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Subject: Re: Ex-FEMA Worker Violated Hatch Act by Advising Staff to Avoid Homes with Trump Signs, Agency Reports – Spreely News

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AND it's a mystery to them why we ask to see their communications?

Integrity is on everyone's conscience but is proven in what they write, speak, and how they act!
Transparency and Truth / how other than asking questions will the public ever know anything? How can you verify a politician's honesty?

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On Feb 15, 2025, at 3:16 PM, Garon Petty <onelung2014@gmail.com> wrote:

She also claimed that the directive came from higher-ups within FEMA, though this was denied by former FEMA director, Deanne Criswell. Washington believes she became the fall guy simply because she was caught. Her notes in a Microsoft Teams chat were discovered, leading to her dismissal.

Electronic communications will keep people honest? LOL

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any students attending a public school to ascertain whether the directory information is for use in a profit-making plan or activity.

(B) No person shall release, or permit access to, personally identifiable information other than directory information concerning any student attending a public school, for purposes other than those identified in division (C), (E), (G), or (H) of this section, without the written consent of the parent, guardian, or custodian of each such student who is less than eighteen years of age, or without the written consent of each such student who is eighteen years of age or older.

(1) For purposes of this section, "directory information" includes a student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, date of graduation, and awards received.

(2)(a) Except as provided in division (B)(2)(b) of this section, no school district board of education shall impose any restriction on the presentation of directory information that it has designated as subject to release in accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232q, as amended, to representatives of the armed forces, business, industry, charitable institutions, other employers, and institutions of higher education unless such restriction is uniformly imposed on each of these types of representatives, except that if a student eighteen years of age or older or a student's parent, guardian, or custodian has informed the board that any or all such information should not be released without such person's prior written consent, the board shall not release that information without such person's prior written consent.

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(5)(a) A parent of a student who is not the student's residential parent, upon request, shall be permitted access to any records or information concerning the student under the same terms and conditions under which access to the records or information is available to the residential parent of that student, provided

that the access of the parent who is not the residential parent is subject to any agreement between the parents, to division (F) of this section, and, to the extent described in division (B)(5)(b) of this section, is subject to any court order issued pursuant to section 3109.051 of the Revised Code and any other court order governing the rights of the parents.

(b) If the residential parent of a student has presented the keeper of a record or information that is related to the student with a copy of an order issued under division (H)(1) of section 3109.051 of the Revised Code that limits the terms and conditions under which the parent who is not the residential parent of the student is to have access to records and information pertaining to the student or with a copy of any other court order governing the rights of the parents that so limits those terms and conditions, and if the order pertains to the record or information in question, the keeper of the record or information shall provide access to the parent who is not the residential parent only to the extent authorized in the order. If the residential parent has presented the keeper of the record or information with such an order, the keeper of the record shall permit the parent who is not the residential parent to have access to the record or information only in accordance with the most recent such order that has been presented to the keeper by the residential parent or the parent who is not the residential parent.

(C) Nothing in this section shall limit the administrative use of public school records by a person acting exclusively in the person's capacity as an employee of a board of education or of the state or any of its political subdivisions, any court, or the federal government, and nothing in this section shall prevent the transfer of a student's record to an educational institution for a legitimate educational purpose.

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I appreciate the last part. Asking the state and getting an answer will satisfy me 100%. I think in my haste I responded without digesting that part. I wish you had lead with that, my fault.

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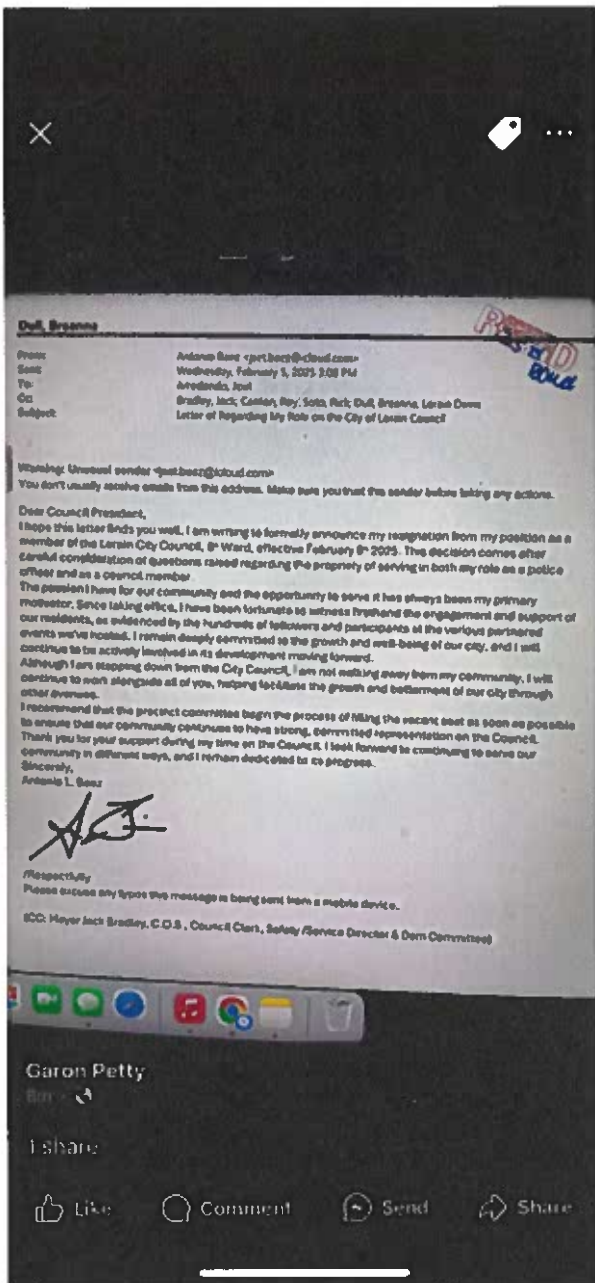
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Please ensure the appropriate authorities investigate Mr. Baez and determine if a crime was committed and if he can continue being a police officer.

We need an investigation by an outside agency to ensure that no other laws were broken and what the status of the ARPA funds and all Mr Baez's votes and any meeting he formed a quorum at could be invalidated.

I will be forwarding the information about his vote on Mr Raddeffs pay to the ethics commission but this is a separate matter regarding criminal charges for holding this position for an entire year while also acting as a classified employee.

Please investigate this matter.



Section 124.34 | Reduction in pay or position - suspension - removal.

(A) The tenure of every officer or employee in the classified service of the state and the counties, civil service townships, cities, city health districts, general health districts, and city school districts of the state, holding a position under this chapter, shall be during good behavior and efficient service. No officer or employee shall be reduced in pay or position, fined, suspended, or removed, or have the officer's or employee's longevity reduced or eliminated, except as provided in section 124.32 of the Revised Code, and for incompetency, inefficiency, unsatisfactory performance, dishonesty, drunkenness, immoral conduct, insubordination, discourteous treatment of the public, neglect of duty, violation of any policy or work rule of the officer's or employee's appointing authority, violation of this chapter or the rules of the director of administrative services or the commission, any other failure of good behavior, any other acts of misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or conviction of a felony while employed in the civil service. The denial of a one-time pay supplement or a bonus to an officer or employee is not a reduction in pay for purposes of this section.

This section does not apply to any modifications or reductions in pay or work week authorized by section 124.392, 124.393, or 124.394 of the Revised Code.

An appointing authority may require an employee who is suspended to report to work to serve the suspension. An employee serving a suspension in this manner shall continue to be compensated at the employee's regular rate of pay for hours worked. The disciplinary action shall be recorded in the employee's personnel file in the same manner as other disciplinary actions and has the same effect as a suspension without pay for the purpose of recording disciplinary actions.

A finding by the appropriate ethics commission, based upon a preponderance of the evidence, that the facts alleged in a complaint under section 102.06 of the Revised Code constitute a violation of Chapter 102., section 2921.42, or section 2921.43 of the Revised Code may constitute grounds for dismissal. Failure to file a statement or falsely filing a statement required by section 102.02 of the Revised Code may also constitute grounds for dismissal. The tenure of an employee in the career professional service of the department of transportation is subject to section 5501.20 of the Revised Code.

