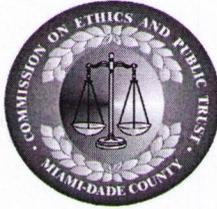


# COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST



## REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

K 11-045

Date Opened: March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011

Date Closed: October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011

Name of investigators: Breno Penichet and Kennedy Rosario

### **Allegation:**

**This Investigation is predicated upon information received in the form of an e-mail alleging possible improprieties by the administration of the Town of Medley (the Town). In the e-mail, Ettie Schwartz (Schwartz) makes allegations of misconduct and possible abuse of authority.**

### **Investigation:**

COE investigators reviewed the information contained in the e-mail dated March 17, 2011 that was forwarded to the Commission on Ethics. In the e-mail Schwartz is upset because she did not receive her vacation pay when she ended her employment with the Town. Schwartz also alleged that she did not receive her forms to apply for her COBRA benefits. Further, she claimed that it is common practice in the Town to circumvent policies and procedures and there are other irregularities dealing with the Mayor's pay and possible political misdeeds. It is apparent from the e-mail, that Schwartz was very upset with the Town's administration due to the fact that she felt she was not being provided what was promised to her when she was hired.

Investigators reached Schwartz after several attempts. Schwartz advised that she did not want to cooperate with the investigation for fear of reprisal. Schwartz was reminded that she wrote the accusatory e-mail raising the allegations. She advised she would reconsider and contact the COE.

Investigators received several e-mails from the Town showing that Schwartz was attempting to obtain COBRA benefits and was blaming the Town for the mix up. Investigators reviewed all the information provided and found that the staff was responsive and willing to work with Schwartz.

Schwartz was contacted again and asked to produce the documents she advised could prove her allegations and again she refused.

After reviewing all correspondence and particularly after reading the e-mail from Robert Reynolds (Reynolds), Morris & Reynolds Ins. to City Attorney Michael Pizzi (Pizzi) it is very clear this was an administrative matter.

All the above Information and documents was turned over to the Advocate M. Murawski for review.

**CONCLUSION:**

Based on our inquiry and review, we conclude that there is no ordinance within the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust's jurisdiction that has been violated. Therefore, the above-cited case is closed without further action.