OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
CLAYTON JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA

DISTRICT ATTORNEY REVIEW

Subject(s)
Donya Sartor
Godreque Newsom
Solomon Carter

GBI Case#: 10-0068-23-24
DA#: 23CLT06146

The above individual(s), having been under investigation for the above incident, and upon receipt of an investigative report prepared by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and a thorough and exhaustive review of the facts and circumstances of this case reveal that: On September 6, 2023, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) was requested to investigate a complaint involving allegations of criminal activity by the Mayor of Jonesboro, Donya Sartor.

The initial complaint alleged that the Mayor Sartor had committed the crime of Aggravated Assault upon the person of Godreque Newsome, a Lieutenant with the Jonesboro Police Department. Lt. Newsom alleged that the Mayor had pulled a handgun from a desk drawer and pointed it at him in a threatening manner before ultimately putting the weapon in her purse. During the investigation into this original complaint, the GBI also received a complaint from Solomon Carter that alleged a "quid pro quo" instance whereby Carter was to be given a full time job with the Jonesboro Police Department in exchange for a campaign donation.

Based on a review of the GBI investigative report, it is clear that Mayor Sartor did move a handgun from her desk drawer to her purse while Lt. Newsom was in her office. The question for consideration by this Office in this matter is to determine if it was done with criminal intent to threaten or make an assault upon the person of Lt. Newsom. The investigation revealed no evidence of such an intent. Clearly the Mayor's decision to move the handgun at that time showed a lack of judgment and general firearm safety, but there is insufficient evidence to indicate she acted in a criminal manner. There is also no evidence to support the allegation made by Mr. Carter with regard to the quid pro quo job offer. Per Agent Long of the GBI, his review of the text message soliciting campaign donations indicated that it was a generic solicitation that was sent to multiple parties. The GBI investigation indicated that Mayor Sartor stated a number of reasons why she decided not to employ Carter in a full-time position. The employment practices for the City of Jonesboro fall outside the jurisdiction of this Office and by nature are a civil matter.

I hereby recommend that this case **NOT** be presented to the **Grand Jury**.

Brian Busch, Chief Investigator

COMES NOW, **Bonnie K. Smith, Chief Assistant District Attorney**, Clayton Judicial Circuit, and **RECOMMENDS** for the above reason that this case **NOT** be presented to the **Grand Jury**.

Bonnie K. Smith
Chief Assistant District Attorney

The within and foregoing recommendation having been **READ and CONSIDERED**, the above criminal matter will **NOT** be presented to the Grand Jury, this 27th day of November, 2023.

Tasha M. Mosley
District Attorney
Clayton Judicial Circuit