
Clark County Sheriff's Department
Internal Affairs Unit

Memo

To: Chief Mike Evans
From: Sergeant Kevin Allais
Date: November 29, 2004
Subj: Diversity Poster Investigation IA #S041102

Chief,

Out of the 13 Internal Affairs entries that Deputy Horch has in our data base I have only included the last four years worth for your review;

IA #	Subject	Disposition
S041103	Accident/ Portland Bomb Truck	Chargeable
020601	Improper Conduct (Jack Mehoff)	Sustained
001105	Conduct/ Failure to write report	Sustained
001104	Conduct/Failure to write report	Sustained
000901	Improper Conduct (finger through MDC)	Sustained - Unable to locate <i>RD 3183</i>

In reviewing of Sgt Shea's memo we would concur with his finding of **Sustained** for violation of general order;

01.29.120 Employee Misconduct

The duties performed by this agency are vital to the safety and well being of this community. Because of the importance of these duties, it is essential that the Sheriff's Office set and maintain high standards of conduct among its personnel. Misconduct by any employee cannot be tolerated because it weakens the effectiveness of the Sheriff's Office, erodes public trust, and can endanger the public and members of the department.

We would submit that there should be two **Sustained** violations of this policy due to the fact that he destroyed the diversity poster at both Central and West Precincts. Each violation is separated by time and place.

To: Sergeant Steve Shea
From: Deputy John Horch
Date: 11-14-04
Subject: Diversity posters

Sgt. Shea,

On 11-05-04 you and I talked on the phone about some administrative issues at the Sheriff's Office. At the end of that conversation you asked if I, or if I knew who had, taken down the diversity posters that were in the precincts. I told you that I had done this the first day I had gotten back in June after being demoted back to deputy rank. The following memo was requested by you to explain my actions.

Upon returning to work at the beginning of June (not quite sure which day) I noticed the first day that I was in the shift briefing room a poster hanging on the wall that said the words some thing to the effect of "Unity through Diversity". I had not seen this poster before at West Precinct. I was under some stress at this time, both personal and professional, and discarded the poster. I kept the frame and put it in the front office supply area of the West Precinct Office.

A few days later I was out at the Central Precinct Office and I noticed another similar poster hanging on the wall out there. I again removed this poster and put the frame in the supply area at Central Precinct.

At the time I returned back to work as a patrol deputy in June I was under some stress and was going through some difficult times. I did not use very good judgment in taking down these posters. I meant nothing negative towards diversity within the department. I have since had a much more positive outlook and have worked through that difficult time.

On the day that you inquired about these posters, I was leaving for a hunting trip. I returned about a week later. I then looked on the internet and found the company who supplies the posters that I removed. I ordered the exact posters that I had removed and requested that they be shipped to my address. I can provide the order form with this memo. The posters have not arrived yet and I will be calling the company the next business day. When they arrive I will either put them back up where they were removed from or will give them to you for your dissemination.

I realize that this was not appropriate for me to do this and I am sorry for having done this.

Respectfully submitted,


Deputy John Horch



FILE

Garry E. Lucas
Sheriff

Clark County Sheriff's Office

Chief Mike Evans
Chief Criminal Deputy

February 8, 2005

John Horch
Clark County Sheriff's Office
Notice of Suspension – Misconduct IA SO41102

Deputy Horch,

As you are aware, Internal Affairs Investigation #SO41102 concluded with a sustained finding.

After careful review of both the Internal Affairs Investigation and the information you provided during the pre-disciplinary meeting, we concur with the findings of the investigation.

Given this, we were presented with the difficult and disagreeable task of determining what level of discipline would be appropriate both for the violations themselves, but more importantly to convey the seriousness with which we view your role and poor judgment in this event. Our goal is for you to understand the importance of the image that your actions leave with respect to the reputation of this department.

Your ability to discern appropriate behaviors fell far below basic expectations of this department. It is our expectation that you treat and exhibit appropriate behavior towards all of our citizens and employees with dignity, respect and courtesy, regardless of gender, color, religion, national origin, age, or other grouping.

