

## INVESTIGATION MEMORANDUM

To: Michael Murawski  
From: Nilda Olmo, Investigator  
Re: Orlando Lopez-City Vehicle PI 16-51  
Date: June 27, 2017

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**CASE CLOSED**  
Date: 6/29/17

### **Allegation(s):**

In November 2016, Idania Llanio, City of Sweetwater Commission contacted the COE and spoke to Investigator Breno Penichet. She alleged that on 11/06/2016, she had received a yellow envelope containing photographs of a City of Sweetwater truck parked outside the Key Largo home of Sweetwater Mayor, Orlando Lopez. The envelope was left outside Llanio's residence by an unknown person(s). Furthermore, she alleges that City of Sweetwater employees are hired to work at Lopez' Key Largo home at the City's expense.

### **Relevant Law:**

Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, Sec. 2-11.1 (g)- *Exploitation of official position prohibited*. No person included in the terms defined in Subsection (b)(1) through (6) and (b)(13) shall use or attempt to use his or her official position to secure privileges or exemptions for himself or herself 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:**

COE Investigator Breno Penichet was contacted by MDPD/PCS Detective Dennis Delgado reference an ongoing investigation on the above mentioned allegations (MDPD case number PCS 16-044.001/PCS 16-044.022.) At that point, COE Investigation was placed on hold, pending outcome/disposition of police investigation.

Upon conclusion of the MDPD investigation, this Investigator met with Detective Delgado for a briefing. The case file, including but not limited to, interviews and documentary evidence, were reviewed. Following is a list of those interviewed:

Orlando Lopez, Mayor, City of Sweetwater  
Alan Abolila, Public Work Director, City of Sweetwater  
Pedro Camps, Maintenance, City of Sweetwater  
Jennifer Munoz, Transit Supervisor, City of Sweetwater

**Conclusion:**

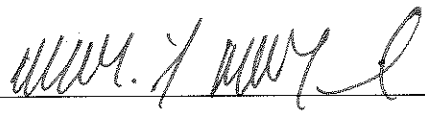
MDPD case #PCS 16-044.022 was closed on 03/09/17. Based on MDPD's disposition and upon reviewing all action/document attached herein, there is insufficient evidence of an ethics violation.

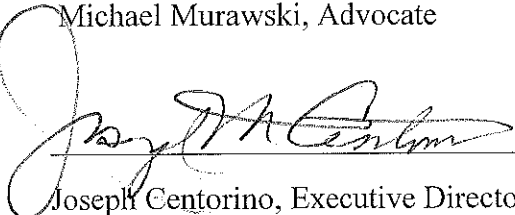
**Record/Evidence Review:**

- Case Initiation: Case Number PCS 16-044.001, dated March 9, 2017.
- Case Update/Disposition: Case Number PCS 16-044.002, dated March 9, 2017.
- Photographs of Lopez' Key Largo residence.
- Photographs of City vehicle (Sweetwater maintenance truck #1567, license plate # XD3550).
- Sunpass Statement (Transponder 125152960110) - City of Sweetwater/Maintenance vehicle.
- MDC Office of the Property Appraiser property search (Llanio).
- qPublic.net-Monroe County, Fl. property search (Lopez).

  
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Nilda Olmo, COE Investigator

Approved by:

  
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Michael Murawski, Advocate

  
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Joseph Centorino, Executive Director

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CASE NUMBER: PCS 16-044.001

DATE: March 9, 2017

**ALLEGATION THAT SWEETWATER MAYOR ORLANDO LOPEZ WAS HIRING CITY EMPLOYEES TO PERFORM WORK AT HIS KEY LARGO RESIDENCE AND PAYING THEM FROM CITY FUNDS.**

**SYNOPSIS:** Case Initiation

**DETAILS:** On Wednesday, November 9, 2016, Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) Professional Compliance Bureau (PCB) Public Corruption Section (PCS) Detective Dennis Delgado and Sergeant Joseph Curl met with City of Sweetwater Commissioner Idania Llanio. Mrs. Llanio alleges that on Sunday, November 6, 2016, an unknown person left a yellow envelope containing pictures of a City of Sweetwater truck parked at City of Sweetwater Mayor Orlando Lopez's Key Largo residence. Commissioner Llanio alleges that City of Sweetwater workers are being hired to work at the Mayor's Key Largo home at the City's expense. Commissioner Llanio stated that she has identified the City of Sweetwater employee as Pedro Camps.

Commissioner Llanio stated that on Monday, November 7, 2016 Commissioner's meeting, she made it public that she was in possession of the photographs and showed them to all present at the meeting including Mayor Lopez. Commissioner Llanio asked those present if they could explain to whom the truck was assigned to, and whose residence the vehicle was parked at, in Key Largo. All of the commissioners and the Mayor looked at the pictures, and no one identified the residence or to whom the truck was assigned to.

Detective Delgado examined the photographs and discovered that a City of Sweetwater truck was parked at a Dollar Store and at a residence. The City vehicle is #1567 and the license plate number is XD3550. By examining the picture it is difficult to determine in what city the residence is located in.

Detective Delgado advised Commissioner Llanio that an investigation would be opened and that any other leads or information be forwarded to this Detective and be shared with no one else. Mrs. Llanio stated that she would not comment this with any other person.

**PREVIOUS DISPOSITION: Open**

**CURRENT DISPOSITION: Open**

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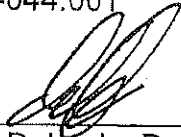
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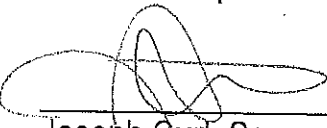
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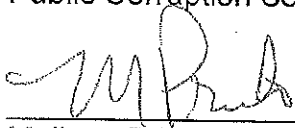
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**ALLEGATION THAT SWEETWATER MAYOR ORLANDO LOPEZ WAS HIRING CITY EMPLOYEES TO PERFORM WORK AT HIS KEY LARGO RESIDENCE AND PAYING THEM FROM CITY FUNDS.**

**SYNOPSIS:** Case Update

**DETAILS:** On Monday, November 28, 2016, Detective Delgado and PCS Detective Eduardo Torga responded to the City of Sweetwater, Maintenance Department, located at 1701 NW 112 Ave, Sweetwater, FL, to obtain documents and interview Mr. Alan Abolila. Mr. Abolila is the City of Sweetwater Public Works Director and Mr. Pedro Camps' supervisor.

Upon arrival, contact was made with Jennifer Munoz, City of Sweetwater Transit Supervisor. Mrs. Munoz stated that Mr. Camps has been driving a City of Sweetwater truck since Tuesday, September 27, 2016. According to the date on a Home Depot receipt, on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, Mr. Camps' vehicle had sustained damage, while transporting building materials for the City of Sweetwater. Mrs. Munoz confirmed that Mr. Camps was hired by Mayor Lopez sometime in November 2015 as a temporary employee, but has been working full time hours. Mr. Camps had previously been a City of Sweetwater employee, but had been laid off sometime in May 2015, due to budgetary reasons. Mrs. Munoz stated that the Mayor is the only one who determines which employee will have a city vehicle assigned to them full time (take home vehicle).

**Mrs. Munoz provided the following requested documents:**

1. Gasoline Reports for August, September and October. November was not available at the time of the request.
2. Mr. Pedro Camps time cards, which shows the days worked from August 14, 2016 to Present.
3. Sun Pass Detail statements of Mr. Camps city vehicle for September, October and November.
4. One Home Depot Receipt for the day Mr. Camps' vehicle was damaged while transporting City of Sweetwater material.

Detectives Delgado and Torga interviewed Mr. Alan Abolila. Detective Delgado advised Mr. Abolila that an investigation was being conducted based on allegations made by the complainant. He was briefly informed of the allegations and agreed to answer questions.