Conviction of a felony while employed in the civil service is a separate basis for reducing in pay or position, suspending, or removing an officer or employee, even if the officer or employee has already been reduced in pay or position, suspended, or removed for the same conduct that is the basis of the felony. An officer or employee may not appeal to the state personnel board of review or the commission any disciplinary action taken by an appointing authority as a result of the officer's or employee's conviction of a felony. If an officer or employee removed under this section is reinstated as a result of an appeal of the removal, any conviction of a felony that occurs during the pendency of the appeal is a basis for further disciplinary action under this section upon the officer's or employee's reinstatement.

A person convicted of a felony while employed in the civil service immediately forfeits the person's status as a classified employee in any public employment on and after the date of the conviction for the felony. If an officer or employee is removed under this section as a result of being convicted of a felony or is subsequently convicted of a felony that involves the same conduct that was the basis for the removal, the officer or employee is barred from receiving any compensation after the removal notwithstanding any modification or disaffirmance of the removal, unless the conviction for the felony is subsequently reversed or annulled.

Any person removed for conviction of a felony is entitled to a cash payment for any accrued but unused sick, personal, and vacation leave as authorized by law. If subsequently reemployed in the public sector,

the person shall qualify for and accrue these forms of leave in the manner specified by law for a newly appointed employee and shall not be credited with prior public service for the purpose of receiving these forms of leave.

As used in this division, "felony" means any of the following:

(1) A felony that is an offense of violence as defined in section 2901.01 of the Revised Code;

(2) A felony that is a felony drug abuse offense as defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code;

(3) A felony under the laws of this or any other state or the United States that is a crime of moral turpitude;

(4) A felony involving dishonesty, fraud, or theft;

(5) A felony that is a violation of section 2921.05, 2921.32, or 2921.42 of the Revised Code.

(B) In case of a reduction, a suspension of more than forty work hours in the case of an employee exempt from the payment of overtime compensation, a suspension of more than twenty-four work hours in the case of an employee required to be paid overtime compensation, a fine of more than forty hours' pay in the case of an employee exempt from the payment of overtime compensation, a fine of more than twenty-four hours' pay in the case of an employee required to be paid overtime compensation, or removal, except for the reduction or removal of a probationary employee, the appointing authority shall serve the employee with a copy of the order of reduction, fine, suspension, or removal, which order shall state the reasons for the action.

Within ten days following the date on which the order is served or, in the case of an employee in the career professional service of the department of transportation, within ten days following the filing of a removal order, the employee, except as otherwise provided in this section, may file an appeal of the order in writing with the state personnel board of review or the commission. For purposes of this section, the date on which an order is served is the date of hand delivery of the order or the date of delivery of the order by certified United States mail, whichever occurs first. If an appeal is filed, the board or

commission shall forthwith notify the appointing authority and shall hear, or appoint a trial board to hear, the appeal within thirty days from and after its filing with the board or commission. The board, commission, or trial board may affirm, disaffirm, or modify the judgment of the appointing authority. However, in an appeal of a removal order based upon a violation of a last chance agreement, the board, commission, or trial board may only determine if the employee violated the agreement and thus affirm or disaffirm the judgment of the appointing authority.

In cases of removal or reduction in pay for disciplinary reasons, either the appointing authority or the officer or employee may appeal from the decision of the state personnel board of review or the commission, and any such appeal shall be to the court of common pleas in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code.

(C) In the case of the suspension for any period of time, or a fine, demotion, or removal, of a chief of police, a chief of a fire department, or any member of the police or fire department of a city or civil service township, who is in the classified civil service, the appointing authority shall furnish the chief or member with a copy of the order of suspension, fine, demotion, or removal, which order shall state the reasons for the action. The order shall be filed with the municipal or civil service township civil service commission. Within ten days following the filing of the order, the chief or member may file an appeal, in writing, with the commission. If an appeal is filed, the commission shall forthwith notify the appointing authority and shall hear, or appoint a trial board to hear, the appeal within thirty days from and after its filing with the commission, and it may affirm, disaffirm, or modify the judgment of the appointing authority. An appeal on questions of law and fact may be had from the decision of the commission to the court of common pleas in the county in which the city or civil service township is situated. The appeal shall be taken within thirty days from the finding of the commission.

(D) A violation of division (A)(7) of section 2907.03 of the Revised Code is grounds for termination of employment of a nonteaching employee under this section.

(E) The director shall adopt a rule in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to define the term "unsatisfactory performance" as it is used in this section with regard to employees in the service of the state.

(F) As used in this section, "last chance agreement" means an agreement signed by both an appointing authority and an officer or employee of the appointing authority that describes the type of behavior or circumstances that, if it occurs, will automatically lead to removal of the officer or employee without the right of appeal to the state personnel board of review or the appropriate commission.

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Rule 123:1-46-02 | Political activity of employees in the classified service

(A) The purpose of this rule is to provide appointing authorities, personnel officers, and others with guidelines concerning political activity. Employees in the classified service of the state are prohibited by section 124.57 of the Revised Code from engaging in political activity.

(1) "Classified service" means all persons in active pay status serving in the competitive classified civil service of the state. Unless specifically exempted from the classified service in accordance with the Revised Code and these rules, an employee shall be considered to be in the classified service for purposes of this rule.

(2) "Political activity" and "politics" refer to partisan activities, campaigns, and elections involving primaries, partisan ballots, or partisan candidates.

(B) Examples of permissible activities for employees in the classified service include, but are not limited to the following:

(1) Registration and voting;

(2) Expression of opinions, either oral or written;

(3) Voluntary financial contributions to political candidates or organizations;

(4) Circulation of nonpartisan petitions, petitions that do not identify with any particular party, or petitions stating views on legislation;

(5) Attendance at political rallies;

(6) Signing nominating petitions in support of individuals;

(7) Display of political materials in the employee's home or on the employee's property;

(8) Wearing political badges or buttons, or the display of political stickers on private vehicles; and

(9) Serving as a precinct election official under section 3501.22 of the Revised Code.

(C) The following activities are prohibited to employees in the classified service:

(1) Candidacy for public office in a partisan election;

(2) Candidacy for public office in a nonpartisan general election if the nomination to candidacy was obtained in a partisan primary or through the circulation of nominating petitions identified with a political party;

(3) Filing of petitions meeting statutory requirements for partisan candidacy to elective office;

- (4) Circulation of official nominating petitions for any candidate participating in a partisan election;
 - (5) Service in an elected or appointed office in any partisan political organization;
 - (6) Acceptance of a party-sponsored appointment to any office normally filled by partisan election;
 - (7) Campaigning by writing for publications, by distributing political material, or by writing or making speeches on behalf of a candidate for partisan elective office, when such activities are directed toward party success;
 - (8) Solicitation, either directly or indirectly, of any assessment, contribution or subscription, either monetary or in-kind, for any political party or political candidate;
 - (9) Solicitation of the sale, or actual sale, of political party tickets;
 - (10) Partisan activities at the election polls, such as solicitation of votes for other than nonpartisan candidates and nonpartisan issues;
 - (11) Service as witness or challenger for any party or partisan committee;
 - (12) Participation in political caucuses of a partisan nature; and
 - (13) Participation in a political action committee which supports partisan activity.
- (D) An employee in the classified service who engages in any of the activities listed in paragraphs (C)(1) to (C)(13) of this rule is subject to removal from his or her position in the classified service. The appointing authority may initiate such removal action in accordance with the procedures in section

124.34 of the Revised Code. The director may also institute an investigation or action in case of a violation.

(E) Employees in the unclassified service service of the state, are not prohibited from engaging in political activity unless specifically precluded by federal or state constitutional or statutory provisions.

(F) Service in an appointed or elected position is prohibited when such position is subordinate to or in any way a check upon a position concurrently occupied by a classified or unclassified employee, or when it is physically impossible for one person to discharge the duties of both positions, or if some specific constitutional or statutory bar exists prohibiting a person from serving both positions.

(G) If any person holding public office or employment is convicted of violating the Revised Code provisions prohibiting abuse of political influence, such office or position shall thereby be rendered vacant.