After weighing the events of this situation, combined with our review of your work history, current disciplinary file, and after considering the information that the Guild has brought out since our initial decision, we have established the following as the appropriate level of discipline in this case.

- A 94 hour suspension is an appropriate level to help you understand our expectations about your future performance. This suspension is based on your current rotation, meaning 8 days will be necessary to satisfy the suspension. In our discussion the Sheriff will allow use of PDO for half of the suspension hours imposed if you request this option. Otherwise the 94 hours unpaid leave will be arranged and completed between you and Sgt. Steve Shea by March 15, 2005.
- Submission of your resignation to the Bomb Squad is required immediately. Service in a specialized unit is a privilege that will be unavailable to you for a minimum of 24 months. All related Bomb Squad equipment will be returned to Property by Friday, February 18, 2005.

707 W 13th St., PO Box 410, Vancouver, WA 98666

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February 8, 2005

Notice of Suspension – John Horch

Failure to meet these expectations will result in progressive, corrective disciplinary action up to and including termination of your employment with the Sheriff's Office. It is my hope and expectation that you will consider the seriousness of your actions and bring your performance within the standards expected of a Deputy Sheriff with the Sheriff's Office, such that further progressive action may not be necessary.

In closing, I appreciate your honesty, integrity and commitment to changing your work behavior to better perform your duties within the Sheriff's Office.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Evans", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael W. Evans
Chief Criminal Deputy

- ☐ Personnel File
- ☐ Property
- ☐ Nina Bisson, HR Manager
- ☐ Mark Makler, Guild Attorney
- ☒ IA File

Clark County Sheriff's Department
Internal Affairs Unit

Memo

To: Chief Mike Evans
From: Sergeant Kevin Allais
Date: December 1, 2004
Subj: Diversity Poster Investigation IA #S041102

Chief Evans,

Per your request I looked into the time-line regarding Deputy Horch's claim that upon being demoted from Sergeant to Deputy he came to work and removed the diversity posters from their frames from each precinct because he was upset.

Deputy Horch was demoted on May 27, 2004. Assistant Chief Jackie Batties advised me that the posters were sent out to the precincts sometime after June 14. She stated that she would assume that they would be posted several days after that date.

Upon reviewing Deputy Horch's June timesheet I note that he was on Administrative leave June 2, and June 3rd. He was back to work on June 8, 9, 10, 11th. His next work cycle was at June 15, 16, 17, 18th.

With this time-line one can assume that Deputy Horch had been back to work at least two work cycles at the very least before going to each precinct and destroying the diversity posters.

Sergeant Kevin Allais

CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MEMORANDUM

TO: Commander Nolan
FROM: Sgt. Shea
DATE: December 6, 2004
RE: Deputy Horch

On September 28, 2004 my squad was attending cross briefing at Central Precinct. Dayshift deputies, Sgt. Kenoyer, and I were present at the meeting.

Someone in the briefing brought up a particular situation where the victim was not receiving a satisfactory resolution to his problem. Another deputy thought he may know the victim and provided a description to include that the victim is African-American.

Deputy Horch responded by joking that maybe we should send Deputy Phil Sample to the location.

I didn't understand the joke or why his comment would be funny. However, it seemed inappropriate to suggest that an African-American deputy could better handle a case for an African-American victim.

You and I discussed the incident that day and agreed it best to discuss the situation with Deputy Horch. I expressed to him my belief that, regardless of intent, the comment seemed inappropriate. Deputy Horch said he did not intend anything inappropriate, but he would be more careful in the future.



sent
Feb 64
2ND Day
10-14-05
sv

Garry E. Lucas
Sheriff

October 14, 2005

Lt. Brent Bomkamp
Pierce County Sheriff's Office
930 Tacoma Ave. South
Tacoma, WA 98402

Dear Lt. Bomkamp,

Enclosed is the synopsis, as promised.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

