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COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST**

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In re: ORLANDO MARTINEZ DE CASTRO

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**PUBLIC REPORT
AND
FINAL ORDER**

The Ethics Commission Advocate filed the above-referenced complaint against Respondent Orlando Martinez De Castro, the Chief of Police of the City of South Miami. The complaint, which contained four counts, alleged among other things that the South Miami Police Department (SMPD) transacted business with Airways Auto Tag Agency (Airways), a company owned by Chief Martinez De Castro's wife. The SMPD transacted business with Airways on three occasions: February 9, 2011; June 3, 2011; and October 27, 2011.

An investigation into the allegations determined that these transactions were made in violation of the City of South Miami Code at Section 8A-1 (c).

Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County at Sec. 2-1072, the Ethics Commission is empowered to enforce the County and municipal Code of Ethics ordinances.

On July 11, 2013, the Ethics Commission moved to accept a settlement agreement with Respondent Martinez De Castro. In exchange for dismissing Count Four, Respondent Martinez De Castro agreed not to contest the allegations contained in Counts One, Two, and Three. The Ethics Commission found that Martinez De Castro violated Section 8A-1 (c) of the City of South Miami Code.

However, the Ethics Commission made no finding as to whether or not the violation was or was not "willful."

Respondent Martinez De Castro paid \$2,000 in costs to the Ethics Commission and agreed to accept a Letter of Instruction.

Wherefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT the complaint against Respondent Orlando Martinez De Castro is hereby concluded.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on July 11, 2013, with Final Order signed on August 8, 2013.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:



Charlton Copeland
Chair

Signed on this date: 10/10/2013