



Department of Public Safety
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Chief Richard Zott
From: PSO Michael Adler 906
Date: 06/26/2017
Subject: Hanley Security Office

Sir,

I was already aware of the robbery at the Hanley station, which occurred the day before (Sunday 06/25/2017 at around 1:30PM), when I arrived for duty this morning at 0700 hours.

I was curious as to where the St. Louis County officers were at the time of the robbery?
I brought up the camera to the Hanley Security office on VICON Web, to play back video from the current time.

I instantly saw that the Hanley Security office overhead camera lens had been covered again by an unknown object, thus disabling the camera from recording the interior of the office.

I played back the recorded video from the present time this morning and at 9:58:00PM yesterday (6/25/2017) I observed that the camera was uncovered.

I played back the video to ascertain when the camera lens had been covered, as I knew it was functional on Friday 06/23/2017 when I checked it before I went off duty at 1500 hours.

At 9:14pm last evening, I observed on the video that there were five (5) St. Louis County officers in the Hanley security office.

At 9:17pm, one of the officers, a sergeant, left the office leaving four (4) officers in the office, and you could see that all four officers had their feet kicked up on a desk or chair and appeared on their cell phone, not talking, but either texting or using their phone apps.

As a former Command officer for at least 30 of my 39 years as a police officer, for a sergeant to allow four (4) officers to loiter in the office without engaged in any police duties, is certainly unbecoming of a supervisor.

At 9:58:35pm, an unidentified County officer stands up and places a white envelope, with the seal facing the camera, covering the lens of the camera, and remained there as it is now.

Because the camera was disabled, it is unknown how long the officers remained in the office.

There is only one purpose to cover the lens of a camera, to hide whatever activities someone is engaged in that they want concealed or undiscovered.

I further played back the video and found that at 5:40pm, even though there had been a robbery at Hanley only 4 hours prior, there were five (5) St. Louis County officers in the Hanley security office, with all five remaining there from 5:40pm until 6:52pm.

From 6:52pm to 7:28pm there was no less than four (4) to five (5) St. Louis County officers in the Hanley office, and none appeared to be on the computer or engaged in any police duties, and it was apparent they appeared to be talking or using their cell phones, texting or using apps.

At 7:28pm they started leaving independently from the office.

So from 5:40pm to 7:28pm, four (4) to five (5) St. Louis County officers were absent from MetroLink patrols for almost 2 hours, not engaged in any police duties.

This information is submitted for you for any purpose you deem appropriate.

Respectfully,

PSO Michael Adler 906