- Mike Evans /sv

Mike Evans
Chief Criminal Deputy

/sv



Garry E. Lucas
Sheriff

October 14, 2005

Executive Summary Report Concerning Deputy John Horch

In January of 2001, the Clark County Sheriff's Office developed and implemented an Officer Involved in Domestic Violence policy. The purpose of that policy is to establish procedures for the investigation of domestic violence incidents involving employees of the Clark County Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies that fall within the investigative jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Office. The scope of this report is to provide an overview of the known dynamics and allegations between Deputy JOHN Horch and his ex-wife, JAMIE. In the most recent investigation, JAMIE's attorney stated she will not participate in any investigation because she does not trust the Clark County Sheriff's Office. During the same investigation, additional allegations were discovered. Therefore, the purpose of this report is to facilitate the investigation of this matter by an outside agency.

JOHN and JAMIE have three children in common. After 15 years of marriage, JOHN and JAMIE are now divorced. JOHN has been employed by the Clark County Sheriff's Office since 1989.

Since 2000, there have been 12 calls to 911 in regards to the Horch residence. Four of those calls are of particular concern. In 2001, a neighbor reported that JOHN was discharging an illegal gas canon. No known action was taken or documented by the responding deputy. Also in 2001, JAMIE reported a minor disturbance involving JOHN. In response to that call a report was made. In 2003, an incomplete call from the Horch residence was received. The call was cancelled and no one responded. In 2005, JAMIE, now living with her mother, called to complain about Custodial Interference or Violation of their Parenting Plan by JOHN. However, she would not identify herself completely and asked to be contacted by Sergeant Polen. No report was made.

In 2004, an Assault IV (DV) report was initiated and investigated after JOHN reported to a co-worker that JAMIE had assaulted him. JAMIE refused to participate in the investigation. JOHN did not want JAMIE charged. The PA's Office did not file charges against her.

In 2005, a Custodial Interference report was launched and investigated. JOHN was the complainant and JAMIE was the suspect. JAMIE has been found in Contempt twice for violations of their Parenting Plan. A hearing to contest both Contempt charges is scheduled for mid-November. The case has been submitted to the Domestic Violence Prosecution Office for a charging decision.

During the investigation of the 2005 case, several allegations /complaints against JOHN were found in the civil court file. The allegations are:

INDIVIDUAL	COURT CASE	ALLEGATION
JAMIE	<u>April 26, 2005, Clark County Superior Court, 04-3-00119-3, Motion for ExParte Restraining Order.</u>	JOHN was identified as a deputy sheriff. It was reported that he feels he is above the law, uses his position to torment and abuse the family, and tells them they will not get any relief from law enforcement." JAMIE compared her situation to that of Crystal Brame.
JAMIE	<u>April 26, 2005, Clark County Superior Court, 04-3-00119-3, ExParte Restraining Order.</u>	JOHN uses his position to torment and abuse us, telling we can get no relief from law enforcement." JAMIE stated that on 030805 JOHN illegally entered her parent's residence. She also stated on 032205, JOHN picked up Michael in uniform and in a marked vehicle.
JAMIE	<u>August 23, 2005, Clark County Superior Court, 04-3-00119-3, Declaration from JAMIE.</u>	JAMIE said JOHN had a deputy sheriff corner her at work on August 10 th . She stated a property owner did not want the location of his property revealed because of JOHN's reputation of violence and irrational behavior.

She also alleged that JOHN has pulled her over in the police car to yell at her, has taken the children from her in department stores, threatened her, physically abused her and told her if she calls the police she would be placed in jail.

She also claimed that JOHN filed a false police report that alleged she physically abused him. Later, he was demoted because he admitted the allegation was false. (This was the 2004 investigation.)

THOMAS

the September 9, 2005,
Clark County Superior
Court, 04-3-00119-3,
Declaration of Witness,

THOMAS, JAMIE's employer and boyfriend, stated MATTHEW, JOHN's oldest son, has expressed his fear of JOHN and told him one day JOHN will hurt him.



