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Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 3:04 PM
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Subject: Gifts (INQ 11-53)
Attachments: Gift_Info_for_Web_revised.pdf

Mr. Mandina,

Mike Murawski from our office asked me to forward you information regarding gift disclosure requirements.

In general, city and county employees and elected officials may not accept gifts intended to influence their official actions or decisions. If they accept gifts not intended to influence them, but the gift is valued at more than \$100, the recipient must disclose the gift on a gift disclosure form.

If you are providing free legal services valued at more than \$100 to a city employee or elected official, this person must disclose receipt of the gift within the next quarter. It is not likely that making a simple comment on the legality of an issue is the same as providing a legal service. However, in order to determine if the person has received a reportable gift, our office will need to obtain specific information from the recipient.

Please feel free to provide my contact information to any city employees or elected officials who would like a legal opinion regarding gifts they've received.

I've attached an overview of the county gift ordinance. Although the attached document refers to county employees, the ordinance applies to city employees and elected officials as well.

Sincerely,

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From: Phil Mandina [mailto:pjmandina@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 10:58 AM
To: Murawski, Michael P. (COE)
Subject: Opinion

Mr. Morowsky, As I told you, I am a law enforcement professional at the opalocka Police Department. Being a part time or reserve officier, I receice \$1 per year which I have never received.

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Sometimes I will take a contingent fee case and sometimes give free advice to my colleagues. As you have indicated I will advise them to file the appropriate documents in the City so they comply with the gift Law. Thank you for your guidance. Major Phil Mandina

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