMPLAINT

NAME: JAMIE A. HAINSWORTH

NAME OF SUP. NOTIFIED: N/A

RANK: CHIEF OF POLICE

RANK: _____

DATE RECEIVED: 5/18/01

DATE _____

NOTIFIED: _____

TIME RECEIVED: 2:45 PM

TIME NOTIFIED: _____

MANNER COMPLAINT WAS RECEIVED

TELEPHONE

IN PERSON

LETTER

EMPLOYEE NAMED IN THIS COMPLAINT

RANK/NAME: [REDACTED]

RANK/NAME: _____

LOCATION OF COMPLAINT

LOCATION: GLOCESTER POLICE STATION

DATE OF INCIDENT: 5-18-01

TIME OF INCIDENT: _____ AM

PM

(INCLUDE ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION AND NAMES OF WITNESSES, IF ANY)

NATURE OF COMPLAINT

1. EMBARRASSED BY [REDACTED] AT AN ACCIDENT, IN FRONT OF FELLOW RESCUE + FIRE FIGHTERS ABOUT HAVING A SUSPENDED LICENSE

2. SWORN AT AND MISTREATED IN FRONT LOBBY OF POLICE STATION.

SEE ATTACHED REPORT

DISPOSITION

UNFOUNDED

FOUNDED

UNSUBSTANTIATED

SUBSTANTIATED

REMARKS

IF SUBSTANTIATED, WAS THE PUNISHMENT CONTESTED? | YES | NO

IF YES, WAS AN APPEAL TAKEN THROUGH THE: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE | BILL OR RIGHTS HEARING

FINAL DISPOSITION: _____


DATE: _____

APPROVED BY: _____ DATE: _____

INVESTIGATING OFFICER

NAME: _____

DATE RECEIVED: _____

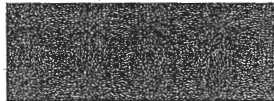


June 17th, 2001

Dear Chief Hainsworth.

About a month ago, I was in your station to meet with you regarding a complaint against an officer of your force. You told me that I would hear something within a few weeks. So it's about a month later now and I haven't heard a thing. I understand that you may have a busy schedule but a phone call to let me know whether it is still being investigated or if you have concluded your investigation would be appreciated.

Thank you for your time and concern,



GLOCESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

WITNESS STATEMENT

[REDACTED] voluntarily without threats or promises, make the following statement:

On Saturday May 12, 2001 at approximately 1730 hours [REDACTED] came into the Gloucester Police Headquarters, requesting to speak with a ranking officer. With no ranking officers readily available, [REDACTED] began speaking with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] began to ask questions in the nature of why this dept. has done nothing for him in regards to recent complaints of harassment. As [REDACTED] began to help [REDACTED] entered the building and asks what he could do to help. [REDACTED] again went on to say/ask why the dept. has done nothing for him in the past and began asking why this dept. is harassing him. [REDACTED] asked for [REDACTED] why he thought this dept. was harassing him. [REDACTED] went on to state that he had just been pulled out of the [REDACTED] by his fire chief because the fire chief was told he [REDACTED] had a suspended drivers license. As [REDACTED] began to explain to [REDACTED] the situation and how to rectify it with the Registry of Motor Vehicle Dept. in Massachusetts [REDACTED] became irate and stated to [REDACTED] "I'm sick of this shit!! Every time I turn around you either do nothing to help me or you harass me." "You are all homophobic and I'm going to sue your ass." [REDACTED] went on to say that we will all hear from his lawyer and that this was not the end of it. As [REDACTED] walked out of the building continuing to make threats of lawsuits, [REDACTED] that if he was caught driving on a public roadway, he was going to be properly charged with driving on a suspended license.

[REDACTED]

May 18, 2001

2018 hrs

GLOCESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

WITNESS STATEMENT

TIME: 2115 Hrs.
DATE: 5-19-01
PLACE: G. P. D.

