

AP1 Rose Morris 2017

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok this is Sergeant Kenneth Findlay with the Internal Affairs Investigation Unit. Today is Wednesday November 29, 2017, the time is now 1:55pm this is a recorded interview with Secretary Rose Morris who is witness to investigation 2017-0636 and Rose before we went on record we looked at attachments A,B,C,D and E correct?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Yes."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And um we'll cover these and we'll go ahead and say now you told me before that attachments A,B,C were really already taken care of before you started going to Hammond?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Yes."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok if you could state you name unit number and date of hire."

Secretary Rose Morris: "Rose Morris 4382 August 17, 2015."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And you're currently the Secretary here at the Hartford Post?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Yes."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And you have been going once or twice a week to help out Hammond?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "On Tuesdays every week for the last four weeks."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And in your travels up to Hammond, we're looking at attachment D if you could explain this is from Bob's Towing and Auto Repair if you could explain to me what this what this is for the record and how you were able to resolve this issue."

Secretary Rose Morris: "Ok this is a tow bill from April 11th of this year 2017 where Bob's Towing towed cruiser number 1209 13 miles and this is a bill that um he was taking to the barracks monthly but it was not getting paid and so this was during the time when our processed changed and we went over to paying for cruiser invoices with virtual pay or Galaxy and so I just started that process I called Bob's and found out that they did not accept Galaxy at this time. They are in the process of, of doing that so I just walked her through the virtual pay process, and she was able to obtain payment for the invoice in less than ten minutes."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And this um Joe brought this to your attention. the guy from Bob's Towing?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "He took it to the barracks and delivered it to somebody there and the first Tuesday I was there they showed it to me and then the following Tuesday we went to Bob's and got it paid."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok you had told me before we were on record that Emma Loisel had not paid it he had been bringing it to her since April and it had never been paid?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Correct he said he delivered it to her monthly."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Ok um under the old system before we switched to Galaxy and the virtual pay?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Right."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "How would this bill have been taken care of paid?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "The way that bills were taken care of prior to that is that the company the service garage or whatever company would give the post an invoice for all of their monthly charges and then that invoice based on however much it was if it was over \$500 we would have to do a requisition and then the requisition would get paid by check so

it would have been probably paid at that prior to that April through a requisition. Or directly to fiscal and send the bill directly to Fiscal and then they pay it by check.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “Ok so it's the old system was just a matter of if he paid it if he brought it to you on the 11th he would get paid by the 20.”

Secretary Rose Morris: “Usually either that or the beginning of the following month when they did their beginning of the month payments.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “So, this new system, when he brought it when it came to your attention it would be paid within the same day?”

Secretary Rose Morris: “Um he brought it, I went there on the 7th, on November 7th for the first day and I was given it then and on the 14th when I went back we went over to Bob's towing Lieutenant Campbell, Makenzie and I spoke with his secretary and told her the process of virtual pay and she called and got it taken care of right away.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “And now let's look at attachment E this one's maybe a little bit more convoluted.”

Secretary Rose Morris: “It is a little bit more um this is a bill from Township Fire Fighters Association for a hydrant test on a five pound fire extinguisher in May of 2016 um the bill was due June 8 of 2016 in the amount of \$45 and when I went to the Hammond Barracks on the 7th this was part of their past due bills and so I called the Township and asked them if they accept credit card payment and they did not and so I emailed our fiscal department to figure out what I needed to do to get this bill and I just received a response from the fiscal personnel. I believe and she said they would pay it right away through normal channels which would be by a check, there are a few bills that we are not able if a company doesn't accept credit card then they will still pay them with a check and that's how they ended up processing payment that same day it was November 15th that that payment was made.”

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: “Where do you know where this bill was located?”

Secretary Rose Morris: "I don't know where they got it, it was handed to me with a stack of things that Makenzie and I, Makenzie Pearson and I were going through and I know there are three mail trays in the secretary's office that things were dispersed throughout and we were slowly been clearing those things out but I believe that this bill was in with the stacks of stuff that was in the mail trays in the secretary's office."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "So, you're, so who gave you this?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Makenzie I believe."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "That they just found this bill, or did they not know what to do with it either?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "She didn't know, I don't honestly I don't even know if she had noticed the date on it, it was also with a stack of currently due bills for the City of Hammond for a water bill and a couple of phone bills that were due so it was with that and I don't even know if she realized that it was so far past due she just handed it to me with those bills."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "But you were able to take care of that?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "I did yes."

Sergeant Obermann: "And you knew that you were going to go to Hammond cause they had had some issues with basically Secretary Loisel not fulfilling her job duties?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Correct."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Is that correct?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Yes."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And Emma works at Hammond and there's 57 or 58 barracks throughout the state whose job responsibility is it to ensure that the bills get paid at the post level?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Secretary's job."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And she's supposed to work with the barracks commander or a sergeant or somebody else?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Yes generally barracks commander will sign off on the bills to before payments are made either by credit card or through the fiscal office and um yeah we're supposed to have bills paid within 10 days of receipt."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Because if there if outside of normal channels the secretary is not required to pay this bill out of her own personal money?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Correct."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "Nor for the fire extinguisher nor the tow bill?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Right."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "So, it's just a matter of making calls to say how do I do this?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Right."

Sergeant Obermann: "And did you receive any flack or somebody yelling and screaming at you when you did that when you sent the email to Fiscal personnel?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "No."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "So, you're coming in from, from an outside barracks and you're there to help them out and as I told you before they were, they had been singing your praises if you will, they're glad for the work that you've done for them who would bear the most responsibility for the fact that these bills were not getting paid."

Secretary Rose Morris: "I would say that it would be the secretary who would bear the responsibility to make sure the bills were getting paid and I mean the barracks commanders generally would sign off on those, but I will always take my bills to my barracks commander when I receive them and have them sign off on them right away."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "And you have been doing that with Lieutenant Campbell."

Secretary Rose Morris: "Yes I have yes."

Sergeant Kenneth Findlay: "They don't give you any grief when you do it."

Secretary Rose Morris: "Absolutely not, never."

Sergeant Obermann: "They just sign their name."

Secretary Rose Morris: "Sign their name and yes, yup."

Sergeant Obermann: "Alright so the lieutenant and the secretary will be required to work together?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Yes."

Sergeant Obermann: "And then he approves them or she, the barracks commander approves them?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Correct."

Sergeant Obermann: "And I'm assuming that's them signing looking at ok that's the phone bill this month and they sign it and give it to you the secretary and then you pay it?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Generally, yeah 95 percent of the bills just get paid with a payment card put as payment card which is only in the secretary's name."

Sergeant Obermann: "Is there anything else that you need to add that you wished you added?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Not that I can think of at this moment."

Sergeant Obermann: "Ok is everything you told me true and factual?"

Secretary Rose Morris: "Yes."

Sergeant Obermann: "Ok Rose I issue you the order not to discuss this with anybody else, so we don't compromise the integrity of the investigation."

Secretary Rose Morris: "Ok."

Sergeant Obermann: "Alright, OK, the time is now 2:09 pm and I will conclude the interview."