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Meyers, Robert (COE)

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2005 10:25 AM
To: Martinez, Sheila (DBD) (305) 375-3151
Subject: RE: Holiday present

Dear Sheila,

There is no limit per se. If the value of the gift exceeds \$100, it must be reported. If it is less than \$100, it can be accepted and does not have to be disclosed. Of course, a County employee is under no obligation to accept a gift from a third party – especially if makes him/her feel uncomfortable.

Robert Meyers

From: Martinez, Sheila (DBD) (305) 375-3151
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2005 9:40 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: FW: Holiday present

Mr. Meyers:
What is the dollar limit for accepting gifts? \$25 or \$50?

Sheila

From: Andres J. Solares [mailto:talmac@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2005 7:36 AM
To: Martinez, Sheila (DBD) (305) 375-3151
Subject: RE: Holiday present

Sheila: The present is not anything expensive. It is just pretty, I agree, but it is not extravagant in any way. It is a very simple thing if you find out. I took into consideration what you explained to me in your e-mail because I know the rules and I would not like to create any conflict. I have given similar ones to other friends of mine. Regards,
Andres

From: Martinez, Sheila (DBD) (305) 375-3151 [mailto:CCO@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2005 3:05 PM
To: Andres J. Solares
Cc: Jackman, Marsha E. (DBD) (305) 375-3134; McIntyre, Shanise (DBD) (305) 375-3152
Subject: Holiday present

Mr. Solares,
The gift you gave me is absolutely beautiful, but regretfully, I cannot accept it. As a County employee, it is against the law for me to accept something so extravagant. While I truly appreciate the thought, please understand my position. And after all, it really is the thought that counts.

Very Sincerely Yours,
Sheila Martinez