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Gerald Sanchez, Assistant County Attorney for Miami-Dade County, inquired concerning whether there would be any ethical prohibition involved if the County Commission were to pass a resolution awarding to two former police officers, who served as members of the MDPD honor guard, their honor guard service firearms.. The two individuals are retired from police services. The County wants to honor them for their dedicated services as police and honor guard officers. The value of each firearm is \$450.

I indicated to ACA Sanchez that I did not see any ethical violation or prohibition in the County's making this gesture on behalf of retired police personnel. The former officers, as retirees, are no longer subject to the County Code of Ethics, so their acceptance of the firearms would not fall under the gift provisions in Section 2-11.1(e) of the Code. The decision to award former officers with their special service weapons in honor of their service may be viewed as serving a legitimate public purpose, and would thus not constitute an Exploitation of Official Position in violation of Section 2-11.1(g) of the Code.

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