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Mr. Jim Coleman, Deputy Chief
Salt Lake City Police -Internal Affairs Unit
475 South 300 East
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5497



Re: Police Misconduct

Dear Chief Coleman,

I am submitting this complaint in my capacity as an elected member of the Salt Lake City Board of Education. I have reason to believe that the two Salt Lake City police officers, named in the accompanying notarized affidavit, abused the powers and authority of their office, under the color of law, in an effort to harass and intimidate an employ of the Salt Lake City School District.

I also have reason to believe that the police officers named in the accompanying notarized affidavit, conspired with the Superintendent and Business Administrator of the Salt Lake City School District to adversely influence the decisions and votes of the seven member, Salt Lake City Board of Education who are elected officials.

The Board of Education has been investigating an incident that occurred at Uintah Elementary on **January 28, 2014**, where school lunches were taken from children by child nutrition personnel and discarded in a garbage can. Following that event, the Board of Education commissioned an external investigation that was recently made public.

At the **September 2, 2014**, School Board meeting one of the school's patrons reported the following:

"..the Salt Lake City Police Department [went to the] school when students, parents, and teachers were present, to ask their lunch lady to go down to the Police Department for questioning."

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I was later told that on or about **April 25, 2014** , the two Salt lake City police officers went to Uintah Elementary School, located at 1571 East 1300 South in Salt Lake City, Utah 84105 and took Salt Lake City School District employee, Shirley Canham to the police department for questioning.

The Salt Lake City Police Department (SLCPD) investigation was not mentioned in the external investigation commissioned by the Board of Education. The school district personnel have given me conflicting and unreliable information as to why an employee of the school district was interrogated by SLCPD personnel because she was ordered to discarded school lunches earlier this year.

This morning, I submitted a request to the SLCPD Records division for a copy of the police report and was advised that no such report exist and that SLCPD records indicate that Shirley Canahm is not under investigation by the Salt Lake City Police Department.

I respectfully submit these allegations for your review and consideration.

Shalom,



J. Michael Clára
Board Member, District 2

cc: Mr. Sim Gill, Salt Lake County Attorney
Mr. Rick Rasmussen, Salt Lake City Civilian Review Board

Enclosures (5)

