

OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVOCATE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

K #:08-133 Oscar Alfonso (Boat Case)

Date Opened: 12/18/2008

Date Closed: 6/18/2009

Name of investigator: Arthur D. Skinner and Breno Penichet
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Allegation:

The COE received anonymous information that North Bay Village Mayor Oscar Alfonso gave Mid-Town Towing of Miami (551 Nw 72nd St, **Miami**, FL, 33150) the Police Department towing contract in exchange for fixing and painting his boat.

Section 2-11.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, the County's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. (g) *Exploitation of official position prohibited.* No person included in the terms defined in Subsections (b)(1) through (6) shall use or attempt to use his official position to secure special privileges or exemptions for himself or others except as may be specifically permitted by other ordinances and resolutions previously ordained or adopted or hereafter to be ordained or adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.

Investigation:

A Record check with the Florida DMV did reveal that Mr. Alfonso owned any watercraft. The NBV city manager Matthew Schwartz was interviewed by COE Investigators, he stated that he was the person who directed the Police Department to use two towing companies on a rotating basis, and did not receive any pressure from elected officials.

CONCLUSION:

There was no evidence developed that indicated Alfonso exploited his official position.