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To: City Group; David O'Brien; Brad Dicken; Carissa Woytach; Robert J. Gargas; Garon Petty; Jack Bradley; Patrick Riley; Rey Carrion; Jackie Conrad; Joseph LaVeck; Tony Cillo; Sheriff Jack Hall
Subject: Stop lying

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Make sure you trust this sender before taking any actions.

He didn't step down for personal reasons. Everytime you say that you're lying.

He broke the law and I want him charged. Your new council has lied twice now. I'll be reporting that to the ethics commission.

And the Chronicle you've reported it twice as personal reasons. That's a straight lie.

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Please preserve the evidence of all your discussions and comments concerning the issues of Mr. Knapp on HATCH act violations as have been raised to you.

Truth must be explained and your refusal to acknowledge HATCH act governance and applicability to Lorain, Ohio and other political subdivisions is a dangerous precedent.

Fraudulently reporting propoganda is not journalism yet this it seems is what the Chronicle paper has endorsed.

We need Clorox to clean up the politics and what is masquerading as journalism in Lorain and Lorain County, Ohio.

Neither party is above the law. But fraudulent illegal behaviors seem to be more than tolerated in our communities, they appear ingrained in the political process and the Fourth Estate (journalism) is in such a infected sickly state of weakness and corruption, that it is feckless in seeking let alone reporting the TRUTH!

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Cc: Jacob Morris; Chief McCann; Thomas Hach; Tom Zawistowski; Brian Massie
Subject: Fwd: Cuyahoga Falls Residents Need Your Help

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Subject: Cuyahoga Falls Residents Need Your Help
Reply-To: info@ohiostandsup.org

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Ohio Stands Up!



Cuyahoga Falls Residents File Lawsuit Over Forced Smart Meter Installation Need Your Help!

Attention Ohio Stands Up! supporters. We hope this email finds you well. Mendenhall Law has several litigation efforts in process thanks to your previous donations! Although it has been a very long process, we have seen some positive rulings. In fact, his firm just had a huge win against Option Care Enterprises for firing an employee that refused testing and shot mandates. This is a great victory with positive precedent!

“We believe it is our duty and privilege to protect our fundamental liberties while demanding our elected leaders be held accountable and be shown they cannot act with impunity for their tyrannical and corrupt behavior. We are united in our common goal to stand against continued violations of our Constitutional freedoms, while working to restore those freedoms from which we have been deprived.” Many of our local elected officials are in violation of this, so we believe this next lawsuit is worth filing. Although not COVID related, it is still relevant to our mission. The residents of Cuyahoga Falls would like to launch a legal challenge with the city over the FORCED installation of smart water and electric meters without informed consent or opt-out provisions. If you are unfamiliar with the potential risks of these devices, please view the recently recorded video hosted by attorneys Warner Mendenhall and Jensen Silvis, and Ohio Stands Up! The citizens in Streetsboro, who filed a similar lawsuit, have seen success in their case so far, and were able to obtain a TRO (temporary restraining order) granted to immediately stop the installation of smart water meters. Their case is still ongoing. The residents of Cuyahoga Falls will be retaining the same law firm and need your help! Unfortunately, these

municipalities are not granting any opt out options and instead will be shutting off residents' utilities who refuse to comply.

Starting today, for the next four weeks, all donations made to Ohio Stands Up! will be applied to this lawsuit. In turn, Ohio Stands Up! will match the amount of funds that are donated by you. Ohio Stands Up! is hoping to set a good precedent in this matter, as the agenda for forced smart meters will reach all corners of Ohio. We understand many of you have already had these devices installed and would like them removed. We are hoping to stop forced installation, provide opt-outs and assist those who would like to reverse forced installation. We hope you will support this effort on behalf of all Ohioans who share this concern.

Donations can be made at the following link:

<https://www.ohiostandsup.org/get-involved>

[Play Zoom Meeting with Mendenhall and Others >>>](#)



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419-455-1585**

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Cc: David Yost AG; ethics@ethics.ohio.gov; Congresswoman Kaptur; Kathryn Kennedy; contact.center@sboe.ohio.gov
Subject: Stop sign

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Lorain City school installed a no left turn sign from 3-4 on the road leading to Fairless. Did we comduvt a traffic survey on this redirection of traffic? No it will follow it and traffics is back up past 9am every morning m.

Sign violations

- Violating traffic sign laws can result in a minor misdemeanor
- The penalty can increase to a misdemeanor of the third degree if the offender has a prior conviction for a motor vehicle or traffic offense

You can consult the Ohio Department of Transportation's manual of uniform traffic control devices for more information.

Did you do a traffic survey, is this a legal sign, is it a ticketable offense? How is this enforced?

Why can you dust hire someone to direct traffic in the mornings until people figure it out?

This is dangerous. Let's fix it.

Make it a Wonderful Day!

PS: why is Lorain City and Lorain City Schools still retaliating against the Hildriths after two years by leaving FERPA documents online for 2 years?

What administration of Justice are you fine people doing leaving this youth of Lorain (at the times) school records online illegally?

Bug strong Men you are bulling a family over a misdemeanor obstruction charge.

And the school lets it happen even after the Superintendent admitted on camera that it should be online.

I'm getting the Hildriths a lawyer. Be ready!

You are bullies.



For Immediate Release

April 11, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION / REVIEW OF 126 W. 27TH St

The administrative investigation and review of the incident that occurred at 126 W. 27th St on February 19, 2023 12:39 hours has been completed. Shortly after the incident, videos from the address were posted on social media and the event went "viral" with misunderstanding and misreporting information.

Truth and Transparency is of the utmost importance to the Lorain Police Department. The public has a right to know what we do, why we do it, and if we are doing within the confines of the Constitution. I took several steps to ensure a proper review of this incident took place. First, I directed the Lorain Police Department's Office of Professional Standards to conduct a complete administrative investigation into the incident. Second, I hired an outside expert to review the case independently of the Lorain Police Department's administrative investigation. Third, I met with the local NAACP Executive Board, including President Paul Hill and gave them all the "raw" data, to include reports and all videos from the residence and public BWC footage. Fourth, I met with community based leaders and pastors and gave them all the "raw" data to include reports and all videos from the residence and public BWC footage. Lastly, I requested the Lorain County Prosecutor JD Tomlinson conduct a complete review of the entire incident using all available statements and evidence to make a determination if our actions were Constitutional.

Attached to this release is the 3 verbatim transcripts from the Lorain Police Department's administrative investigation, a statement from the A/P, the independent expert's review of the incident, the complete review from Lorain County Prosecutor JD Tomlinson and the complete I/O Administrative Investigation.

END

Chief Ron McCann
LORAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Do the right thing Bullies!

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p),BSSW

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Cc: David Yost AG; ethics@ethics.ohio.gov; 19tips@woio.com; Mike Mason; Sheriff Jack Hall; Tony Cillo; gofbci@governor.ohio.gov; Auditor; JD Andrew Geronimo; A.J. Mathewson; Fox 8; Jacob Morris
Subject: Open meetings act violations

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Many of you are still texting during meetings. During Jaynes speech it's been pointed out many of you were texting in violation of the law.

I saw Ms Moon whisper to Mr. Arroyo.

I'd like all those texts and I'd like the records of the minutes to reference all whispers in council moving forward, as you approved the last minutes and mentioned no whispers those minutes are invalid.

You apparently must be treated like children. You need to stay off you phones. And only SPEAK TO THE CHAIR on mic.

What did Moon say to Arroyo? We see it on tape.

Please stop being Criminals and breaking the law. Do your jobs. Lock up your phones.

I'm still waiting on several records:

1. The PPO loans given to LaVeck.
2. All texts sent by T. Dimacchai from the meeting I requested.
3. Who spoke on the hot mike about my "campaign commencing" at the city council meeting past (I've asked multiple times)
4. I still need all emails and texts sent to Tim Weitzel by James McCann.
5. City Budget for this year and last.
6. A copy of all business and payments made to the city of Sheffield Lake by Lorain.
7. An accurate set of minutes for all meetings with whispers showing (whispering)

8. A properly redacted copy of McCanns File.

9. A properly redacted copy of Middlebrooks file.

10. James McCanns contract.

11. And some responses to my emails. Also start reading my letters to council aloud instead of receive and file.

12. Get my Ward Council Arroyo to comply with the law and not block constituents on Facebook. And get him. And all of you to answer my emails as my government.

