

COPA – INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Log #: 1082375
Subject: PO David Brown’s Use of Department Equipment to Locate Witness, [REDACTED]
Date: April 10, 2019
Report By: Investigator E.D. Sanders #79

During his statement to COPA on March 13, 2018, [REDACTED] (“[REDACTED]”) was not questioned about his license plate number for his Mercedes Benz, nor was he questioned regarding his subsequent conversation with Officer Brown.

During his statement to COPA on May 25, 2018, Officer David Brown stated that approximately one week after the incident occurred, while working his assigned beat, he observed [REDACTED] Mercedes Benz parked on the street. Officer Brown then saw and approached [REDACTED] and spoke to him. Additionally, investigators asked Officer Brown if he used Department equipment to locate [REDACTED] or confirm [REDACTED] personal information. Officer Brown told investigators that he may have run the plate number of [REDACTED] Mercedes Benz that day to confirm [REDACTED] identity. The exact day on which this subsequent encounter between [REDACTED] and Officer Brown occurred is unknown.

During May of 2018, SI Matthew Haynam conducted a search via Thompson Reuters for all vehicles registered to [REDACTED]. This search did not return any Mercedes Benz vehicles registered to [REDACTED].

During May of 2018, Inv. Roberto and/or Inv. Schaaf ran various searches via Web MIS to determine, among other things, if [REDACTED] name was queried during the fall of 2016. The search yielded negative results – COPA investigators found no search for [REDACTED] name nor any plate registered to [REDACTED] (plates determined from the above-mentioned Thompson Reuters search).

During April of 2019, the Inv. Sanders again contacted [REDACTED] via phone to inquire about his license plate number. [REDACTED] stated that he had since sold the Mercedes Benz that he owned at the time of the incident. [REDACTED] stated that he was unaware of the license plate number and had no current information regarding the license plate number of the vehicle.

Without knowing the exact plate number of [REDACTED] Mercedes Benz, nor the date on which any possible search of [REDACTED] plate and or personal information may have occurred, COPA investigators were unable to determine if any search regarding [REDACTED] by Officer Brown occurred.

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Investigator	[REDACTED]	Date: 03/06/19
Supervisor:	[REDACTED]	Date: 5/3/19