NAME:

ADDRESS: 162 Chopmist Hill Rd.
Chepachet, RI. 02814

OCCUPATION: Police Officer

voluntarily without threats or promises, make the following statement:

On Saturday May 12, 2001 I spoke to [REDACTED] in the dispatch area in the Gloucester Police Department. When I opened the door to the waiting area, [REDACTED] asked me why he was being harassed by the Police Department. I asked him how he was being harassed and he said he has made complaints in the past and nobody has done anything about them. [REDACTED] went on to say that he wanted to know why he was being harassed about his license being suspended when he took care of the situation. I began to explain to [REDACTED] about the registry data showing his license as being suspended when [REDACTED] came out into the waiting area and wanted to know what was going on. [REDACTED] asked again why the Gloucester Police Department was harassing him and why the Police department hasn't done anything about his complaints. [REDACTED] went on to say that he was ridiculed in front of his peers because he was just pulled out of the driver's seat of the [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] because the Fire Chief found out he had a suspended drivers license. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] to go to the Massachusetts Division of Motor vehicles to take care of his problem. [REDACTED] stated several times he went to the Southbridge DMV and paid his fine. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] go back to the registry and find out the problem because his license was still showing it was suspended in the registry's computer. [REDACTED] became angry and said he was sick of getting harassed and that he was contacting his attorney and suing the Gloucester Police Department. [REDACTED] stated to [REDACTED] as he was leaving that he was afforded a "courtesy" of being told his license was suspended by the Fire Chief and the next time he was caught driving on a suspended license, he was going to be arrested and charged with driving on a suspended license.

[REDACTED]

5-19-01

[REDACTED]

ACCIDENT SCENE [REDACTED]

On Saturday May 12, 2001 at about 3:40 pm I responded in the vicinity of 2212 Putnam Pike for a reported two-car accident involving multiple victims. Upon arrival I began gathering information and investigating the accident. With me was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] later responded to assist with traffic. [REDACTED] was the Fire Officer in charge at the scene. Multiple rescues had responded, along with fire and rescue personnel and equipment.

During the course of treatment of victims (all involving minor injuries) I saw [REDACTED] speak with one of the rescue workers, a [REDACTED]. I then saw [REDACTED] get in the driver seat of one of the rescues and move the rescue forward. [REDACTED] stayed in the driver seat after moving the rescue. It was known to me that [REDACTED] had a suspended license (I knew this due to other contact with [REDACTED] not related to this call). Rather than arrest and charge [REDACTED] with operating the rescue with a suspended license, I approached his supervisor, [REDACTED]. I took [REDACTED] aside and told him that [REDACTED] should not be driving any vehicles, as his license was suspended. [REDACTED] told me that he did not know that [REDACTED] license was still suspended, and that [REDACTED] had told the fire department that the license had been reinstated. [REDACTED] said he would tell [REDACTED] that he could not drive any apparatus until his license was straightened out. [REDACTED] then had a conversation with [REDACTED] then got out of the rescue. As the call concluded [REDACTED] had someone else drive his personal car for him. I cleared the scene while the vehicles were being removed. [REDACTED] stayed on scene along with [REDACTED]

I returned to the police station to begin the report. A couple of minutes after I arrived at the police station I heard a loud male voice in the lobby of the police station and as I approached the lobby I heard [REDACTED] talking to this person with the loud voice. I saw that the person in the lobby was [REDACTED] and a friend of his known to me as [REDACTED]. I asked what the problem was. [REDACTED] was saying that his license was not suspended, that he had fixed it. I told [REDACTED] that his license was still listed in the registry computer as suspended and that he needed to see the Mass. Registry and have it straightened out. I then tried to explain to him how to go about getting his license reinstated. He would not listen, and instead said that I was harassing him, and that he would drive his car, the rescue, or anything else he wanted to drive and if police tried to stop him, he would sue the police department. At that I told [REDACTED] that if he was seen driving while his license was suspended, he would be arrested and charged. I further told him that I was not arresting and charging him stemming from this incident because I knew he was trying to help the fire department and victims, but that is not an excuse for driving without a license. I said to him that maybe he did not understand that he could not drive, even for an emergency, but now he was notified not to drive. [REDACTED] again said that he would drive, and also contact the ACLU and his Lawyer. I again told him not to drive or he would be arrested and charged. [REDACTED] left. Same date [REDACTED] faxed to this department a "Notice of Legal Action" consisting of five faxed pages. The fax was turned over to the Office of The Chief of Police.

WITNESS STATEMENT

TIME Saturday May 12th
DATE Glocester Police Department
PLACE _____

I, [REDACTED], voluntarily,

without threats or promises, make the following statements:

Q. What is your name?

A. [REDACTED]

Q. What is your present address?

A. [REDACTED]

Q. What is your date of birth?

A. [REDACTED]

Q. What is your occupation?

A. Lunch Accountant

[REDACTED]

"I arrived on scene for multivan accident in officers with [REDACTED] kept an looking at [REDACTED] After helping the victims [REDACTED] got into the abalance I saw the "chief" talking the officer mentioned above, [REDACTED] was than I called over and was told he couldn't drive the abalance [REDACTED] After [REDACTED] wanting to go to the Glocester Police Department. I drove him, to talk with officer. We arrived at the station and the dispatcher "What can we do for you [REDACTED]? [REDACTED] said "Can I speak with highest ranking officer than the same officer that was at the [REDACTED]"

[REDACTED]

Statement taken by Jamie A. Hammer
Witnesses: _____

White - Police
Yellow - Court
Pink - A.G.
Gold - Def. Attor.



