

RE: Phone call/ Sheriff Hatcher

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To: Andy Miller <Andy.Miller@co.benton.wa.us>; McBride, Ben (WSP) <Ben.McBride@wsp.wa.gov>; Cipolla, Mark <MCipolla@spokanecounty.org>

Good Afternoon,

Andy, As I recall at the time of the appointment, what was on the table was the DV Assault that is alleged to have occurred. The statute ran on that prior to the investigation being completed to the extent we needed to pass 9.94A.411 muster. In my view, my appointment expired at that point. We were recently contacted by WSP inquiring about the tampering. We declined due to my view of the extent of my original appointment.

In the interim, we have absorbed a significant percentage of the Okanagan cases and are exceptionally busy for what is likely to be a lengthy period. I would suggest a call to the AG on this one. Thanks a lot.

Larry

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From: Andy Miller [mailto:Andy.Miller@co.benton.wa.us]

Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 6:59 PM

To: McBride, Ben (WSP) <Ben.McBride@wsp.wa.gov>; Haskell, Larry <LHASKELL@spokanecounty.org>; Cipolla, Mark <MCipolla@spokanecounty.org>

Cc: Andy Miller <Andy.Miller@co.benton.wa.us>

Subject: RE: Phone call/ Sheriff Hatcher

Larry and Mark,

Sgt McBride of the Washington State Patrol contacted me. He stated that there may be new evidence in the case against Sheriff Hatcher and that he contacted you to discuss the new evidence. I am copying Sgt McBride so that he can correct any misunderstanding I have of what he told me.

Sgt McBride said that he when he contacted you he was advised that Spokane County was no longer handling the case and something along the lines that this was communicated to me. Therefore, you would need another request/appointment for the case.

So much has gone on in this case, but I don't remember ever being contacted by your office about this since October 2019. One reason for the delay between Sgt McBride's email and this email was my looking for some communication; I couldn't find any, but that does not mean you did not send it.

Regardless, Sgt McBride needs to have a prosecutor to consult with given the additional evidence. If you would like to continue with the case I can send you a new appointment letter. If you think a fresh perspective would be helpful, I could contact WAPA and/or the Attorney General's Office. I will defer to your judgment on that, I want to keep myself removed from any substantive decisions about this case.

Thank you for your patience in reading this extended email and I look forward to hearing from you

From: McBride, Ben (WSP) <Ben.McBride@wsp.wa.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:04 PM

To: Andy Miller <Andy.Miller@co.benton.wa.us>

Subject: Phone call

Hi Mr. Miller,

I was asked to look in to some additional information regarding the DV/witness tampering investigation that happened last year. I have some questions I would like to ask you. If you would please call me some time at your convenience at the number below, I would appreciate it.

Thanks

Ben

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