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I have great fear of Officer Purcell after feeling his retaliation from a conversation we had at the airport. The conversation had nothing to do with my line of work but rather with my opinion of our Police department. True Mr. Purcell had come into my office to buy an Alaska Airlines ticket, which I sold him, but the discussion he then drew me into was about Police department business and my link as a councilmember. This shouldn't have any reflection on my job.

Mr. Purcell has since attacked me by 4 avenues:

- 1) He filed a grievance against me - this was later withdrawn but is still being used against me in the hopes of keeping me from council involvement <sup>where</sup> wear he so chooses.
- 2) Purcell, Favoliero and Mayeda choose to spread hearsay as fact in an attempt to put me in a bad light with the community and fellow councilmembers.
- 3) Purcell wrote a letter of complaint to my boss in Haines about the treatment he had received from me when doing business with L.A.B. - trying to get me in trouble with my boss is not <sup>Fair</sup> fare because as I have stated it really had nothing to do with my work. You all know me and have all done business with L.A.B. When have you ever <sup>known</sup> known me to be rude to any of you as customers. But as a Councilmember I feel it my duty to make myself available <sup>at</sup> anytime, in anyplace, to anyone who wishes to question or complain to me about the City.
- 4) Purcell noted my car to be stopped on suspicion of DWI in an Officers meeting on the day we were to hear his grievance. I have lived in Hoonah for same 20 years and have a spotless driving record. I have never been stopped for anything and I have driven in many other communities and have not even had so much as a parking ticket. He claims to have had a complaint about my car. Funny it should come at the same time all this other stuff is going on,

but since we are all liars and must have <sup>Proff</sup> Proff in writing I ask the same of him in this case. Prove it - in writing and signed by a complaintee outside of his department (at this time I would not believe it if it came from inside). If inside the department - question - if an officer thought I was driving <sup>drunk</sup> drunk why was I not stopped at that time.

Yes I like to socialize at the Bar from time to time (this is not a crime) but I quite often switch to Coke (a cola) after a few alcoholic drinks. No one has ever checked my drinks at the Bar and how many of you have ever seen me really <sup>drunk</sup> drunk. If I have had too much to drink I quite often leave my car at the Bar over night since I just live up the hill. I do not believe a complaint was filed <sup>anywhere</sup> anywhere other than in Officer Purcell's vindictive mind. Also in the statement from officers at the meeting Purcell stated that if you smell any alcohol on the persons breath (any? I don't believe this is what the State law reads on DWI) pull the person from the vehicle and put her on the ground. Why the use of her? Other people drive my car. And no mention was made as to when to use this kind of force - for instance if I resisted arrest or <sup>become</sup> become violent - just pull and put. Have any of you ever <sup>known</sup> known me to become violent at anytime even when drinking. This is not proper police procedures but again just another angry retaliation by Officer Purcell. In talking with the officers, Purcell did not note any other vehicles to be stopped and they did not think he was joking about this.

It is my belief that at this point Mr. Purcell is no longer wanting just an apology, but is trying, using Police harassment, to do me physical harm and possibly give me a police record as well (and will he quit there?). He has accused others of having tempers but has shown us he to has one and in using his, he reacts in a manner totally unbecoming an officer of the law. Today it is me he is mad at, tomorrow who? I don't think we should wait to find out or wait till he loses his temper and hurts someone. This is a very dangerous situation for the whole community.

I would further ask you to take a good look at <sup>his</sup> his passed work performance for Mr. Purcell, myself and others such as Mr. Luse. Ask why those of us with good work records are liars

now that Purcell is here. Purcell now that he's living here is an angel when he's had previous problems along these same lines in other towns.

Mr Purcell seems to have placed himself judge and jury for our community. He is a law enforcement officer and doesn't have the right to judge and condemn us. All three persons named in #2 have stated that our magistrate does not do her job as they feel she should and they plan to take <sup>their</sup> cases (over her head) out of town.

Chief Mayeda has failed in his duty by just standing by and letting Purcell run rampant over the department and the community. I do not think this will change, even after Purcell is gone. Mayeda has showed us, by not standing up to Purcell but instead by covering up for him, that he does not have the strength of <sup>character</sup> ~~character~~ needed to be Chief.

Mr. Tavoliero has shown his lack of good judgment in his supervise of this police department and previous departments. He has encouraged this type of poor police behavior for his own needs. In this case alone he has broken his own personnel code on at least 6 points and once again tried to interfere in the political structure of our local government, he has been warned about not doing this on many other occasions. Mr. Tavoliero has spread false rumors - even after he was told they were not true, tried to create conflict with in the council by name calling, broken the chain of command by leaking confidential information and taken pay (employment) from other sources without council approval. In dealing with this I believe that we should hold an evaluation of his job performance as soon as possible.

I thank you for your time and hope you can settle these problems, not just for me, but for the whole community.

Sincerely,

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