WITNESS STATEMENT
CONTINUATION

TIME: 3:15
DATE: 5-18-01
PLACE: 99D

The scene came out, there was conversation
made back and forth,

All I can remember at this point
was that the officer
saying 'if I see you driving it will
arrest you'

Q. Do you recall anyone swearing at the Police
Station in the front lobby, any officer or

A. I can't recall anything specific, due
to medication I'm on

Q. Was there anyone yelling?

A. I started getting angry when
starting raising the voice of him.

Q. When Chief [redacted] was talking to the officer at the
scene was anyone else there?

A. I don't recall

Q. When Chief [redacted] spoke to [redacted] did you hear what he said, IFSO
what, and who else could hear this from Chief [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] and drive your
A. Yes I heard what the Chief [redacted] He said to [redacted] as if someone suspended

Statement taken by:

Witnesses:

QUICK FAX

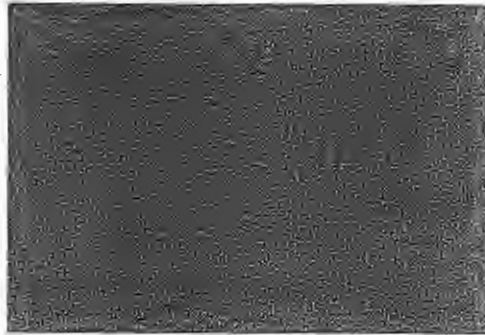
ONE (1) PAGE

DATE: 05/12/2001

TO:

Glocester Police

FROM:



PHONE:

FAX:

MESSAGE

This fax is to also be sent out to the media and the press.

FORMAL NOTICE OF LEGAL ACTION

To: Gloucester Police Department

ATTN: Chief Jamie Hainsworth

From: [REDACTED]

Subject: Officers Conduct/Department

Date: May 12th, 2001

[REDACTED] 5/14/01

On several occasions my partner and I had the misfortune of contacting your police department for assistance on a number of incidents to include landlord/tenant disputes, harassing/threatening e-mails, being run off the road, and today to discuss an incident about my driving privileges. I found it funny on all incidents including today nothing was done by your department to help us in any way shape or form. Today my partner and I responded to an emergency on Putnam Pike. Once there the Fire Chief instructed me to drive the rescue to the hospital. Then a few moments later he removed me from the rescue and told me that one of your officers had told him I have a suspended license. Now let me inquire as to why your department was checking the status of my license. My second point is I was defamed in front of my peers by your department because of today's incident. Your department and it's members have done nothing except to harass us and make living in the Gloucester-Foster area unbearable. We also feel that your department is very homophobic and has not been educated at all on the alternative lifestyles. This is the reason why we feel we need to take civil action against your police department. I called your police department today after being told to leave by an officer with the badge number [REDACTED] to request a Complaint form be mailed to me. Granted I was upset when I came into the police department but this officer represents the town of Gloucester. He used swears in his conversation and told me that if he did

driving he would arrest me. I do not take threats lightly as you know from past incidents.

We will be addressing such suit with the ACLU and our lawyer [REDACTED] We intend on making these incidents public through the press and other forms of media such as protests in front of your police department to bring awareness to the residents of Gloucester that we have a very bigoted police department. We intend on showing the FBI Crime statistics from 1998-2000 that show the Gloucester Police did not report any crimes on the subject

[REDACTED] 5/18/01

[REDACTED]

t of hate.

I find it hard to believe that in two years not one hate crime was committed in the town

of Gloucester or maybe it's because the police department is uneducated in this area.

If at all possible please contact me when you receive this fax because I doubt it will make

it to your desk unless I send it on a week day.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time...

[REDACTED]

Congrats you have made the internet.

<http://bigotsglocesterpd.tripod.com>

This webpage is protected by the first amendment.

AMENDMENT I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

It's time for a change! Department education and a full department investigation by a third party is demanded. We will be posting an On-Line petition.

This website will be published in the Bargain Buyer as well as many internet search engines.