Bill Roberts, Detective
Child Recovery and
Domestic Violence Intervention Unit
Clark County Sheriff's Office

**CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
COMPLAINT / DISCIPLINE FORM**

CITIZEN COMPLAINT ☒

INTERNAL COMPLAINT ☐

INQUIRY ☐

SERVICE COMPLAINT ☐

Personnel involved: Deputy John Horch

You are hereby notified that you are the subject of an Internal Affairs investigation. This investigation has been initiated at the request of Chief Mike Evans and is being investigated by members of the Pierce County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs Unit. The following allegations have been made:

You are alleged to have charged your wife with custodial interference and used your position within our department to have Sgt. Christensen "intimidate" Jamie Horch at her place of employment.

This complaint has been classified as follows: Major/Conduct

This is a notification letter only. You will be contacted by the assigned investigator at a later date. Please keep in mind that G.O. 1.32.100 reads:

The accused member will not have any contact with potential witnesses or other persons named in any pending investigation, unless required by working conditions or assignment. The accused may not discuss the complaint or related details with co-workers, other than authorized Guild/Union representatives, until the complaint reaches its conclusion.

SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT:

Chief Michael Evans

TO BE INVESTIGATED BY: Pierce County Sheriff's Office

DATE ASSIGNED: 10/13/05

SUPERVISOR TAKING REPORT: Chief Mike Evans

DATE: 10/13/05

Ms. Horch told me that it was because of Deputy Horch's swinging by her house uninvited and because of his taking the children in violation of the parenting plan whenever he felt like it, that she felt it was necessary to file the April 26, 2005 Motion/Declaration for *ex parte* Retraining Order.

I discussed with Ms. Horch her statement on Exhibit A, page 5, line 23, where she wrote, "Petitioner is a deputy sheriff. As such he feels he is above the law. He uses his position to torment and abuse us, telling we can get no relief from law enforcement." Ms. Horch told me that she had written this because Deputy Horch had spent months coming and going from her house as he pleased and because he would pick up their children whenever he wanted to even though it was in violation of the parenting plan. She continued that both she and Deputy Horch had argued their cases, and that there was a parenting plan through the court, and that Deputy Horch was not following the plan. She continued that, if he wanted to see the children, it didn't matter if he was allowed to by the parenting plan or not, and would come by and pick them up and tell her that there was nothing she could do about it. Ms. Horch continued that she repeatedly told Deputy Horch that he was breaking the rules and that he was not following the rules set by the parenting plan. She continued that she told him that he could not just ignore the rules, and that he told her that he would do whatever he wanted to, and because of this, she found that he had an attitude of being above the law.

Mr. Yoseph commented, "Didn't, Jamie, also, ah, exploit his position as a police officer? Did you tell the lieutenant the story about the sergeant, him siccing the sergeant on you? That to me was the frosting on the cake." I spoke with Ms. Horch about this and confirmed that the incident to which Mr. Yoseph was referring was related to the occasion where Deputy Horch had called the Sheriff's Department regarding custodial interference, when their oldest son, Matthew, did not spend his weekend visitation with Deputy Horch, but instead went to the lake home of a friend of Ms. Horch's.

Ms. Horch told me that she did believe that Deputy Horch had a legal right to seek law enforcement assistance. However, she added that she did feel that the deputy who contacted her was "leaning on me a little bit to produce Matthew." Ms. Horch said that she could not make Matthew physically go with his father because it was fifteen-year-old Matthew who was actually the one who was refusing to go on the visitation, and she did not have the power to make him. Ms. Horch said that she felt like the deputy who contacted her was making an effort to get her to produce Matthew so that the situation would be diffused and "would go away."

I next spoke with Ms. Horch about Exhibit B, the Declaration of Respondent, filed August 23, 2005, on page 3, line 5 of which she wrote, "John's reputation includes violence and irrational behavior." I asked Ms. Horch if she could give any examples of violent or irrational behavior that were specific, to which she responded after a lengthy pause, "I don't really want to answer that right now."

I again referred to Exhibit A, the April 26th document on page 5, line 26, where Ms. Horch wrote, "He has forced himself into my home when I have excluded him from it, he has used his size and body to force me out of the way or into a wall. He has pushed me with his shoulder or elbow, and invaded my personal space."

I asked Ms. Horch to tell me about that incident, and she told me that she remembered an incident that occurred in the spring of 2005 where Deputy Horch came to her house, where she was living with her parents, and when she opened the door, he pushed himself, in using his shoulder and body weight after Ms. Horch had asked Deputy Horch to wait on the porch. Deputy Horch told Ms. Horch that he wanted to go downstairs, and she told him no. Then he, again, using his shoulder, pushed her out of the way,

telling her that he wanted to go downstairs to talk to Matthew. Ms. Horch told me "I just remember the door partially opened, and he, getting as close to the door as he could, and, and, then putting his shoulder through the space where the doorway was open and just continually to slowly proceed forward, and then when I said, I do not want you to go downstairs, and him using his shoulder to push me away and going down the stairs. I mean, I do specifically remember saying I do not want you, um, going downstairs."

I commented to Ms. Horch that she had said that this type of behavior had happened a couple of times, and she responded, "He does that a lot, just the shoulder move." Ms. Horch told me that she was pretty sure that her mother had seen Deputy Horch push his way through Ms. Horch, and that she remembered talking to her mother about it.

Referring to page 6, line 3 of Exhibit A, I commented to Ms. Horch that she wrote that Deputy Horch had threatened to kill himself in the past and asked her to tell me about that. Ms. Horch responded that when she had asked Deputy Horch to leave, he responded to her that he was going to kill himself. Ms. Horch told me, "He had said that more than once in our marriage, if you leave me, I'll just kill myself, and which is one of the reasons why I stayed. I didn't want, I just didn't want to have that..." I asked Ms. Horch if she took the threats seriously, and she said, "I did. I, I, yeah, absolutely." Ms. Horch related that Deputy Horch never made any action as if to follow through on his threat to kill himself.

I next spoke with Ms. Horch about page 7 attached to Exhibit A, which is a copy of a page titled How Does She/He Love Me? On this document, Ms. Horch, among numerous other checked items, checked the line, "Were you assaulted while you were pregnant?" I asked Ms. Horch to tell me why she had checked this line, and she told me that when she was five months pregnant with their youngest son, Michael, who is now eleven, she was in a physical fight with Deputy Horch. She described that she was assaulted by Deputy Horch who hit her in the head, pulled her hair, and ended up taking her down to the ground. Ms. Horch said that Deputy Horch hit her in the head with his hands then described that she was taken down to the ground by him while he used a "hair hold and arm maneuver." Ms. Horch said that she remembers being on the floor on her hands and knees and agreed when I asked her if she was taken from a standing position to the floor by him grabbing her hair and grabbing her arm and taking her down to her knees.

I asked Ms. Horch if she was ever assaulted by Deputy Horch in any other way, and she related, "Probably something he would do all the time would be he'd squeeze my hand that had my ring on it until I would drop to my knees 'cause it would turn and dig into my pinkie and hurt, so he would just squeeze my hand if we got in an argument until I would beg him to stop." Ms. Horch said that Deputy Horch would continue to do this until she would agree to whatever he was asking or until she would beg him to stop. Ms. Horch used her hands to show me how this squeezing of her hand occurred and used her right hand to grab her left hand from the fingers down and squeezing her fingers together.

I asked Ms. Horch how many times she thought that this type of behavior occurred, and she told me, "I don't really remember. Probably up to a dozen or something." I asked her if she ever received any injuries on her fingers as a result of Deputy Horch squeezing her hand and she told me, "No, but just my pinkie would be bruised or cut." I asked Ms. Horch if she ever showed the injuries to anyone, and she indicated she had not.

