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*Maryland Department of State Police*  
*Office of the Superintendent*

**Date: November 2, 2020**

**Prepared by: Captain Gary Mounts**

**Involved Employee: Lieutenant George White / Legislative Security Section**

**Executive Summary:**

A review of case number 19-MSP-023676 was conducted at the request of this office. This investigation was investigated by the Department's, Technical Investigations Section for the report of a computer intrusion investigation, alleged to have been conducted by an employee, Lieutenant George White. Lieutenant White was employed part-time as a computer specialist for his family's company, Compass. A complaint was filed with the Department by John White, George's uncle. John is the majority shareholder of Compass. George's father, Michael White, and another Uncle Daniel White hold the remaining shares of the company. As a result of a family dispute between the brothers, several accusations were reported by John. The investigation into Lieutenant White by our department was closed unfounded.

An inquiry into this investigation was made by Lieutenant White and his father to determine if any further actions can be taken against John or Ron.

**Investigative Findings:**

During this inquiry, contact was made with Lieutenant White at the request of Deputy Chief of Staff, Charles Ardolini. Contact was made with Lieutenant White on numerous occasions to speak with and provide investigative updates. Lieutenant White provided me with a comprehensive packet that he obtained by way of our Freedom of Information Act. There were a few concerns that he had, one was to look further into the false allegations that were filed against him, he is requesting that a criminal investigation be conducted, some of his privileged information was obtained during this investigations, and to have a response letter sent to his family's attorney from July 2020.

After reviewing this investigation, it is clear that numerous allegations were made against Lieutenant White and his family about issues that have stemmed from the family business. Reading through the report revealed that when one allegation led investigators to an unfounded fact another allegation was brought up prompting further investigation.

Throughout the investigation, most of the allegations regarding the Whites were reported to Sergeant Hunt from retired Sheriff Ronald Bateman. It should be noted that Sergeant Hunt's investigation and his ability to obtain the court documents were in good faith. According to Lieutenant White, Sheriff Bateman was hired by his Uncle John to be an advisor to him due to his connection with Colonel Pallozzi. The initial complaint of computer intrusion that was filed with the department was when it was reported to Colonel Pallozzi by retired Sheriff Bateman. It was not until several months into the investigation that Sergeant Hunt

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learned that Lieutenant White's father John and Uncle Daniel were co-owners of the company. This information was not brought to his attention by retired Sheriff Bateman or the complainant John.

As a result of this investigation, Lieutenant White was cleared of any wrongdoing. It should be noted that Lieutenant White's family is in a civil proceeding regarding Compass.

It is my recommendation that we request an allied agency to investigate the claims and honor of Lieutenant White's request. This recommendation is based on, if charges were to be brought against his Uncle John and retired Sheriff Bateman it could be viewed as retaliatory by our department. The Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office has been advised of the allegations of the false report and identity theft and will assist with this assessment.

**Agencies Involved:**

- Maryland Department of State Police – Sergeant Kemery Hunt – Status CLOSED.
  - No charges were filed against Lieutenant White. All allegations were unfounded.
- Federal Bureau of Investigations – Special Agent Jason Bender – Status CLOSED.
  - Contact was made with Special Agent Bender; it was learned that he is assigned to the Complex Financial Crimes Squad. He stated that his investigation is closed unfounded. He advised that all the allegations told to him by John White were unfounded.
- Securities Exchange Commission – Special Agent in Charge Thadious Motley – Status UNKNOWN.
  - During contact with SAC Motely, he advised that due to insider trading his agency's policy is to not release the status of any of their investigations.
- Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office – Assistant State's Attorney Colleen McQuinn – Status – Criminal Case against Lieutenant White - CLOSED.
- Maryland Comptroller's Office – Assistant Director Chuck Ulm - Status – No Case.
- Department of Labor – Investigator Pamela Polk 215-861-5303 – Status – Active.