Mr. Abolila stated that he resides at 9517 NW 47 Tr. Doral FL 33178 and provided his cellular phone number: 786-606-3726. Mr. Abolila stated that he is Mr. Camps' immediate supervisor and has been his supervisor since he was hired in August by Mayor Lopez. Mr. Camps was hired as a handyman to renovate the passport office in the City of Sweetwater. Mr. Abolila stated that he was not aware that Mr. Camps had been driving a City of Sweetwater truck since September 27, 2016. He stated that the Mayor is the only one who assigns take home vehicles. He stated that it is not his responsibility to know which employee is assigned a take home vehicle. Mr. Abolila was aware that the Mayor has a home in Key Largo and has even been there, as he stated, for pleasure.

Detective Delgado showed Mr. Abolila the pictures provided by the complainant depicting a City of Sweetwater truck parked at a business in Key Largo and at a residence. Mr. Abolila was unable to provide an explanation why the city vehicle was pictured in Key Largo. He was also unable to identify the residence in which the city vehicle was parked at. Mr. Abolila was asked if he had questioned Mr. Camps or anyone else after he was first made aware of the incident on Monday, November 7, 2016. Mr. Abolila stated, "No it's not my job". Mr. Arbolila stated that he has not inquired about the incident, as a supervisor would, after learning that a City of Sweetwater vehicle was pictured in Key Largo. He further stated that the City of Sweetwater does not have a policy set in place that governs the use of take home vehicles. He stated that the city does not even have an employee manual for employees to follow.

Mr. Abolila stated that he did not give Mr. Camps permission or instruct him to go work at the Mayor Lopez's home in Key Largo. Mr. Abolila stated that Mayor Lopez has not spoken to him about the pictures or incident Commissioner LLanio mentioned on the November 7, 2016, commission meeting.

Mr. Abolila stated that he prepares Mr. Camps time card daily, and by the end of the week, he hand delivers it to the City of Sweetwater Finance Department Payroll Clerk, Iraida Alonso. Mr. Abolila stated that Mr. Camps is currently not working due to an injury.

On Wednesday, November 30, 2016, Detective Delgado and Detective Torga responded to the City of Sweetwater City Hall for the purpose of interviewing Mr. Camps. Contact was made with Mr. Camps who was found working in the building adjacent to the City Hall. Mr. Camps was advised of the investigation and agreed to answer questions.

Mr. Camps immediately stated that he was not good with dates but would try to recall as much as he could. Mr. Camps stated that sometime in September he was assigned a take home vehicle by Mayor Lopez. He stated that his personal vehicle had sustained damage to the rear window while transporting building materials for the city Mr. Camps advised his vehicle also had engine problems and would not start. Mr. Camps stated that he advised Mayor Lopez of the situation and he agreed to assign a city vehicle to Mr. Camps.

Mr. Camps was then shown pictures of city vehicle #1567, which is assigned to him, in Key Largo. He confirmed that on three separate occasions, he went to Mayor Lopez's residence in Key Largo. He was unable to recall the actual dates but, could recall why he had gone to the home on the three separate occasions. He identified the residence as Mayor Lopez's Key Largo home in the pictures provided by the Commissioner Llanio.

Mr. Camps stated the first time he visited the Mayor's residence in Key Largo was on a Saturday after a water leak in the Commissioner's Chambers and he needed a blower, which the Mayor had at his Key Largo residence. The blower is a machine used to dry a room after a water leak. He explained that sometime between Wednesday, November 2, 2016 and Friday, November 4, 2016, he was advised of the leak in the Commissioner's Chamber and responded to repair it. He discovered that the air conditioning unit was clogged and had caused the leak. Mr. Camps stated that he arrived at the Mayor's residence between 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to retrieve the blower. While at the Mayor's residence he assisted the Mayor in cleaning and organizing a utility room. He recalls the Mayor offering to give him some tools which might be useful at work. He further stated he remained at the Mayor's residence until 8:00 PM, talking with the Mayor and his wife.

According to the Sun Pass records obtained, the first time Mr. Camps went to the Mayor's residence in Key Largo, in the city vehicle, was on Sunday, October 29, 2016, not Saturday, November 5, 2016, like he stated numerous times. Sun Pass records show Mr. Camps driving through the Homestead toll southbound lane at approximately 9:36 AM on Sunday, October 29, 2016, then again northbound at approximately 8:16 PM.

