

On 1 November 2013 Deputy Mayor Raymond Gormley came to my office and related the following:

He had been at a republican campaign event at the Parkertown Firehouse in Little Egg Harbor Township the evening of 26 October 2013. While there, he was aware that Alan Dittenhofer, an engineer from the Toms River firm of Remington, Vernick & Vena (R, V & V) had dropped off a campaign donation check for the reelection of Township Committeeman Eugene Kobyrn. Gormley said that Dittenhofer is, as has been for some time, the engineer of record for the Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Authority and that the Authority was a large account for his firm. Gormley said that at some point after that Municipal Utilities Director David V. Johnson, threatened him and his family about an FBI investigation into the MUA for which Johnson believed Gormley responsible (Gormley is, in fact, a witness on those cases). Gormley said Mayor John Kehm witnessed a part of that. Gormley then saw Johnson leave that event at the same time as did Dittenhofer.

Gormley said that after the event it was observed by campaign officials that the R, V & V check appeared to exceed the campaign maximum and that he offered to return it to R, V & V. Gormley said that he went to the Toms River Office of R, V & V to return same on 31 October 2013. While there he ran into Dittenhofer, who appeared to him at that point to be very nervous and upset. Gormley said that Dittenhofer said that he had been in some way ordered to respond to Sea Oaks Country Club (presumably by Johnson) after the Parkertown event (these two locations are minutes apart). There he was met by Johnson and Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Chairman Joseph T. Mezzina. Gormley said that Dittenhofer told him that he was reminded by these two that there was an ongoing FBI investigation into the Authority and that he was threatened and told to "shut up" about matters related to the Authority in consequence of that investigation.

Gormley, understandably curious at this point, asked Dittenhofer what they (Mezzina & Johnson) could be referring to. Dittenhofer then reportedly told Gormley one thing was that every year through 2012 he was given a long list of expensive entertainment tickets that R, V & V must provide to Johnson personally as a consequence of the continuing business relationship. These lists required four tickets for each event, the exact dates for each and even the premium areas and conditions in which the seats must be located. Gormley reportedly asked Dittenhofer where these tickets were obtained and he said that R, V & V would then have to buy them, at considerable cost, from R, V & V company funds. Gormley reportedly then asked Dittenhofer why he believed no similar request came from Johnson in 2013. Dittenhofer then reportedly said that no 2013 request was made due to the MUA official's knowledge of the FBI investigation.

This information appears to corroborate information received from case informant and former MUA employee, James DeFeo, Jr. DeFeo, in one of his interviews, stated to investigators that Johnson regularly attended sports events in Philadelphia using very expensive box seating. According to DeFeo these seats were apparently frequented so

often by Johnson as to cause this informant (Defeo) to actually believe that the MUA owned these seats.

A second issue arose earlier this week. Earlier in these investigations the repair records for a certain vehicle **formerly owned by the MUA (then purchased directly by Johnson under value)** were subpoenaed from a local auto repair business, Island Automotive. Several discrepancies in these records were noted and follow ups were suggested, although it is unknown to me what, if anything, happened after that. In any event, an owner of this business, **James Palmisano's**, son, James Jr. (a lead mechanic there) was arrested with four others for possession of 150 bags of heroin. Subsequent interviews lead us to believe that Island Automotive may be being used as a major distribution point for heroin, amounting to a sleeve (500 bags) every three days. If there was reason to doubt what we were provided with before, this development appears to this investigator to create more.

Chief Richard Buzby, Jr.