

"South, Todd" <tsouth@timesfreepress.com> wrote:

Chief Snyder,

I am writing to request information about possible internal affairs investigations in 2007, 2008 and 2009 of former Cleveland police officers Nathan Thomas and Dennis Hughes pursuant to the state's Open Records Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-501, et. seq.

Specifically:

The types and origin of complaints/allegations that led to an investigation into the above named officers' conduct. When those complaints/allegations were communicated to the Cleveland Police Department. When the investigation began and by whom. What was the outcome of the investigations to include both findings and disciplinary actions.

I look forward to your response as quickly as possible, and certainly within the 7 business days allowed by Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-503(2)(B).

If you deny any parts of this request, please provide a written explanation of that decision, including the relevant statutory exemption for each document requested. Please feel free to contact me at 423-757-6347.

I appreciate your assistance on this matter and look forward to working with you in the future.

Thank you,

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On 11/21/11 4:30 PM, "wsnyder@cityofclevelandtn.com" <wsnyder@cityofclevelandtn.com> wrote:

Ok

"South, Todd" <tsouth@timesfreepress.com> wrote:

Chief Snyder,

Thank you for your response. When can I expect responses to the information sought in this request?

On Nov 21, 2011, at 16:47, "wsnyder@cityofclevelandtn.com" <wsnyder@cityofclevelandtn.com> wrote:

Day or two.

"South, Todd" <TSouth@TimesFreePress.com> wrote:

Thanks

On 11/22/11 11:10 AM, "wsnyder@cityofclevelandtn.com" <wsnyder@cityofclevelandtn.com> wrote:

Contact Evie west. She has your copy.

"South, Todd" <tsouth@timesfreepress.com> wrote:

Chief Snyder,

Thank you. I'll have one of our staff pick it up shortly. Will you be available for a phone call this afternoon/evening once I've reviewed the information?

On 11/22/11 12:23 PM, "wsnyder@cityofclevelandtn.com" <wsnyder@cityofclevelandtn.com> wrote:

No

"South, Todd" <tsouth@timesfreepress.com> wrote:

So you do not wish to be interviewed or comment on the story I'm writing?

Todd

On 11/22/11 12:42 PM, "wsnyder@cityofclevelandtn.com"
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No. File is extensive. That's what I know about it.

"South, Todd" <tsouth@timesfreepress.com wrote:

I understand, but some of my questions are related to what Assistant Chief Gary Hicks said in court here last Thursday. The testimony makes it appear that Cleveland police staff had received reports about these officers' conduct months before their arrest but did not investigate.

On 11/22/11 12:54 PM, "wsnyder@cityofclevelandtn.com"
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Need to ask him. What we did is in the file.

"South, Todd" <tsouth@timesfreepress.com wrote:

I'll read through that and include the relevant information but last week's testimony was that you knew of allegations of misconduct involving Cleveland officers with teen girls, prescription abuse and Polk County chases and told him to get their attention but did not conduct an actual investigation.

These were the same officers later fired for the conduct and then pleaded guilty to aggravated statutory rape charges.

Did you have information or allegations that this was going on as early as May 2008? Did you tell Hicks to "get their attention" but not actually conduct an investigation or have internal affairs check out these reported allegations?

Todd

On 11/22/11 1:03 PM, "wsnyder@cityofclevelandtn.com"

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What I know and what I did is in the file. I'm sorry I can't make it anymore dramatic than that.

"South, Todd" <tsouth@timesfreepress.com wrote:

Thank you for your time.

Todd