



Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust

Preliminary Inquiry Report

Investigator: Nilda Olmo

Case: PI 16-16	Case Name: Sendon	<u>Date Opened:</u> 04/20/16	
Complainant(s): Nancy Lovera	Subject(s): Marcos Sendon Enforcement Officer, Tax Collector's Division- Finance		CASE CLOSED Date: <u>5/3/2016</u>

Allegation(s):

Complainant Nancy Lovera (Lovera) contacted COE via email (Attachment #1), regarding a Miami Dade County vehicle driven by an unknown County employee driving erratically and acting in a very condescending, unprofessional manner.

Relevant Law:

Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance Sec.2-11.1
(g) ***Exploitation of official position prohibited.*** "No person included in the terms defined in Subsection (b) (1) through (6) and (b) (13) shall use or attempt to use his or her official position to secure special privileges or exemptions for himself or others..."

Investigation:

Interviews

Nancy Lovera, ESE Teacher-Cross Creek-Broward County
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BTU Union Representative

This investigator interviewed Ms. Nancy Lovera (Lovera) regarding the above mentioned allegation. On 04/19/16, Lovera had picked up her son from University of Miami at approximately 1:30-2:00 P.M., and was parked outside Whole Foods in Coral Gables, waiting for a parking spot. They had been waiting approximately 15 minutes when they saw a spot open up. Lovera was getting ready to drive into the spot, when she saw a white car coming in the opposite direction at high speed, make an illegal U-turn and cut in front of her, almost causing an accident. When she opened her window and complained, telling him she had been waiting for that spot a long time, the driver started laughing and making fun, acting in a very arrogant manner.

He never apologized or attempted to move the car but exited the vehicle and continued on his way. When she told him he was driving a County car and that he should be more conscious and drive safer, he continued to laugh. Lovera advised him she would report him and his reply was "go ahead". He continued laughing, throwing his arms up in the air. His attitude was condescending and nasty.

He proceeded to enter the store, at which point, Lovera exited her car and took pictures of the vehicle (Attachments #2-#3). Lovera mentioned if he would have handled the incident in a passive non-confrontational manner, she would have left it at that. She is concerned not only because of his temper but the fact that he is a County employee in a County vehicle with such a bad attitude, acting as if he was above the law.

Although Lovera mentioned she does not want to get him in trouble, she does want him to know that driving a County car entails certain responsibilities and he should be aware of his demeanor and actions. She wants to make sure he is aware and/or advised by his supervisors that treating citizens with such disrespect is not acceptable.

Upon concluding my interview with Lovera, I proceeded to contact Dade County Fleet Management Division, and spoke to Marie Blanc (Blanc) in order to determine who was driving Vehicle 4155A with Tag # TB6069.

She confirmed that said vehicle had been signed out by Mr. Marcos Sendon (Sendon) on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:30 A.M. and returned at 3:00 P.M. I inquired as to any incident report by Mr. Sendon for the period of time he was driving the County vehicle and there are no reports on file.

Sendon is an Enforcement Officer with the Tax Collector's Division, Finance Department. His Supervisor is Martha Manthorpe.

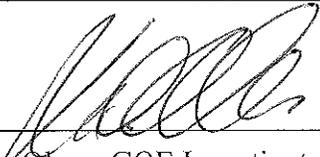
Document/Video Review:

1. E-mail, Nancy Lovera to COE.
2. Photograph: Miami-Dade County Vehicle, taken and provided by Lovera.

3. Photograph: Miami-Dade County Vehicle, taken and provided by Lovera.

Conclusion:

Upon completion of this inquiry, discussed with Advocate, Michael Murawski that this report would be sent as a referral to Martha Manthorpe for her to deal with as administrative matter.



Nilda Olmo, COE Investigator

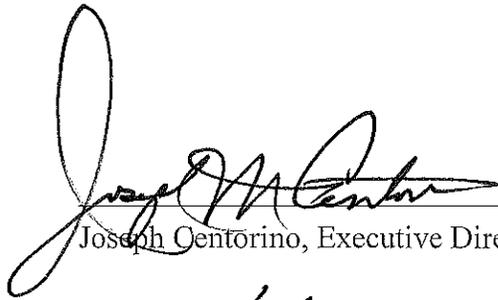
Approved by:



Michael Murawski, Advocate

Date: _____

5/3/16



Joseph Centorino, Executive Director

Date: _____

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