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MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In Re:	
Larry Juriga	
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C 18-16-03

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

Neil Cuevas (Cuevas), Sergeant in the North Miami Police Department (NMPD), filed this complaint against Police Chief Larry Juriga (Juriga). Cuevas alleged that Juriga retaliated against him by demoting him to from Assistant Chief to Patrol Sergeant in violation of §112.3187, Fla. Stats., for "blowing the whistle" regarding improper conduct on the part of NMPD Internal Affairs Unit and Disposition Panel which disregarded the truth and made false allegations against Commander Hollant regarding an investigation of Hollant for obstruction of law enforcement engaged in a lawful investigation. Cuevas further alleged that Juriga violated the North Miami Honor Code (Section 2-318 [e], North Miami Code) because the city, through Juriga, took adverse personnel action against him for complying with the Honor Code mandatory standards, thus entitling him to apply for redress to the Ethics Commission.

A legally sufficient complaint exists where there are allegations of violations within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission. The allegations set forth herein do not rise to actions enforced by or within the legal authority of the Ethics Commission.

On May 15, 2018, in closed session, the Ethics Commission's Staff Attorney recommended that the case be dismissed. In open session, the Ethics Commission voted unanimously to find No Legal Sufficiency and dismissed the case.

Wherefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C18-16-03 against Respondent, Larry Juriga, is hereby dismissed.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on May 15, 2018.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:

H. Jeffrey Cutler, Esq.

Chair

Signed on this date: