

Meyers, Robert (COE)

INQ 10-34

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2010 1:27 PM
To: Magill, Ron (MDPR)
Subject: RE: Gift

Mr. Magill:

The threshold for reporting a gift is \$100. Therefore, based upon the stated value of the Reebok sneakers, there is no legal duty to report the gift. If, however, you feel more comfortable disclosing the gift, I would encourage you to file a gift disclosure form anyway.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thanks,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public trust

From: Magill, Ron (MDPR)
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2010 3:50 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Stephens, Eric (MDPR); Kruse, J. Carol (MDPR)
Subject: Gift

Dear Mr. Meyers,

I had recently worked on a photo shoot here at the zoo with Reebok, the athletic sportswear company. The shoot went very well and Reebok made a nice monetary contribution to the zoo's Conservation Fund. I just received a pair of Reebok sneakers from Reebok saying that they very much appreciated how I handled the shoot. The sneakers have a value of \$94.99 and I want to know how to declare them as a gift so that there is no appearance of impropriety and to ensure that I have adhered to the ethics code. Reebok is not a Miami-Dade County vendor and they were simply showing appreciation for me accommodating them for longer than had been originally scheduled as their shoot had some unexpected delays due to equipment malfunctions. If it means anything, I buy all of my own shoes for work and never take advantage of a shoe allowance (or a uniform allowance) made available to me because the shoes that I am able to choose from do not fit me properly and I don't believe that the uniforms that are provided reflect the quality and appearance that display the best possible image on television and other public forums of which I am constantly in front of.

I look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,

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