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Mr. Ragins,

This complaint contains 2 allegations.

This first is regarding the use of badges on a few of my campaign items. The badges are not owned by the department. They were purchased by me in 2011 and are part of my personal collection.

The second allegation is regarding me using my Department issued patrol vehicle to campaign. In short, this allegation is a complete fabrication. Mr. Mundy also filed this same allegation (with some variations) in complaint #42717. I will also address this under that complaint number.

Mr. Mundy alleges that during the Down River Days celebration in the town of Ione, I handed out campaign items from my patrol car, and that I was wearing my campaign shirt while leaning against my patrol vehicle.

The following is an accounting of my activities during that weekend.

July 28<sup>th</sup> was a Saturday. On this day the town of Ione has a parade and activities at the park. I was off duty. I wore my campaign clothing (bright red shirt, tan pants, black shoes, bright red baseball hat). I drove my own personal vehicle (Silver Dodge truck). I participated in the parade, and later had a booth at the city park. I actively campaigned all day, and into the evening. During this entire time my patrol vehicle was parked at my residence – 50 miles away.

July 29<sup>th</sup> was a Sunday. Although I paid to have a campaign booth in the park for both days, I purposely chose not to have a booth on Sunday so there would be no confusion regarding my activities.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> the town had activities in the park. I was on duty, in my patrol uniform (tan top, green pants, black boots, no hat). I was driving my department patrol vehicle (“Champaign” colored Chevy SUV). I parked my patrol vehicle in the city park where it was in full view of hundreds of people. I never spoke with or met with anyone near my patrol vehicle. I spent the majority of my shift walking around in full view of hundreds of citizens. I did leave for a short time to handle a call for service, and to get fuel. I have never had campaign materials in or on my patrol vehicle. On this date all of my campaign supplies were at my residence – 50 miles away.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns regarding this complaint.