13. Stop breaking the law.

I'm including the Sheriff and Prosecutor as I'm still expecting an investigation into McCann as was promised. This is non negotiable.

I sent you my request. Either investigation commences or take my citizen arrest charges. Police are not above the law.

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Subject: Violation

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The city of Lorain released an accident report containing Officer Urbins drivers license number. You folks need to learn what you must protect and must not.

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God Bless President Trump

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Moreno to Marchasa...YOU'RE FIRED



By **Contributing Writer** on February 26, 2025

February 26, 2025

<https://www.breitbart.com/education/2025/02/26/exclusive-sen-bernie-moreno-targets-ohio-school>

Exclusive – Sen. Bernie Moreno Targets Ohio School Board

Sen. Bernie Moreno (R-OH) is turning up the heat on an Ohio school board member who advised

Lauren Marchaza, a Mentor Public Schools board member in Mentor, Ohio, [revealed](#) in a February account @libsoftiktok has been viewed over 400,000 times as of Wednesday morning.

Trump [signed](#) an executive order on January 29 called “Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 ideology and “discriminatory equity ideology.”

Trump’s order followed [passage](#) of an Ohio law earlier in January that prohibits teachers from

Referencing Trump’s order, Marchaza said “the phrase [used is] ‘consistent with applicable law’ prevents the federal government from getting involved in state and local decisions about K-12 curriculum.

Moreno isn’t buying Marchaza’s amateur attorneying.

“Her misleading statements could be interpreted, at best, as attempting to engage in the unauthorized activities of a

president Maggie Cook.

https://twitter.com/libsoftiktok/status/1889703428756218190?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etm%2Ftweet-4.html1889703428756218190

“To the best of my knowledge, Board Member Marchaza is not a lawyer,” Moreno adds. “Ancient laws that outlaw unconstitutional, far-left racial discrimination in public schools.

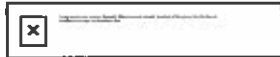
“I don’t know how else to interpret this Board Member’s statements other than as an indication

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Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2025 1:36 PM
To: Patrick Ward; Patrick Riley; Rey Carrion; Jack Bradley; Joel Arredondo; Don Zaleski; Joe K Auditor; Jacob Morris; Tony Cillo; Rocky Radeff; Sheriff Jack Hall; Mallory_holmes@cityoflorain.org; Scott Bowles
Cc: Garon Petty; Aaron Knapp; Office Robert J Gargasz Co LPA
Subject: Facebook

External sender <rjgargasz@gmail.com>

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Prosecutor Ward: Do you have the videos taken by Mary Springowski made on 7/1/2024?

Please obtain them as they will have exculpatory evidence.

We need to obtain this exculpatory evidence. If she destroyed this evidence then the case should be dismissed based upon the destruction of evidence. Why was Aaron Knapp provided the State's evidence by detective Captain Morris? Can you agree to have Lorain Police and other agents and officers stay off Mr. Knapp's real property and home? Please request authority from Mr. Riley to dismiss this case against Garon F. Petty. Robert J. Gargasz, Esq.

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From: Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
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From: Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 5:58 PM
To: City Council Mail Group; Rey Carrion; Joel Arredondo; Aaron Knapp; Patrick Riley; Jack Bradley; Joe K Auditor; Don Zaleski; Garon Petty; Jeanne Petty
Subject: 'Why do our streets look like this?': Lorain residents demand better road conditions

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From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 10:19 AM
To: Jeff Graham; FERPA.Complaints@ed.gov; David O'Brien; Brad Dicken; Robert J. Gargas; City Group; Jack Bradley; Tony Cillo; Patrick Riley; Rey Carrion; Jackie Conrad; Joseph LaVeck; Ted Kalo; Sheriff Jack Hall
Cc: Noelle Williams
Subject: Re: Stuff

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Just following up. It's been a week and I wanted to see if you had gotten a response from State yet?

Lorain Schools and Lorain Police are racially distributing against these juveniles.

You cannot post juveniles pictures and school records online to punish them. It was almost 3 years ago and they were never charged with a crime.

Noelle Williams I'm forwarding this to you since it seems 19 News gets result's.



For Immediate Release

April 11, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION / REVIEW OF 126 W. 27TH ST

The administrative investigation and review of the incident that occurred at 126 W. 27TH St. on February 13, 2023 (1539 hours) has been completed. Shortly after the incident, videos from the address were posted on social media and the event went viral with misleading and incomplete information.

Truth and Transparency is of the utmost importance to the Lorain Police Department. The public has a right to know what we do, why we do it, and if we are doing within the confines of the Constitution. I took several steps to ensure a proper review of this incident took place. First, I directed the Lorain Police Department's Office of Professional Standards to conduct a complete administrative investigation into the incident. Second, I hired an outside expert to review the case independently of the Lorain Police Department's administrative investigation. Third, I met with the local NAACP Executive Board, including President Ford Neal and gave them all the "raw" data, to include reports and all videos from the residence and police BWC footage. Fourth, I met with community based leaders and parents and gave them all the "raw" data, to include reports and all videos from the residence and police BWC footage. Lastly, I requested the Lorain County Prosecutor J.D. Fontaine conduct a complete review of the entire incident using all available information and to select to make a determination if our town were Constitutional.

Attached to this release is the Executive Summary from the Lorain Police Department's administrative investigation, a statement from the ATP, the independent expert's review of the incident, the complete review from Lorain County Prosecutor J.D. Fontaine and the complete IPT Administrative Investigation.

Chief Jim McCann
LORAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p), BSSW

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On Feb 16, 2025, at 14:24, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

I appreciate the last part. Asking the state and getting an answer will satisfy me 100%. I think in my haste I responded without digesting that part. I wish you had lead with that, my fault.

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p),BSSW

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On Feb 16, 2025, at 12:10, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

Correct. I'm asking you to get a real legal opinion. Documented to protect the school district.

I'm telling you there are new laws that govern this. Dan Petticord thought he was infallible and he was wrong. Cost the county money.

The County Court Lawyers were wrong about me not being an officer if the court.

The city lawyers wrong about a document being public records.

I don't want promises I want paperwork.

I'm saying you are my public servant, you represent my kids and our schools, I'm asking you to look into it more and then provide me the laws you feel coverage school from liability.

The feel is different because you said and agreed it was FERPA and then backed out. I don't trust Phillips or whomever lawyers in Lorain y oh retain. The State has free council for ethics you can consult. But the bottom line is school documents are online.

I want an answer. In our first meeting I got the feeling you would stand up for student rights. Now I don't feel that way.

And yes I did report it to the federal portal as I believe both LCS and Black River are allowing their documents to be shared online when ORC clearly says that's not allowed.

The tone is different because your answer is different. In the meeting you totally agreed it was FERPA documents, now you don't?

Here is the law:

Section 3319.321 | Confidentiality.
Ohio Revised Code /Title 33 Education-Libraries /Chapter 3319 Schools - Superintendent; Teachers; Employees

(A) No person shall release, or permit access to, the directory information concerning any students attending a public school to any person or group for use in a profit-making plan or activity. Notwithstanding division (B)(4) of section 149.43 of the Revised Code, a person may require disclosure of the requestor's identity or the intended use of the directory information concerning any students attending a public school to ascertain whether the directory information is for use in a profit-making plan or activity.

(B) No person shall release, or permit access to, personally identifiable information other than directory information concerning any student attending a public school, for purposes other than those identified in division (C), (E), (G), or (H) of this section, without the written consent of the parent, guardian, or custodian of each such student who is less than eighteen years of age, or without the written consent of each such student who is eighteen years of age or older.

(1) For purposes of this section, "directory information" includes a student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, date of graduation, and awards received.

(2)(a) Except as provided in division (B)(2)(b) of this section, no school district board of education shall impose any restriction on the presentation of directory information that it has designated as subject to release in accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232q, as amended, to representatives of the armed forces, business, industry, charitable institutions, other employers, and institutions of higher education unless such restriction is uniformly imposed on each of these types of representatives, except that if a student eighteen years of age or older or

a student's parent, guardian, or custodian has informed the board that any or all such information should not be released without such person's prior written consent, the board shall not release that information without such person's prior written consent.

