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Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

Memo

To: File

From: Karl Ross and Kennedy Rosario, ethics investigators

Date: Aug. 10, 2010

Re: K10-106 Chief Ray Barreto et al.

Close-out: After conducting a preliminary inquiry, there does not appear to be any potential violation of the Miami-Dade County ethics code. The intervening officer of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) provided a detailed account of what transpired and did not report any attempts by Miami-Dade Fire Rescue personnel or others to improperly influence the course of his investigation or to reduce or minimize the penalties for their transgression. The officer advised that he applied the full force of the law in his dealings with the MDR employees. This information was shared with investigators at MDR's Internal Affairs (IA) office who are conducting an administrative review to determine if the subjects followed procedure. It is therefore recommended that the COE investigation be closed at this time. COE has pledged to assist IA investigators and to refer its findings to them.