



Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMPLAINT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

A public meeting of the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board Special Complaint Subcommittee was convened on September 14, 2015, at AZ POST, located at 2643 E. University Drive, Phoenix, AZ.

Members Present:

Mr. David Brown
Chief Steven Campbell

Staff in Attendance:

Ted Brandon
Lyle Mann
Sandy Sierra

Assistant Attorney General:

Michael Saltz

Guest in Attendance:

Michael Rosenberger

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

B. Complaint Regarding Former Quartzsite Police Chief Jeffrey Gilbert

The Committee discussed the complaint initiated against former Quartzsite Police Chief Jeffrey Gilbert. AZ POST opened a case against former Chief Gilbert due to various misconduct allegations brought to the attention of AZ POST. The Committee considered the following allegations against former Chief Gilbert:

1. Misuse of vacation and sick time by failing to report his time off of work.
2. Threatening retaliation against the officers that filed the complaint against him.
3. Misuse of the Arizona Criminal Justice Information System (ACJIS) by running NCIC reports on individuals he did not like.
4. Engaging in selective law enforcement.
5. Violating the First Amendment rights of six terminated Quartzsite officers as retaliation for statements they made against him.

Compliance Specialist Ted Brandon, along with former Compliance Specialist Michael Rosenberger presented to the Committee the results of AZ POST's investigation. The investigation concluded there is no evidence to support the abuse of sick and vacation time. They also concluded that there was not sufficient information to pursue the allegations of selective enforcement, misuse of ACJIS, and the ancillary allegations.

A motion was made by Chief Campbell, seconded by Mr. Brown, to go into Executive Session at 11:18 a.m. to obtain legal advice. The Open Meeting reconvened at 11:24 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Chief Campbell, that the Committee forward the allegation that former Chief Gilbert violated several officers' First Amendment rights to free speech, as concluded by the Federal Judge, to the full Board for charging consideration; and closed all other allegations from further consideration.

C. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.