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**To:** [kashawver@gmail.com](mailto:kashawver@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Ohio Auditors Office Complaint Followup  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 12:44:04 PM  
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Ms. Shawver,

I am in receipt of your complaint to our office. We spoke about a week ago and I just want to clarify a few things.

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1. Utilities Billing office and Admin departments getting excessive overtime = It seems your requests for documentation have been ignored. Can you provide any additional information at this time, such as employees names and their department, dates of excessive overtime, etc.
2. Police Department = I do have the Reg. Hrs. PRR you provided to us for Chief McCann and former Captain Roger Watkins and Captain Michael Failing. I do not have the same for former Captain Les Palmer. Would you be able to get me that info? I will also check with my auditor to see what additional information may be needed.
3. In regards to the law department having employees being paid for full time work but only working part time hours, do you have the employees names and the dates involved? Again I will check with my auditor and see what else is needed.

Thank you,



**From:** [Greg T. Kopniske](#)  
**To:** [Cara L. Yoder](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External]Re: Ohio Auditors Office Complaint Followup  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 1:38:30 PM

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**From:** Karen Shawver <kashawver@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 1:32 PM  
**To:** Greg T. Kopniske <GTKopniske@ohioauditor.gov>  
**Subject:** [External]Re: Ohio Auditors Office Complaint Followup

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Mr. Kopniske

I have an extensive amount of paperwork on the overtime and higher position pay matter. Should I email them or send USPS?

The Chief McCann matter, I have been informed, was turned over to your offices by the Lorain County Prosecutor's office. I met with them due to a public records request for the information and a comment of fraudulent payments being made by the chief. As it was a confidential and serious matter, I went to the county officials for it to be investigated. I provided the payroll reports to them that you are referring to. It was basically the chief entering regular hours and yet nearly 100 days the captains were being paid the chief's pay rate because he was not working. I can send you the Palmer information. If you need anything further please advise. The telestaff scheduling software used in LPD would have the details and documentation of all their time as they notate special projects, overtime and other time off. I do not have access to that program however.

This last matter regarding Law department recently came to light when to Zupka audit team was on site and requested timesheets for employees in that office. They did not provide any for Joe Pritchard and Joe LaVeck. They did provide one for Ken Resar who is considered part time, but the timesheet showed he worked certain days but the time entered into the payroll system was for 40 hours per week. After our audit team asked for this information and was not given proper documents I also recalled a conversation earlier this year with Don Zaleski in the Law department in which he stated both Joe Pritchard and Joe LaVeck were part-time.....this was odd to me as they are paid full time as they were appointed to full time positions. The 2022 audit will most likely bring these matters to light also, but thought after discussing it with the Zupka team, it was best to contact your office.

Let me know how and where to send the information.

Karen Shawver

Sent from my iPhone

On May 9, 2023, at 12:43 PM, Greg T. Kopniske <[GTKopniske@ohioauditor.gov](mailto:GTKopniske@ohioauditor.gov)> wrote:

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