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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re: Cason v. Bosque

C 12-34

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL DISMISSAL ORDER

Cheryl Cason, Police Chief in the City of Opa-locka, filed this complaint on September 10, 2012, alleging that German Bosque, a former Opa-locka Police Sergeant, had not disclose income he received from outside employment. If true, respondent's failure to file outside employment statements might violate Section 2-11.1 (k)(2) of the County Ethics Code. The complaint also suggested that respondent had steered business to his private security company to the detriment of the Opalocka Police Department, which, if true, might violate Sections 2-11.1 (g) and (p) of the County Code.

An investigation revealed that respondent has owned and operated Florida Commercial Security Services, Inc., since 2006. Throughout these years, neither he nor anyone in the Opa-locka Police Department was aware of the requirement to file outside employment statements. Consequently, Respondent Bosque had not complied with Section 2-11.1 (k)(2) of the County Code.

No evidence was uncovered that respondent used his official position to secure special benefits for his private company in violation of Sec. 2-11.1 (g) of the County Code, nor that he recommended professional services to assist a person or entity with a matter before the city, in violation of Sec. 2-11.1 (p).

Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County at Sec. 2-1068, the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission extends "to any person required to comply with the County

or municipal Code of Ethics Ordinances...." The County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1(a) extends the jurisdiction of the County Ethics Ordinance to municipal employees.

On November 27, 2012, the Ethics Commission found probable cause that respondent violated Sec. 2-11.1 (k)(2) of the County Code. Upon notice of the requirement to file outside employment statements, respondent immediately complied. Consequently, the Ethics Commission dismiss the charges for failing to file outside employment statements and issued a Letter of Instruction on the requirement to the City of Opa-locka.

Finding no evidence that respondent benefited his private company at the detriment of the Opa-locka Police Department, the Commission dismissed the charges under Secs. 2-11.1 (g) or (p) for lack of probable cause.

Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT the complaint against German Bosque is hereby dismissed with prejudice.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on November 27, 2012.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST
By:

Charlton Copeland

Chair

Signed on this date: 9an. 24, 2013