The second time Mr. Camps stated he went to Key Largo in the city vehicle was on Sunday, November 6, 2016. He went back to the Mayor's residence this time to retrieve a miter saw which he needed to cut metal frames. He stated that he arrived at approximately 12:00 PM and did not depart the Mayor's residence until 11:00 PM. He recalls that he was there a long time talking to the Mayor about his work.

According to the Sun Pass records obtained, the second time Mr. Camps went to the Mayor's residence in Key Largo, in the city vehicle, was on Monday, October 30, 2016, not Sunday, November 6, 2016, like he stated. Sun Pass records show Mr. Camp driving through the Homestead toll southbound lane at approximately 12:47 PM on Monday, October 30, 2016, then again northbound at approximately 4:26 PM.

The third and final time Mr. Camps went to Key Largo in the city vehicle according to him was the following week on Saturday. Mr. Camps could not recall the actual date, but according to his previous statement it would have been Saturday, November 12, 2016. Mr. Camps stated that prior to driving to Key Largo, to the Mayor's residence; he stopped at Refri-Center International, located at 7360 NW 58 St. Miami, FL 33166.

Mr. Camps stated he purchased a gallon of acid to clean the air conditioning coils at City hall, at Refri-Center International. The reason he went to the Mayor's residence this time was to obtain a gas recovery machine the Mayor had and he needed it to complete the work at City Hall. Mr. Camps stated that he arrived at the Mayor's residence at approximately 12:00 PM and did not depart until 10:00 PM. Again, he remained there talking to the Mayor.

According to the Sun Pass records obtained, the third time Mr. Camp went to the Mayor's residence in Key Largo, in the city vehicle, was on Saturday, November 5, 2016, not Saturday, November 12, 2016, like he stated. Sun Pass records show Mr. Camp driving through the Homestead toll southbound lane at approximately 11:42 AM on Saturday, November 5, 2016, then again northbound at approximately 12:37 AM on Sunday, November 6, 2016. Based on these facts it appears Mr. Camps remained in Key Largo and at the Mayor's residence for approximately 12 hours. According to Mr. Camp, he was just talking to the Mayor for the entire time he was there.

Mr. Camps denied working at the Mayor's residence on any of his visits for money; however, he did assist him in cleaning and organizing a utility room. He did not receive any compensation for helping the Mayor. Mr. Camps never notified his immediate supervisor, Mr. Abolila, that he was taking the city vehicle to the Mayor's residence in Key Largo.

On Thursday, January 19, 2017, Detectives Delgado and Torga went to Mayor Lopez's Monroe county residence and took photographs of the residence.

On Wednesday, March, 1, 2017, Detectives Delgado and Torga interviewed Mayor Lopez at the MDPD PCS office. Also present during the interview was Mayor Lopez's Attorney, Mr. John Cunil Esq. Detective Delgado provided copies of the pictures taken by Detective Delgado of Mayor Lopez's Key Largo residence and the pictures provided by the complainant, Commissioner Llano. Detective Delgado also provided two sets of



D.A.V.I.D documents of Mayor, Lopez, one with the Key Largo address the other with the Sweetwater address. After providing them with the following items, Detective Delgado gave them an explanation of the allegations made by the complainant. They were also advised that during the course of the investigation it was discovered that Mayor Lopez had changed his address on his drivers' license and this detective wanted him to clarify this. Mr. Cunill and Mayor Lopez were then given time to review the documents before Detective Delgado asked any questions.

After a thorough review of the items provided, Mr. Cunill and Mayor Lopez returned to the interview room where they agreed to answer questions. Mayor Lopez advised he has been the Mayor of Sweetwater for approximately 2 years. Mayor Lopez advised that he approves who is assigned a City of Sweetwater vehicle as a take home vehicle. Mayor Lopez confirmed that he authorized for Mr. Camps to be assigned a City of Sweetwater truck.

