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**MIAMI-DADE
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST**

In re: JOHN WATLER
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C 14-026

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

The Deputy General Counsel for the Commission on Ethics filed the above-referenced complaint against Respondent JOHN WATLER, a Miami-Dade County firefighter. The complaint alleged that Respondent violated the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (k)(2), which requires that employees engaged in outside employment file an annual report declaring the source and amount of income received from that outside employment.

An investigation into the allegations found that during 2012, Respondent engaged in outside employment through his company "Top Rank Fitness, Inc." Investigation also found that Respondent failed to file his outside employment statement in 2013 as required.

Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County at Secs. 2-1068 and 2-11.1(a), the Ethics Commission is empowered to enforce the County and municipal Code of Ethics ordinances and to accept and enforce settlement agreements entered into by the Deputy General Counsel/Advocate and Respondents.

On May 8, 2014, the Ethics Commission accepted Respondent's stipulation to probable cause and Respondent entered into a Settlement Agreement wherein he

admits to Count 1 of the complaint and agrees to pay a \$500 fine. The Ethics Commission hereby enters the Final Settlement Agreement as part of its Final Report and Order.

Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C 14-026 against Respondent JOHN WATLER is hereby concluded.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on May 8, 2014.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:



Nelson Bellido
Chair

Signed on this date: 5/15/2014