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From: Webster, Brent
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2020 8:45 PM
To: Don.Clemmer@traviscountytx.gov; Amy.Meredith@traviscountytx.gov
Subject: RE: Nate Paul Complaint

Soon after sending this email, I found some new information that would be relevant to this and Mark Penley's knowledge. I will update you once I can confirm it.

From: Webster, Brent
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Good Evening Don and Amy,

General Paxton recently appointed me to be his First Assistant Attorney General. One of my tasks is to collect our agency documents and other evidence to determine what has transpired internally with our agency, regarding the referral you sent to our office on June 10, 2020, which is attached. Is this the only referral? I understand there were two, but I have been unable to locate the second one. I also wish to update you on what I have discovered.

This collection of documents and emails is on-going. If you have any documents or email communications you are willing to release to me that would assist me in understanding what has transpired, I would appreciate it.

The Attorney General did contract with Brandon Cammock

I have confirmed that General Paxton did sign a contract with Brandon Cammock to fulfill the investigative role that your office requested in the referral(s). (See page 15 regarding job description) I am providing those documents to you with this email. General Paxton informs me that this outside contract was signed in early September, and before Brandon Cammock contacted your office for Grand Jury subpoena assistance. I do not know why there is no contract number. It is on my list to learn how those number are assigned and why no number was assigned. Regardless of the number issue, the General confirmed that he did sign it.

Termination by First Assistant Jeff Mateer

Then acting First Assistant Jeff Mateer mailed a letter to Brandon Cammock terminating the contract on October 1, 2020. Jeff Mateer resigned on October 2, 2020. The contract termination was not authorized by General Paxton.

Notice of Statements made by Mark Penley that should have been disclosed to the Judge

Deputy Assistant Attorney General Mark Penley prepared a motion to quash to submit to the court that omitted the fact that the Texas Attorney General had hired Brandon Cammock to address this investigation. Additionally, Brandon Cammock had also forwarded a copy of the signed contract to deputies in the Attorney General's office one day *before* the motion was filed. Having been a Texas prosecutor for 10 years, I believe this fact is so substantial, that the omission causes this motion to be substantially misleading, or at a minimum, was a fact any reasonable judge or ADA would want to know. Unfortunately, I am still investigating email communications and looking for internal documents relating to this specific issue, so I cannot provide you any further documents or explanations on this matter at this time. Mark Penley is currently on administrative leave.

Next Steps



Given the nature of what has transpired, I believe it is important that our office be completely transparent and up front with what has occurred so that we can continue to have a good working relationship with the Travis County District Attorney's Office.

Can we discuss this tomorrow at your convenience? If neither of you are available, is there an ADA in the office that I could talk with regarding this investigation? Moving forward, I will be the point of contact on this situation.

Thank you,

Brent Webster