Ms. Horch also related that when Deputy Horch would lose his temper, he would be, "Out of control verbally," and that he would sometimes throw things that would just narrowly miss her. When asked to describe what types of things, Ms. Horch told me a phone or a plate.

Also on page 7 of Exhibit A, Ms. Horch checked the line, "Has the suspect injured or killed pets?" When asked about this, Ms. Horch told me that Deputy Horch decided "he didn't want a gerbil anymore, he just took it and in front of all four of us, like a baseball threw it as hard as he could into, we have a wooded, we had a wooded creek going through our back yard and just got rid of it that way. And all the kids were kind of crying and screaming, and I said, you know, what did you do that for? We could have returned it to the pet store or given it to anybody, a neighbor, another family, and he said I'm tired of having a gerbil and just got rid of it." Ms. Horch told me that about two weeks after Deputy Horch threw the gerbil into the woods, that she and the kids found the gerbil in the garage and that the gerbil was injured, "looked horrible," and didn't look good. Ms. Horch said that the gerbil ended up dying ten days or two weeks later.

Ms. Horch also related that they had, at the time of their separation, a puppy named Cooper, and that Deputy Horch told her that she could get rid of Cooper because he didn't want her to have him anymore because they were selling the house. Ms. Horch continued that Dep. Horch told her that if she did not get rid of the dog he was going to come over one day and take the dog out into the country and put a bullet in his head. Ms. Horch added that Deputy Horch told her that she would never know about it, or would never be able to trace his actions to him, and that she got rid of the dog by giving Cooper to her brother.

Ms. Horch related to me that in late 2004 in what would have been the last couple of months of their marriage, Deputy Horch was working swing shift and getting off at three a.m. and that, when he came home, if he was angry about something, he would come bursting through the bedroom door in a really loud way and wake her up when she was sleeping and yell at her. Ms. Horch related that the last time that he did this, her youngest son, Michael, had fallen asleep with her in bed and had wet the bed. Ms. Horch continued that Deputy Horch came into the bedroom and saw that Michael had wet the bed, and was so angry that he lifted up the bedding and rolled her out of bed where she fell to the floor.

Ms. Horch also related an incident to me that occurred in either January or February of 2005 at the Kings Way School during her daughter's Krista's basketball game. Ms. Horch said that "John had locked me into a chair at her game and was, I mean, just right in my face screaming at me about something regarding Michael." Ms. Horch continued that she told Deputy Horch to let go of her chair and to back away from her and that he wouldn't do it. She said that Deputy Horch's mother and father were there and that his mother even kicked him and tried to get him to back away, and that Deputy Horch's sister was also there, and she started yelling at him for him to back away and for him to get away from Ms. Horch.

Ms. Horch described that she was sitting in a folding chair, and that Deputy Horch kneeled down right in front of her and put one hand on one side of her body on her chair and his other arm reaching across her to place his hand on the other side of her chair and that his face was very close to her face while he was "screaming" at her. Ms. Horch says that she remembered telling Deputy Horch to back away from her and to stop yelling at her and that he wouldn't. She recalled that she thought, "I can't even leave," and said that she just kept saying over and over "Stop yelling at me," and that Deputy Horch wouldn't.

Ms. Horch related that she felt that Deputy Horch was restraining her from any movement by his position, and that she recalled that she couldn't get up and leave, and remembered thinking, "I can't even get up and leave. I can't even get away from this conflict."

I spoke with Ms. Horch about her statement on Exhibit B, the Declaration of Respondent file dated

August 23, 2005, page 5, line 19: "He has told me that if I called the police that he has arranged it that I will go to jail. He has told me that he has told the police that I am crazy and that if I call that they will ignore me." Ms. Horch related that Deputy Horch made these comments to her over several incidents, but she could not remember specifically which. I asked her if it would happen during the conversations where, as she had described earlier, Deputy Horch would be committing custodial interference by coming and getting the children, and she indicated that that was the type of incident when he would make those comments. Ms. Horch did relate that while she was still living at 11212 NW 9th Avenue, when they were separated, Deputy Horch came to her home and she told him that he had an apartment and this was her home now, and she didn't want him just showing up whenever he wanted. She continued that Deputy Horch "made a statement like that, go ahead and call, nothing's, nothing's gonna happen." I asked Ms. Horch if she recalled specifically Deputy Horch telling her that if she called the police he had it arranged that she would go to jail. Ms. Horch responded that she could remember Deputy Horch saying that, but that she couldn't remember to what incident it was related.