(b) The names and addresses of students in grades ten through twelve shall be released to a recruiting officer for any branch of the United States armed forces who requests such information, except that such data shall not be released if the student or student's parent, guardian, or custodian submits to the board a written request not to release such data. Any data received by a recruiting officer shall be used solely for the purpose of providing information to students regarding military service and shall not be released to any person other than individuals within the recruiting services of the armed forces.

(3) Except for directory information and except as provided in division (E), (G), or (H) of this section, information covered by this section that is released shall only be transferred to a third or subsequent party on the condition that such party will not permit any other party to have access to such information without written consent of the parent, guardian, or custodian, or of the student who is eighteen years of age or older.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any parent of a student may give the written parental consent required under this section. Where parents are separated or divorced, the written parental consent required under this section may be obtained from either parent, subject to any agreement between such parents or court order governing the rights of such parents. In the case of a student whose legal guardian is in an institution, a person independent of the institution who has no other conflicting interests in the case shall be appointed by the board of education of the school district in which the institution is located to give the written parental consent required under this section.

(5)(a) A parent of a student who is not the student's residential parent, upon request, shall be permitted access to any records or information concerning the student under the same terms and conditions under which access to the records or information is available to the residential parent of that student, provided that the access of the parent who is not the residential parent is subject to any agreement between the parents, to division (F) of this section, and, to the extent described in division (B)(5)(b) of this section, is subject to any court order issued pursuant to section 3109.051 of the Revised Code and any other court order governing the rights of the parents.

(b) If the residential parent of a student has presented the keeper of a record or information that is related to the student with a copy of an order issued under division (H)(1) of section 3109.051 of the Revised Code that limits the terms and conditions under which the parent who is not the residential parent of the student is to have access to records and information pertaining to the student or with a copy of any other court order governing the rights of

the parents that so limits those terms and conditions, and if the order pertains to the record or information in question, the keeper of the record or information shall provide access to the parent who is not the residential parent only to the extent authorized in the order. If the residential parent has presented the keeper of the record or information with such an order, the keeper of the record shall permit the parent who is not the residential parent to have access to the record or information only in accordance with the most recent such order that has been presented to the keeper by the residential parent or the parent who is not the residential parent.

(C) Nothing in this section shall limit the administrative use of public school records by a person acting exclusively in the person's capacity as an employee of a board of education or of the state or any of its political subdivisions, any court, or the federal government, and nothing in this section shall prevent the transfer of a student's record to an educational institution for a legitimate educational purpose.

(D) A board of education may require, subject to division (E) of this section, a person seeking to obtain copies of public school records to pay the cost of reproduction and, in the case of data released under division (B)(2)(b) of this section, to pay for any mailing costs, which payment shall not exceed the actual cost to the school.

(E) A principal or chief administrative officer of a public school, or any employee of a public school who is authorized to handle school records, shall provide access to a student's records to a law enforcement officer who indicates that the officer is conducting an investigation and that the student is or may be a missing child, as defined in section 2901.30 of the Revised Code. Free copies of information in the student's record shall be provided, upon request, to the law enforcement officer, if prior approval is given by the student's parent, guardian, or legal custodian. Information obtained by the officer shall be used solely in the investigation of the case. The information may be used by law enforcement agency personnel in any manner that is appropriate in solving the case, including, but not limited to, providing the information to other law enforcement officers and agencies and to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation for purposes of computer integration pursuant to section 2901.30 of the Revised Code.

(F) No person shall release to a parent of a student who is not the student's residential parent or to any other person, or permit a parent of a student who is not the student's residential parent or permit any other person to have access to, any information about the location of any elementary or secondary school to which a student has transferred or information that would enable the parent who is not the student's residential parent or the other person to determine the location of that elementary or secondary school, if the elementary or secondary school to which the student has transferred and that requested the records of the student under section

3313.672 of the Revised Code informs the elementary or secondary school from which the student's records are obtained that the student is under the care of a shelter for victims of domestic violence, as defined in section 3113.33 of the Revised Code.

(G) A principal or chief administrative officer of a public school, or any employee of a public school who is authorized to handle school records, shall comply with any order issued pursuant to division (D)(1) of section 2151.14 of the Revised Code, any request for records that is properly made pursuant to division (D)(3)(a) of section 2151.14 or division (A) of section 2151.141 of the Revised Code, and any determination that is made by a court pursuant to division (D)(3)(b) of section 2151.14 or division (B)(1) of section 2151.141 of the Revised Code.

(H) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a principal of a public school, to the extent permitted by the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," shall make the report required in section 3319.45 of the Revised Code that a pupil committed any violation listed in division (A) of section 3313.662 of the Revised Code on property owned or controlled by, or at an activity held under the auspices of, the board of education, regardless of whether the pupil was sixteen years of age or older. The principal is not required to obtain the consent of the pupil who is the subject of the report or the consent of the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian before making a report pursuant to section 3319.45 of the Revised Code.

The police can have them. They cannot share them.

Period.

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p), BSSW

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On Feb 16, 2025, at 10:03, Jeff Graham
<jgraham@lorainschools.org> wrote:

Aaron, I appreciated meeting you, listening to you share your story, who you are and what's in your heart — all of the things that motivate you to advocate. I also appreciated your priorities as it comes to raising your daughter and supporting many other children who need your support and guidance.

However, in our most recent email exchanges, I got a very different feel from what I had in our original meeting. I understand your position on whether or not the district or LPD violated FERPA in the police report and again, based on our one conversation, I believe your intentions are honorable.

With that being said, I get the impression that you're asking me to do one of two things:

1. Take your legal advice over that of our attorney — who I'm sure is not infallible but has been doing this for well over 40 years; or
2. Pay our attorney to debate you on social media. Candidly, I don't believe that's an effective use of district funds especially when you've made it clear that you've already turned this over to the state and plan to file a civil suit.

If I'm mistaken or misunderstood you, please let me know.

I will never hide or bury anything we've done. We will reach out to the state on Tuesday — Monday is a holiday — and share all the information we have. If we've done anything wrong, we'll own it.

Thanks for doing what you believe to be right as it relates to taking care of our kids.

Jeff

Beko, Michele

From: Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 3:23 AM
To: James Ohliger; Wendy Ohliger; andrewgargasz; Joseph Gargasz; Timothy Joseph Gargasz; Mike Gargasz; Mark Campolo; Brian Sarvas; Pauline Sherry; Elizabeth Sauer; Anne Olsen; Maggie Kent; Kate Zvara; Barb DeFelice; Wanda Gargasz; M. Elissa Cachon; Robby Zsigray; Janice Gargasz; Edward Chavez; Michael Scherach; Dan Plow; Kathy Cucco; Garon Petty; jeanne Petty; Terry and Marie Hall; Kirsten Hill; Don Killinger; William. Bill Poplar; Mike Campolo; Jim Dowdell; Tom Niewulis; Brian Massie; Thomas Hach; Steve Kraus; Aaron Knapp; Chuck Butterfield; Tony Cillo; Rey Carrion; Jack Bradley; Joel Arredondo; Patrick Riley; Don Zaleski; Joe K Auditor; Teresa Upton; jfr_74@hotmail.com Jeff Riddel; David david@yesce.com Moore; Jacob Morris; Rocky Radeff; Major Jack Hall; Major Steven Scharschmidt; Bowles, Scott; Jack M. Hall; Maggie Partin; Patrick Ward; Aaron Knapp; Carissa Woytach; Brad Dicken; Robert Gargasz; Mike Witte; Chief McCann; David O'Brien; Darryl Tucker; Julie Wallace; Jeff Baxter; Jean Anderson; Vice President JD Vance; Jeff Graham; Erin Graham; Jackie Conrad; Kathryn Kennedy; Patrick Tavenner; Leigh Prugh; Congressman Jordan; Congresswoman Kaptur; Jon Morrow; David Yost AG; Lindsay Carr Attorney General; Special investigations unit State Of Ohio; City Council Mail Group
Subject: Mutated Bird Flu, New CV19 Vax Injury & Cancer Treatments – Dr. Peter McCullough | Greg Hunter's USAWatchdog

