



**Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust**

**Investigative Report**

**Investigators:** Nilda Olmo

<b>Case:</b> PI18-16	<b>Case Name:</b> Thera Johnson	<b><u>Date Opened:</u></b> 03/30/18	<b>CASE CLOSED</b>  Date: <u>4/22/18</u>
<b>Complainant(s):</b> Anonymous	<b>Subject(s):</b> Thera Johnson, Parks, Recreations and Public Places		

**Allegation(s):**

An anonymous female contacted the COE Hotline alleging Thera Johnson (Johnson), a County employee has been stalking and threatening her and her family since 2012. Several anonymous emails followed. The caller alleges Johnson is using County computers and resources to contact her by phone, social media and by special equipment, able to "track her movements anywhere" throughout Florida.

**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:**  
**Interviews**

On 03/26/18, this Investigator received a call to the COE Hotline from an unidentified female caller. The caller alleged Thera Johnson from the County's Park and Recreation Department (PROS) has been stalking and threatening her and her family since 2012. When questioned about actions taken or any police involvement, she responded that the police had been notified but nothing was done. Furthermore, she stated that this Investigator's concern should be the ethical violations and abuse of County resources by Johnson.

When asked about providing documents/evidence corroborating her allegations, the caller stated she did not trust this Investigator and indicated I might know Johnson and "tip her off."

Caller stated the problem stems from personal issues and Johnson's jealousy. She mentioned she fears for her life and is afraid of retaliation by Johnson. Again, this Investigator suggested contacting the police if she felt her life or her family was in danger. No subsequent calls were received from the caller.

Two days later, on 03/28/18, Michael Murawski, COE Advocate, received an anonymous e-mail<sup>1</sup> with similar allegations involving Johnson allegedly using County funds, time and connections to intimidate and track the calls, adding she has been a stalking victim since 2012. E-mail was added to the file.

COE responded by requesting a contact number to discuss the matter with complainant. Subsequently, a number was provided (different number than the original Hotline number). Several attempts were made to reach the person to no avail. (Voice messages were left, but no call back received).

On 04/17/18, a second e-mail was sent to COE.<sup>2</sup> This time, the person indicated they were emailing on behalf of the anonymous source and the allegations escalated, alleging Johnson was "involved in numerous crimes including human trafficking, gang stalking, abuse both physical and mental-with the use of terrorism and remote Neutral Monitoring...", among others.

**Thera Johnson**  
**Parks, Recreation and Public Places**

Johnson was contacted and voluntarily agreed to speak to this Investigator. Johnson stated she is employed by PROS as a Recreation Therapist.

Johnson stated that her brother-in-law has two children with the person she believes might be responsible for making the above mentioned allegations. She believes the allegations stem from legal issues the couple is facing, and as a result, their family has been through enormous duress.

<sup>1</sup> E-mail dated 03/28/18 from Vip Mail [mailto:malivip33@gmail.com] to Michael Murawski

<sup>2</sup> E-mail dated 04/17/2018 from Fight Fight [mailto:fightfight365@gmail.com] to Ethic (COE)

Johnson further stated that her husband tried to intervene and assist with the situation but issues remain unresolved and they are now being targeted, Johnson in particular, because she works for the County and therefore is an easier target.

Johnson indicated that she had contacted the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), since she resides in Broward, and was told she was unable to file a report because she did not have factual evidence. She mentioned she was waiting for the COE to conclude the investigation and return to BSO with our findings. She also indicated she would provide a copy to her Supervisor, Mary Palacios, who is aware of this difficult situation.

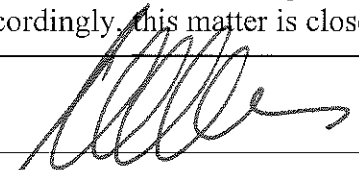
Johnson was very cooperative and expressed her concern regarding this matter to this Investigator.

**Documents/Exhibits:**

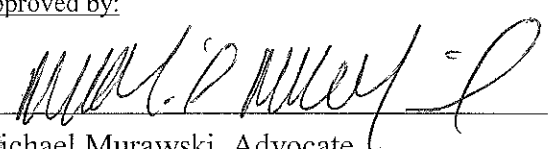
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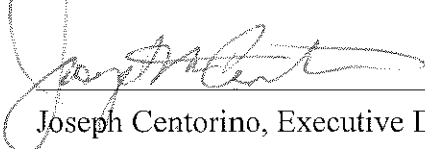
**Conclusion:**

After discussion with the Ethics Advocate, it was determined that this matter would be closed with no further action. Complainant contacted COE several times, by hot line phone and by e-mail. Several requests to speak with complainant and garner more information were met with no cooperation from complainant. Subject Johnson seems credible and has offered a reasonable explanation for these outlandish allegations being made about her. No evidence to proceed against Johnson has been provided by complainant or by any other independent source. Accordingly, this matter is closed with no further action.

  
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Nilda Olmo, Investigator

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Michael Murawski, Advocate

  
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Joseph Centorino, Executive Director

Date: 4/20/18