I asked Ms. Horch how she felt when Deputy Horch said those things to her. Ms. Horch responded, "Well, that, kind of powerless to stop what I considered, you know, rule breaking."

I next spoke with Ms. Horch about the comment that she wrote on line 20 of page 5 of Exhibit B, "He has told me that he has told the police that I am crazy and that if I call, they will ignore me." Ms. Horch told me, "I remember him saying like everyone, you know, thinks you're crazy, nothing's gonna happen." Ms. Horch said that she believed that he made these comments to her while she was still living at 11212 NW 9th Avenue, the home they had previously shared together.

After going off-tape, while still in the presence of Mr. Yoseph and Mr. Bert, Ms. Horch related that approximately two weeks after her divorce was final, she was driving in her vehicle westbound on NE 78th Street at about 8:40 a.m. after she had dropped the children off at school, when she saw Deputy Horch, who was working, was in uniform, and was in a marked patrol car coming the opposite direction and make a motion with his hand for her to pull over.

Ms. Horch said she continued westbound on 78th Street and that Deputy Horch did a U-Turn and got in behind her vehicle with his vehicle, turned on his overhead lights for about four to five seconds, and used a short blast of his siren. Ms. Horch said she pulled into the Grover's Electric and Plumbing parking lot, and that Deputy Horch pulled his patrol vehicle beside her. Ms. Horch recalled that she asked Deputy Horch "What are you doing? You're pulling me over?" She related that while Deputy Horch wasn't shouting he appeared angry, frustrated, and irritated, and that his tone of voice was elevated. Ms. Horch told me that Dep. Horch told her that because she wouldn't answer her phone when he called and wouldn't ever meet with him, he was forced to do this - referring to pulling her over in a traffic stop. Ms. Horch said that she hadn't really talked with Deputy Horch since the divorce was finalized and that he was upset over what had been decided. Ms. Horch told me that Deputy Horch then spent the rest of the time he was in contact with her "venting about the divorce."

12/9/05

I received a phone call from Jamie Horch who told me she was "uncomfortable" with the interview that I had with her. Ms. Horch told me she is a big supporter of marriage and that she is still very much grieving the loss of what she considers "holy vows". Ms. Horch said she did not want to pursue a complaint against Deputy Horch and just wanted to move on. Ms. Horch commented that she isn't interested in churning up old mistakes and holding Deputy Horch accountable for things that happened over a fifteen year marriage. Ms. Horch said she felt there are things that happen in marriage that should just stay between the spouses, especially when there is deep regret. Ms. Horch said that she

knows that Deputy Horch deeply regrets his behavior, and that she did not feel that Deputy Horch should be made to suffer any consequences. Ms. Horch stated "I don't want to be vindictive, I don't want to pursue taking him down." She also said she felt the legal system had a "life of its own."

Ms. Horch told me she had simply wanted Deputy Horch to abide by the parenting plan, and that when he wouldn't she felt she had to act through the court.

On 1/17/06, I contacted witness Rhonda Warman on her cell phone, 360-904-9246. Ms. Warman told me that in January or February of 2005, she was attending her daughter's basketball game at the Kings Way Christian School, and that she was sitting in a chair a few chairs away from Jamie Horch. Ms. Warman said she observed that, while Jamie was sitting in the chair, Deputy Horch was standing in front of and over her as he was yelling at her. Ms. Warman said she couldn't really make out what was being said, because it was loud in the gym, but it was obvious that Deputy Horch was yelling.

Ms. Warman said that she also observed that Deputy Horch's sister was telling Deputy Horch to stop yelling at Jamie and repeatedly told him to sit down.