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From: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 8:59 AM
To: Comer,David; Ted Kalo; Patrick Riley; Joseph LaVeck; Zaleski, Don; mallory_holmes@cityoflorain.org; Rocky Radeff; City Council Mail Group; Joe K Auditor; Soto, Rick; Bradley, Jack; Rocky_Radeff@cityoflorain.org; clerkofcourts@sheffieldlake.net; David Graves; Lorain Police; McCann, James - Chief; Jacob Morris; David Yost AG; Dull, Breanna
Cc: David Yost AG; Lindsay Carr; clandestinecanary; ethics@ethics.ohio.gov; Jonathan.Schuppe@nbcuni.com; Aaron Knapp; Andrew Geronimo, JD; Brian Ames; Robert J Gargas; Michael Scherach; Brad Dicken; Clevescene; Mike Mason
Subject: Re: Public Records needed from Lorain and Sheffield Lake

External sender <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>

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Good morning, I have included Mr. Comer the IT person of Lorain to collect all the Electronic Communications sent and received by Rocky Radeff, Lorain prosecutor and Sheffield Lake Mayor/Safety Director. Per 149.43 ORC From Jan1, 2024 until the present time.

Please respond to my requests.

Thank You,
Garon Petty

> On Feb 24, 2025, at 1:15 PM, Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com> wrote:
>> To ALL Lorain and Sheffield Lake Officials please send me per 149.43
>> ALL electronic
> communications between any Lorain official receiving this email, and the Sheffield Lake Mayor/Safety Director and the Law Director of Sheffield Lake, Ohio from Jan1, 2024 until the present.
>> Please respond,
> Garon Petty

Beko, Michele

From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2025 12:02 AM
To: Garon Petty; Beko, Michele; Robert J. Gargas
Subject: Re: Requests for contracts between the City of Lorain and Sheffield Lake

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Upon review, I note that the current agreement and memorandum were executed on January 31, 2025, and February 3, 2025, respectively.

Please provide the prior version of the document that was in effect before January 31, 2025.

Aaron Christopher Knapp, BSSW, LSW, CDCA
NASW Member ID: 886836612

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On Friday, March 14, 2025 at 11:53:23 AM EDT, Beko, Michele <michele_beko@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

Per both of your records request that Mr. Koziura responded to on January 31st, please find copies of the listed contracts: Lorain County, Ohio Amended Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement; Agreement for the Treatment of Sanitary Sewage between the Cities of Lorain, Ohio and Sheffield Lake, Ohio; and, Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lorain, Ohio the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio. There are no written contracts between the City of Lorain Municipal Court and the City of Sheffield Lake.

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Beko, Michele

From: Loraine Ritchey <lritch7@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2025 5:03 PM
To: Patrick Riley; Michele Beko
Subject: Fw: the article Jon Morrow

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FYI in case you haven't seen this since it is about the Law Dept.

The Corrupt Bargain: Power, Favoritism, and the Erosion of Justice in Lorain and Sheffield Lake

Has Lorainite and Ethics Activist Aaron Knapp blown the cover off of attorneys, law enforcement, and government bureaucracy Behaving Badly?



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MAR 16, 2025

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By Jon Morrow with information and tenacious investigative work provided by Aaron Knapp

In the shadow of the steel mills and the quiet streets of Lorain and Sheffield Lake, a silent transaction took place. It was not conducted in the open market, nor was it debated before the citizens whose trust and tax dollars sustain the great bureaucratic machinery of municipal government. Instead, it was an arrangement between men who believe that the levers of power exist to serve their own ambitions. A transaction of favors, cloaked in official procedure, disguised as governance.

At the center of this arrangement stands **Rocky Radeff**, a man whose partisan power straddles two cities. As the **Mayor of Sheffield Lake** and the **Assistant Prosecutor and Law Director for Lorain**, Radeff has transformed his public office into a kingdom of

Democrat influence, where justice bends to the hand of the Democrats in power in Lorain and Sheffield Lake. Across from him, **Antonio Baez**, a city councilman turned police officer in a meteoric rise that defies both legal precedent and ethical decency. The two men, bound not by duty but by mutual benefit, have orchestrated a sequence of events that calls into question the very foundation of integrity in public office.

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A Convergence of Power and Self-Interest

On February 13, 2024, **Antonio Baez**, a newly elected Lorain City Council member, was appointed as a full-time police officer in Sheffield Lake—a city where Radeff, his political benefactor, holds the highest office. Six weeks later, on March 18, 2024, Baez cast a critical vote on Ordinance 47-24, a measure that amended the Lorain City Code regarding the compensation and structure of the Lorain Law Department, the very office in which Mayor Radeff serves as Assistant Prosecutor and Law Director.

Within days of Baez’s vote on Lorain’s City Council, reports surfaced that the new ordinance would result in raises and the creation of a new position — a direct financial benefits to Radeff’s department.

Was this governance? Or was this a quid pro quo? **A favor exchanged for a favor?** The evidence suggests the latter.

Baez’s rapid appointment in Sheffield Lake—under Radeff’s executive authority—immediately raises suspicions. This was an abnormal rush and hurried process. That Baez then turned around and voted on an ordinance directly benefiting Radeff’s department only intensifies those concerns (*There is no law that Lorain’s or Sheffield Lake’s law enforcement officers need to reside within their respective cities*). The timeline of events is not a coincidence; these illegal and deliberate maneuvers were executed by men who believe the law Should not apply to them.



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Beyond this, Baez continued to cast votes on critical financial matters in Lorain—budget appropriations, ARPA fund allocations, and departmental funding decisions—despite being a full-time, classified city employee in Sheffield Lake, a clear violation of Ohio law.

*A classified employee in Ohio is a public servant bound by law to remain impartial, apolitical, and focused solely on executing government functions. **Ohio Revised Code § 124.57** explicitly prohibits such employees from engaging in partisan politics, stating: "No officer or employee in the classified service... shall take part in political campaigns other than to vote as he pleases and to express freely his political opinions." This restriction exists to prevent conflicts of interest—ensuring that those who enforce the law do not manipulate it for personal or political gain. A classified employee holding elected office is a fundamental contradiction, undermining the integrity of government by blurring the line between administration and political ambition.*

The Laws That Bind Lesser Men

The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) exists not as a suggestion, but as a safeguard against precisely the kind of unethical deal making that Radeff and Baez have exercised in the "I'll wash your back if you wash mine." The laws are clear:

- **ORC § 124.57 - Prohibition on Partisan Political Activity for Classified Employees**

Baez's status as a full-time police officer in Sheffield Lake renders him a classified employee, prohibited from engaging in partisan political activity—including serving as an elected city council member in Lorain. His continued votes while in uniform were a violation of state law. While Baez resigned his position on the City of Lorain's city council amid Aaron Knapp's investigation - the law was undoubtedly broken

- **ORC § 2921.42(A)(4) - Unlawful Interest in a Public Contract**

A public official cannot have a financial interest in a contract involving their governmental agency. Radeff's dual role places him in an untenable conflict: as Mayor of Sheffield Lake, he oversees expenditures that benefit the City of Lorain, where he is an Assistant Prosecutor and Law Director. Radeff's friend (Baez) benefitted from Radeff hiring him as Mayor. Radeff then benefitted from Baez's vote on the Lorain City Council to give Radeff a raise. This is why ethically - it is improper for an elected officeholder to hire donors to their campaign, friends, family, and business associates.

- **ORC § 2921.42(A)(1) - Securing an Unauthorized Public Contract**

The alleged quid pro quo—Baez's hiring in Sheffield Lake in exchange for his votes

benefiting Radeff's office—may constitute an abuse of authority under Ohio law, particularly given the financial entanglements between the two municipalities.

- **ORC § 102.03(D) - Using the Authority or Influence of Office**

This statute prohibits a public official from using their office to secure anything of value for themselves or their associates. Radeff's influence over Baez's hiring, coupled with Baez's votes benefiting Radeff's department, suggests at a minimum a breach of ethical conduct, and at most this law.

