

MEMORANDUM:

From the desk of Ralph E. Spotts

DATE: 9/28/09

TO: Ronald Riley, Acting Director of Law
SUBJECT: Request for Investigation

I am in receipt of a request for the East Cleveland Police Department to start an investigation into alleged dissemination of illicit photographs reportedly of Eric Brewer (Mayor of East Cleveland).

As Chief of Police I must request that the investigation be implemented by another agency/ party. This is due to the accusations that the Mayor made that the photos were disseminated throughout the community by the Chief of Police and the members of the East Cleveland Police Department. It was also stated by the Mayor publicly that members of the Police department, have not completed investigations of our own members, have destroyed evidence, and tampered with investigations, along with other negative statements. This would create controversy if the investigation were conducted by us.

I would like to ensure that the investigation be completed properly without prejudice and no opportunity to hamper or cause any other failure in procedures that would compromise the investigation.

It is my hope that the Mayor will understand the issue at hand and remove the request for the Police Department to conduct this investigation. However I and members of the department will assist in any way to help resolve this issue.

This will allow all members of the department to be represented fairly in regards to allegations made against them and no room for any illegal behavior from the department regarding investigations.

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