Ms. Warman told me that her son, Reece, was also attending the game and was sitting closer to where the confrontation between Deputy Horch and Jamie Horch occurred, and that following the confrontation, her son was very upset.

4/13/06

I contacted Janette Palfy by telephone at her residence, 360-903-3329. Ms. Palfy is Jamie Horch's mother.

Ms. Palfy told me that she recalled an incident where Deputy Horch had knocked on the front door of her home and that she had opened the door in response to his knocking. She then allowed Deputy Horch to enter into the threshold of the home, and when Jamie saw that Deputy Horch was in the house, she told him that she didn't want him to go downstairs. Ms. Palfy said that she saw that Deputy Horch used his shoulder to push past Jamie, and that he went downstairs even though Jamie was objecting that he do so.

Ms. Palfy also told me that she was present at the Kings Way Christian School during Krista's basketball game, and that she saw that Jamie was sitting in a chair watching the game. She saw Deputy Horch then standing in front of and towering over Jamie while he was speaking at her "in her face" in an elevated voice. Ms. Palfy didn't recall if Deputy Horch's hands were on the chair on either side of Jamie, but she described that he was leaning over Jamie and that his posture was very controlling and intimidating. Ms. Palfy recalled that the conflict between Jamie and Deputy Horch was regarding his assertion that he was going to take Michael from the game and Jamie telling him that he could not.

Ms. Palfy told me that she had been told by Jamie that Deputy Horch had conducted a traffic stop on her and pulled her over shortly after the divorce was final. Ms. Palfy said that she couldn't remember where Jamie said that this traffic stop occurred.

Ms. Palfy told me that she had been told by Jamie that Deputy Horch didn't want their gerbil anymore, so he threw it into the woods from their back deck. Ms. Palfy also told me that the children might have brought up the issue with her, also, though, she wasn't really sure.

I asked Ms. Palfy if she was aware of any assaultive behavior that occurred between Jamie and Deputy

04/26/06

I talked with Jamie Horch by telephone and told her that Dep. Horch had denied many of the allegations she had made against him. I discussed with her my desire to find additional ways to bolster her assertions. Ms. Horch said she wasn't really sure if she wanted to cooperate with my request, and that she would think about it.

05/15/05

I again talked with Ms. Horch by telephone. Ms. Horch again told me she wanted more time to think about if she was willing to cooperate with my investigation. Ms. Horch said she would call me if she was willing to cooperate further.

05/17/06

I contact Ron and Marlene Horch, Deputy Horch's parents, by telephone at their residence (360) 573-8833.

Mrs. Horch told me she was at Krista's basketball game at King's Way Christian School when there was a disagreement between Dep. Horch and Jamie about who was supposed to have Michael following the game. Mrs. Horch remembered it as a small disagreement, and said "It wasn't a big scene." I asked Mrs. Horch if she intervened in any way and she told me she didn't really remember but might have said to one or both of them "Hey, calm down", or that she might have motioned with her hand a gesture; "Hey, calm down."

I asked Mrs. Horch if she kicked Dep. Horch during the disagreement with Jamie. Mrs. Horch said he had not kicked Dep. Horch and that she would definitely remember if she had because that type of action "isn't me."

I asked Mrs. Horch to tell me what types of pets she remembered that Dep. Horch's family had. Mrs. Horch remembered they had a dog named Cooper, a cat named Sammy, and that the kids might have had small pets in their rooms. Mrs. Horch said she couldn't really remember what types of small pets the children might have had.

Mr. Horch told me he remembered being at Krista's basketball game at King's Way School, but that he didn't remember any confrontation or disagreement between Dep. Horch and Jamie.

When asked about Dep. Horch's family's pets, Mr. Horch recalled a golden retriever, Cooper, at cat named Sammy, and that the kids talked about having a gerbil or a hamster though he didn't recall ever seeing it.

5/30/06

I have received no further contact from Ms. Horch.

No further investigation.