- **The Hatch Act (Federal Law)**

Given that Sheffield Lake, like Lorain, receives federal funding, Baez's simultaneous role as an elected official and a classified city employee may also constitute a violation of federal restrictions on political activity by municipal employees.

These statutes do not exist as mere ink on paper. They are a shield against corruption, a bulwark against the unchecked consolidation of power. And yet, for those who believe themselves above the law, they are merely obstacles to be maneuvered around.

The Ethics of Power and the Peril of Unchecked Governance

A famous author wrote of men who live not by toil and trade, but by pull—those who do not produce, but consume the labor of others through force and manipulation. The events unfolding in Lorain and Sheffield Lake are the very embodiment of this moral corruption. Radeff and Baez do not operate in the marketplace of honest governance; much like the Democrat corruption within the governments of the City of Lorain and Sheffield Lake they do not engage in the free exchange of ideas or labor. Instead, they wield power as a commodity, trading political influence like currency, securing positions, votes, and salaries through quiet, backroom deals rather than merit or public accountability.

Consider the ethical implications:

- What message does it send to the residents of Sheffield Lake that their Mayor is also a high-ranking official in a neighboring city, with direct financial and legal entanglements?
- What faith can the people of Lorain have in their government when one of their council members is simultaneously an employee of another city, casting votes that directly benefit his employer?
- What becomes of law and order when those who swear to uphold justice instead exploit their offices for personal gain?

This is not governance; it is oligarchy. It is not leadership; it is collusion. It is not law; it is the manipulation of law by those who view it as an inconvenience rather than an obligation.



We should expect our elected officials to not use their position to personally benefit themselves through a - “If you scratch my back - I’ll scratch your back.” We absolutely should request an investigation when it is our law enforcement and legal professionals that have a much higher expectation that their action should avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

In the legal profession, integrity is not merely an expectation but an obligation enshrined in the **Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct**. Rule **8.4(f)** explicitly prohibits a lawyer from engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice, while Rule **1.7** warns against conflicts of interest that compromise an attorney’s independent professional judgment. These rules exist not only to prevent outright corruption but to guard against **the appearance of impropriety**—the erosion of public trust that occurs when legal professionals manipulate their positions for personal gain.

Suffice it to say - the actions that favored the two officeholders have every appearance of being unethical and illegal.

Mayor Rocky Radeff’s simultaneous roles as **Assistant Prosecutor/Law Director for Lorain** and **Mayor of Sheffield Lake** create an undeniable ethical quagmire. His influence over hiring decisions in Sheffield Lake, particularly the appointment of **Antonio Baez**, who later voted on financial matters benefiting Radeff’s department in Lorain, raises serious concerns about whether his dual positions were leveraged for political and financial advantage. Even if no explicit quid pro quo can be proven, the perception alone undermines the credibility of both offices. The Ohio Supreme Court has long recognized that **judges, prosecutors, and public officials must avoid even the semblance of self-dealing**, as public confidence in the judiciary and legal system depends on the belief that laws are applied impartially. When a legal professional skirts these ethical guardrails, it is not just a violation of conduct—it is an assault on the foundational principle that the law serves the public, not those who wield it for personal advancement.

The Path Forward: A Demand for Justice

For too long, the people have been conditioned to accept these transgressions as politics as usual, to shrug off what they see as minor corruption as a cost of doing business in government. But this is not the natural order of things. Corruption does not flourish where men of integrity stand against it.

The actions of Rocky Radeff and Antonio Baez demand more than public scrutiny; they demand legal consequence. The Ohio Ethics Commission, the Attorney General, and federal authorities must investigate, prosecute, and, if warranted, ensure that these men no longer serve in public office. If the laws of Ohio are to mean anything, if the ethical standards of

governance are to hold any weight, then this charade of power must be dismantled. While Baez did the right thing in removing himself from the Lorain City Council - Mayor Rocky Radeff is continuing serve as Mayor of Sheffield Lake, OH.

In a just world, public office is not a prize to give favors in return for favors. It is a responsibility—one that must be guarded, protected, and, when necessary, reclaimed from those who have defiled it.

Justice is not a suggestion. It is a demand. And it is time for the people of Lorain and Sheffield Lake to demand it. Mayor Radeff explain yourself or step down immediately.

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Cc: City Group
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From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 12:08 PM
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It's been 3 weeks since I last heard from you. 3 more weeks of FERPA protected information still online. These are juveniles who were not charged with a crime. Let's be better than this.

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On Mar 4, 2025, at 10:18, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

Just following up. It's been a week and I wanted to see if you had gotten a response from State yet?

Lorain Schools and Lorain Police are racially distributing against these juveniles.

You cannot post juveniles pictures and school records online to punish them. It was almost 3 years ago and they were never charged with a crime.

Noelle Williams I'm forwarding this to you since it seems 19 News gets result's.

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On Feb 16, 2025, at 14:24, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

I appreciate the last part. Asking the state and getting an answer will satisfy me 100%. I think in my haste I responded without digesting that part. I wish you had lead with that, my fault.

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On Feb 16, 2025, at 12:10, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

Correct. I'm asking you to get a real legal opinion. Documented to protect the school district.

I'm telling you there are new laws that govern this. Dan Petticord thought he was infallible and he was wrong. Cost the county money.

The County Court Lawyers were wrong about me not being an officer if the court.

The city lawyers wrong about a document being public records.

I don't want promises I want paperwork.

I'm saying you are my public servant, you represent my kids and our schools, I'm asking you to look into it more and then provide me the laws you feel coverage school from liability.

The feel is different because you said and agreed it was FERPA and then backed out. I don't trust Phillips or whomever lawyers in Lorain y oh retain. The State has free council for ethics you can consult. But the bottom line is school documents are online.

I want an answer. In our first meeting I got the feeling you would stand up for student rights. Now I dont feel that way.

And yes I did report it to the federal portal as I believe both LCS and Black River our allowing their documents to be shared online when ORC clearly says that's not allowed.

The tone is different because your answer is different. In the meeting you totally agreed it was FERPA documents, now you don't?

Here is the law:

Section 3319.321 | Confidentiality.
Ohio Revised Code /Title 33 Education-Libraries /Chapter 3319
Schools - Superintendent; Teachers; Employees

(A) No person shall release, or permit access to, the directory information concerning any students attending a public school to any person or group for use in a profit-making plan or activity. Notwithstanding division (B)(4) of section 149.43 of the Revised Code, a person may require disclosure of the requestor's identity or the intended use of the directory information concerning any students attending a public school to ascertain whether the directory information is for use in a profit-making plan or activity.

(B) No person shall release, or permit access to, personally identifiable information other than directory information concerning any student attending a public school, for purposes other than those identified in division (C), (E), (G), or (H) of this section, without the written consent of the parent, guardian, or custodian of each such student who is less than eighteen years of age, or without the written consent of each such student who is eighteen years of age or older.

(1) For purposes of this section, "directory information" includes a student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, date of graduation, and awards received.

(2)(a) Except as provided in division (B)(2)(b) of this section, no school district board of education shall impose any restriction on the presentation of directory information that it has designated as subject to release in accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232q, as amended, to representatives of the armed forces, business, industry, charitable institutions, other employers, and institutions of higher education unless such restriction is uniformly imposed on each of these types of representatives, except that if a student eighteen years of age or older or a student's parent, guardian, or custodian has informed the board that any or all such information should not be released without such person's prior written consent, the board shall not release that information without such person's prior written consent.

(b) The names and addresses of students in grades ten through twelve shall be released to a recruiting officer for any branch of the United States armed forces who requests such information, except that such data shall not be released if the student or student's parent, guardian, or custodian submits to the board a written request not to release such data. Any data received by a recruiting officer shall be used solely for the purpose of providing information to students regarding military service and shall not be released to any person other than individuals within the recruiting services of the armed forces.

(3) Except for directory information and except as provided in division (E), (G), or (H) of this section, information covered by this section that is released shall only be transferred to a third or subsequent party on the condition that such party will not permit any other party to have access to such information without written consent of the parent, guardian, or custodian, or of the student who is eighteen years of age or older.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any parent of a student may give the written parental consent required under this section. Where parents are separated or divorced, the written parental consent required under this section may be

obtained from either parent, subject to any agreement between such parents or court order governing the rights of such parents. In the case of a student whose legal guardian is in an institution, a person independent of the institution who has no other conflicting interests in the case shall be appointed by the board of education of the school district in which the institution is located to give the written parental consent required under this section.