Detective Delgado showed Mayor Lopez the pictures provided by the complainant. He confirmed that was his residence in Key Largo, which he purchased in June or July 2016. Mayor Lopez stated he purchased the residence with cash. There is no mortgage currently on this residence. He also stated that he owns an additional home in Monroe County that's currently for sale. Mayor Lopez stated that the City of Sweetwater truck depicted on the picture was being driven by Mr. Camps and further stated that the vehicle parked next to the city truck was of Mr. Abolila. Mayor Lopez advised that Mr. Camps and Mr. Abolila were "hanging out". Mayor Lopez recalled that it was Mr. Abolila's birthday that week possibly when the picture was taken. Further investigation confirmed Mr. Abolila birthday falls on November 4th.

Mayor stated that he did not hire Mr. Camps to perform work at his Key Largo residence and that this whole thing has been blown out of proportion. Mayor Lopez further stated that he had given Mr. Camps numerous tools that are his personal tools which, were kept at his Key Largo residence. Mayor Lopez was then asked if he had seen or examined the pictures provided by the complainant on the day the complainant first brought it to his attention at the Commissioner's meeting. He stated "no", however after a review of the recorded meeting, Mayor Lopez clearly handled the pictures and even handed to the pictures to another person. The complainant showed the pictures to all the commissioners, the Mayor and Mr. Abolila. Mr. Abolila was allowed to review and exam the pictures; especially the one where is personal vehicle is parked in the driveway of the Mayor's Key Largo residence. Mr. Abolila was questioned by the complainant and he clearly lied when asked if he knew who the truck had been assigned to. According to Mayor Lopez Mr. Abolila was present along with Mr. Camps at the Mayor's Key Largo residence. Mayor Lopez could not recall how many times Mr. Camps had been to his residence.

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Mayor Lopez stated he did not see the picture during the Commissioner's meeting however the recorded footage of that meeting contradicts his statements. Detective Delgado asked why he did not provide an explanation to the commissioners at the meeting; he replied I did not see the pictures and did not know who the vehicle was assigned to. This meeting had been held just a couple of days after he, Mr. Abolilla, and Mr. Camps were "hanging out" at his Key Largo residence.

Detective Delgado then proceeded to question Mr. Lopez about his Driver's License having the Key Largo address instead of his Sweetwater address. His attorney, Mr. Cunill asked if this line of questions was of a criminal investigation. Detective Delgado replied "yes". Mr. Cunill instructed his client Mayor Lopez to not answer any further questions. Mr. Lopez insisted that he want to provide an explanation and at one moment during the interview he stated that "he did not change the address on his Driver's license". Detective Torga asked Mr. Cunill if Mayor Lopez did not change the address on his driver's license and someone else did without his permission, then he would be a victim. Would he then allow him to answer question as a victim. Mr. Cunill continued to instruct his client to not answer any further questions regarding his driver's license.

Mr. Cunill advised that they would need additional time to review the information and would notify Detective Delgado to provide an explanation. This interview was then terminated.

On Wednesday, February 22, 2017, Detective Delgado contacted Assistant State Attorney (ASA) Johnette Hardiman and advised her of the following findings. During the course of the investigation Detective Delgado discovered that Mayor Lopez's driver's license had a Monroe County address instead of his primary residence address in Miami-Dade County. Mayor Lopez had also registered his personal vehicles in Monroe County instead of Miami-Dade County, a practice used to pay lower insurance premiums, which is in violation of Florida State Statue 817.234(1) False and Fraudulent Claims. ASA Hardiman advised that the State Attorney's Office would not be purse charges at this time.

On Wednesday, March 1, 2017, Mayor Lopez at the direction of his attorney, refused to provide clarification on this matter, Detective Delgado was unable to prove intent. Copies of this report will be forwarded to ASA Hardiman.

**PREVIOUS DISPOSITION: Open**

**CURRENT DISPOSITION: Closed Exceptionally Cleared**

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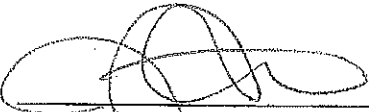
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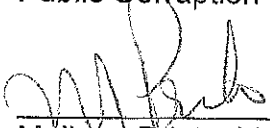
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


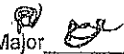
  
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