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Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

Memo

To: Mike Murawski, independent advocate
From: Karl Ross and Kennedy Rosario, ethics investigators
Date: Jan. 14, 2010
Re: K09-171 FELIPE MONTEAGUDO

Close out: After meeting with Ms. Nila Danza, COE investigators verified that her letter of complaint in fall 2008 to the Miami-Dade Department of Public Works was, in fact, received by Antonio Cotarelo, the department's assistant director of construction. Cotarelo advised that he referred the matter to the department's HR office, which looked into allegations raised concerning Felipe Monteagudo. He said the office did conduct an inquiry but was unable to substantiate any wrongdoing. He said he erred by not following through on the matter and responding to Danza about the findings. He said this happened because Danza's former employer was no longer working as a consultant due to budget cuts. He said he would rectify this situation and copy COE on any relevant reports and/ or correspondences. Since the matter in question does not appear to involve a potential violation of the ethics ordinance and given that an administrative inquiry was carried out by the public works department, no further action would appear to be warranted by COE at this time.