

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

K #:11-060

Date Opened: April 11, 2011

Date Closed: September 20, 2012

Name of investigators: Breno Penichet and Kennedy Rosario

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**Background:**

The Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office (SAO), the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust (COE) and the Florida Elections Commission (FEC) received complaints/allegations that the former Mayor of North Miami Beach (NMB) Myron Rosner (Rosner), at commencement of this investigation, in his bid for re-election, was engaged in activities that could be construed as violations of both Florida State statutes and the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest Ordinance.

Chief among the complainants was NMB blogger Stephanie Kienzle.

The alleged violations primarily emanated from Rosner's re-election campaign activities.

**Investigation:**

The COE, at the inception of this investigation reviewed Rosner's Campaign Treasurer's Reports (CTR), noting an in-kind contribution from Martin Outdoor Media (MOM). (It is to be noted that Rosner was his own designated Campaign Treasurer.)

MOM, it was determined, held a NMB revenue generating contract for “bus bench” advertisements throughout the city. MOM also held similar contracts with various Miami-Dade and Broward municipalities.

Conversations were held, initially with then Chief Assistant State Attorney Joseph Centorino, and Assistant State Attorney Breezye Telfair. An investigative decision was made to subpoena various MOM principles and management personnel as witnesses to determine their knowledge and involvement in the Rosner campaign bus bench ads.

Additionally, it was decided that the investigation would focus on another bus bench contract, personal in nature, wherein Rosner had MOM place, mostly in the NM area, a likeness of himself captioned with the greeting “Happy Holidays.” The personal “Happy Holidays” advertisements were scheduled to be replaced immediately prior to the placement of the Rosner re-election campaign ads. To that end Scott Martin, principal of MOM, via a telephone conversation with Investigator Kennedy Rosario, agreed to supply the investigation with both their Rosner contract and a copy of any instrument, in this case the Rosner campaign check, issued/uttered by Rosner to pay/satisfy the contract agreement between both parties. This conversation occurred on or about April 13, 2011 and would later have an investigative significance.

As the sworn statements, via the executed witness subpoenas, were taken it became apparent that the investigation should include the Miami-Dade Police Department’s Public Corruption Investigations Bureau (PCIB). Detective Luis Rodriguez joined the investigation as Lead for MDPD PCIB. PCIB also took the lead agency role with the COE’s collaboration. ASA Breezye Telfair became the investigation’s prosecutor. Also enlisted was Maggie Amaya, MDPD PCIB Financial Analyst.

Due to the involvement of MDPD PCIB as lead agency all material information and documents were turned over to Detective Rodriguez. All information and documents, i.e.: subpoenas and their respective compliance document (s), sworn statement transcripts, etc., accumulated after the entry of PCIB were and are held by the SAO and Detective Rodriguez, although many of the items noted above were copied and made a part of the COE case file.

**CONCLUSION:**

This investigation was ultimately closed by arrest. On September 20, 2012, former NMB Mayor Myron Joel Rosner surrendered at the JMH Ward D and was placed under arrest by MDPD PCIB Detective Luis Rodriguez pursuant to an Arrest Warrant. The Arrest Warrant and its Statement of Facts in support thereof; Supreme Court of Florida, Chief Justice Ricky Polston's designation of Chief Judge Peter Weinstein of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court (Broward County) to review said Arrest Warrant; the MDPD Arrest Affidavit and the Motion and Order granting motion to Determine Confidentiality of Court Records, are all included as additions to this report.