(5)(a) A parent of a student who is not the student's residential parent, upon request, shall be permitted access to any records or information concerning the student under the same terms and conditions under which access to the records or information is available to the residential parent of that student, provided that the access of the parent who is not the residential parent is subject to any agreement between the parents, to division (F) of this section, and, to the extent described in division (B)(5)(b) of this section, is subject to any court order issued pursuant to section 3109.051 of the Revised Code and any other court order governing the rights of the parents.

(b) If the residential parent of a student has presented the keeper of a record or information that is related to the student with a copy of an order issued under division (H)(1) of section 3109.051 of the Revised Code that limits the terms and conditions under which the parent who is not the residential parent of the student is to have access to records and information pertaining to the student or with a copy of any other court order governing the rights of the parents that so limits those terms and conditions, and if the order pertains to the record or information in question, the keeper of the record or information shall provide access to the parent who is not the residential parent only to the extent authorized in the order. If the residential parent has presented the keeper of the record or information with such an order, the keeper of the record shall permit the parent who is not the residential parent to have access to the record or information only in accordance with the most recent such order that has been presented to the keeper by the residential parent or the parent who is not the residential parent.

(C) Nothing in this section shall limit the administrative use of public school records by a person acting exclusively in the person's capacity as an employee of a board of education or of the state or any of its political subdivisions, any court, or the federal government, and nothing in this section shall prevent

the transfer of a student's record to an educational institution for a legitimate educational purpose.

(D) A board of education may require, subject to division (E) of this section, a person seeking to obtain copies of public school records to pay the cost of reproduction and, in the case of data released under division (B)(2)(b) of this section, to pay for any mailing costs, which payment shall not exceed the actual cost to the school.

(E) A principal or chief administrative officer of a public school, or any employee of a public school who is authorized to handle school records, shall provide access to a student's records to a law enforcement officer who indicates that the officer is conducting an investigation and that the student is or may be a missing child, as defined in section 2901.30 of the Revised Code. Free copies of information in the student's record shall be provided, upon request, to the law enforcement officer, if prior approval is given by the student's parent, guardian, or legal custodian. Information obtained by the officer shall be used solely in the investigation of the case. The information may be used by law enforcement agency personnel in any manner that is appropriate in solving the case, including, but not limited to, providing the information to other law enforcement officers and agencies and to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation for purposes of computer integration pursuant to section 2901.30 of the Revised Code.

(F) No person shall release to a parent of a student who is not the student's residential parent or to any other person, or permit a parent of a student who is not the student's residential parent or permit any other person to have access to, any information about the location of any elementary or secondary school to which a student has transferred or information that would enable the parent who is not the student's residential parent or the other person to determine the location of that elementary or secondary school, if the elementary or secondary school to which the student has transferred and that requested the records of the student under section 3313.672 of the Revised Code informs the elementary or secondary school from which the student's records are obtained that the student is under the care of a shelter for victims of domestic violence, as defined in section 3113.33 of the Revised Code.

(G) A principal or chief administrative officer of a public school, or any employee of a public school who is authorized to handle school records, shall comply with any order issued pursuant to division (D)(1) of section 2151.14 of the Revised Code, any request for records that is properly made pursuant to division (D)(3)(a) of section 2151.14 or division (A) of section 2151.141 of the Revised Code, and any determination that is made by a court pursuant to division (D)(3)(b) of section 2151.14 or division (B)(1) of section 2151.141 of the Revised Code.

(H) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a principal of a public school, to the extent permitted by the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," shall make the report required in section 3319.45 of the Revised Code that a pupil committed any violation listed in division (A) of section 3313.662 of the Revised Code on property owned or controlled by, or at an activity held under the auspices of, the board of education, regardless of whether the pupil was sixteen years of age or older. The principal is not required to obtain the consent of the pupil who is the subject of the report or the consent of the pupil's parent, guardian, or custodian before making a report pursuant to section 3319.45 of the Revised Code.

The police can have them. They cannot share them.

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On Feb 16, 2025, at 10:03, Jeff Graham
<jgraham@lorainschools.org> wrote:

Aaron, I appreciated meeting you, listening to you share your story, who you are and what's in your heart — all of the things that motivate you to advocate. I also appreciated your priorities as it comes to raising your daughter and supporting many other children who need your support and guidance.

However, in our most recent email exchanges, I got a very different feel from what I had in our original meeting. I understand your position on whether or not the district or LPD violated FERPA in the police report and again, based on our one conversation, I believe your intentions are honorable.

With that being said, I get the impression that you're asking me to do one of two things:

1. Take your legal advice over that of our attorney — who I'm sure is not infallible but has been doing this for well over 40 years; or
2. Pay our attorney to debate you on social media. Candidly, I don't believe that's an effective use of district funds especially when you've made it clear that you've already turned this over to the state and plan to file a civil suit.

If I'm mistaken or misunderstood you, please let me know.

I will never hide or bury anything we've done. We will reach out to the state on Tuesday — Monday is a holiday — and share all the information we have. If we've done anything wrong, we'll own it.

Thanks for doing what you believe to be right as it relates to taking care of our kids.

Jeff

Beko, Michele

From: Loraine Ritchey <lritch7@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2025 4:47 PM
To: Tony Cillo; Patrick Riley; Jack Bradley; Rey Carrion; Joseph LaVeck; James - Chief McCann; Rocky Radeff
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So Aaron Knapp has an account which is letting him literally publish falsehoods and lopsided innuendo .. under the term "alleged"..... the latest small part of his allegations. Mud sticks ! I am appalled that this person can insinuate corruption within the offices of our community, tarnish people's reputations, integrity and honesty and nothing is done . I told you all before he would escalate and he is doing so even now. **The general public does not know the difference in this ap between legitimate Media and a "dolt" who is good with A1 and vindictive targeting** . He is being believed unchallenged . If you are concerned a push back from the City of Lorain Ohio is needed . I would do it myself but like everyone else it seems no-one is listening to the woman on 4th street. [Violations, Suspensions and Account Terminations](#)

Strike Management

If a contributor tries to publish content that violates one of these policies, they will receive a strike immediately.

- Nudity or sexual content
- Violence and gory content
- Harassment and hateful content
- False or misleading content
- Intellectual Property and Privacy
- Dangerous and illegal content
- Minor endangerment

The first violation or strike is a warning. The second time you make a serious policy violation your account will be suspended and you will not be able to edit or publish content for one week. The third strike could result in termination from the platform.

The Power Network Behind McCann

Chief James McCann's enduring influence in Lorain is not just about his badge—it's about the power structure that insulates him from accountability. Here's a breakdown of the key political figures allegedly enabling or ignoring McCann's misconduct:

Name: Patrick Riley

Role: Law Director

Connection: Allegedly shields McCann legally; selectively addresses misconduct; dual legal roles

Name: Rey Carrion

Role: Safety Director

Connection: McCann's direct superior; allegedly ignored complaints and approved pay raises

Name: Jack Bradley

Role: Mayor

Connection: Signs off on promotions; continues support despite controversy

Name: Tim Weitzel

Role: Juvenile Court Admin

Connection: Public records suggest parallel retaliatory actions against whistleblowers

Name: David Graves

Role: Assistant Law Director

Connection: Allegedly provided internal cover during legal disputes

Name: Lorain City Council

Role: Legislative Body

Connection: Silent on calls for investigation; no motions for inquiry or ethics review

Follow the Alleged Favoritism

- **Salary Increase in 2022:** McCann received a raise with no published performance justification
- **Failure to Enforce Discipline:** Officers with known misconduct issues were retained and protected
- **Back channel Messaging:** McCann leveraged internal messaging systems to coordinate retaliation with non-LPD officials
- **No Investigations Opened:** Despite multiple incidents and public outcry, not one internal investigation into McCann's leadership or conduct has been made public
- **Council Inaction:** No formal request for oversight or ethics review has come from the legislative body, even as civil rights claims were filed