MEMORANDUM

TO:

CHIEF KELLY

FROM:

CAPT. EDWARDS

SUBJECT:

COMPLAINT PTL. HARRISON

DATE:

MARCH 8, 1988

On Friday, March 4, 1988, I received a call from Mr. Lee Kunz, 2505 Little York Road, PS 890-1862, in regards to a complaint that he had against Ptl. Tim Harrison.

On March 3, 1988, at 9:45 P.M. Mr. Kunz advised that he was at Bob Evans Restaurant at Little York and Dixie talking with some friends. Mr. Kunz advised that he had observed Tim Harrison in the restaurant staring at him. Mr. Kunz also advised that as he was paying his bill he was approached by Tim Harrison and a confrontation started in the restaurant with Tim Harrison accusing Mr. Kunz of poisoning his wolf and shooting his cat. This confrontation moved out to the parking lot and Mr. Kunz advised that he left the restaurant and did proceed to Little York and North Dixie where he pulled into a convenience store to get fuel.

Mr. Kunz advises that while getting fuel Tim Harrison came into the same convenience store parking lot and was also apparently getting fuel. At this point the verbal threats were stated again by Tim Harrison about the wolf and the cat and his lawyer would be in contact with Mr. Kunz. Mr. Kunz advised that he got into his vehicle and left the area at this time.

With this background, an investigatory hearing was held on March 7, 1988, with Tim Harrison and Rus Muntz as FOP representative.

Tim Harrison in the investigatory hearing tells somewhat of a different story in regards to this incident at Bob Evans Restaurant and also at the convenience store.

Tim right a way acknowledges the fact that he did have a discussion with Mr. Kunz about his wolf being killed and his cat being shot with a shotgun on January 21, 1988. Tim also went into the background with he and Mr. Kunz in which there has been a neighbor problem between Mr. Kunz and Tim Harrison for the past year in regards to the problem at the kennel such as the odor, the noise of the animals and numerous other things. Tim Harrison advises that Mr. Kunz has made several threats against him and his employees and also his animals, especially the wolf.

Tim advised that he did accuse Mr. Kunz of shooting his cat and poisoning his wolf and also stealing his truck. Mr. Kunz apparently ran out of the restaurant and Tim followed him out to the parking lot where the verbal confrontation did continue with accusations again being made by Tim Harrison. Tim Harrison told Mr. Kunz that he can run but he can't hide and that he will be hearing from my attorney who is Dan O'Brien and you will pay for killing my wolf.

The next confrontation took place at the convenience store at Little York and Dixie where Mr. Kunz had already gotten fuel and Tim was in the process of getting fuel. Tim advised that Mr. Kunz came at him in a threatening manner with his finger pointing at me and stated I don't know a blank, blank thing about the problem you have had but I'm glad someone has killed Lupus, the wolf.

Tim approached Mr. Kunz and advised him to get back into his vehicle as he was not in the mood for him tonight. Tim told Mr. Kunz this several times and Mr. Kunz stated that he wished that he had shot Lupus and he was going to get me back at where I work. At this point Mr. Kunz left the area.

Tim admits to being involved with Mr. Kunz but he denies that he ever threatened Mr. Kunz.

This officer also talked to Kimberly Abrams, 2010 Shroyer Road, PS-298-5158, who was with Tim the night this incident happened and she also did fill out a witness statement which pretty well parallels with Tim Harrison's in regards to the incident both at Bob Evans and at the convenience food store.

After review of all the statements that have been submitted on this incident, I would conclude that no violation of General Order 2, Unbecoming Conduct, and General Order 25, Courtesy, has been violated by Tim Harrison.

On March 8, 1988, Tim Harrison came into my office and did discuss or attempted to discuss with me or make comments to me that I find very questionable as to his emotional stability and very frankly have a grave concern that we may have to send Tim Harrison for some psychiatric counseling or testing as I feel that he is showing some signs of going off the deep end and may be emotionally unfit for duty.

Ptl. Harrison's comments such as "I am an intimidating person" and "I could have killed him and I can and do intimidate people when I talk to them". His comments about he has friends and he is now backed into the corner and will come out fighting. His comments about his financial backing so he does not worry about money in this matter. His comments about Tim Werbrich and Tim Werbrich's ex-girlfriend Kimberly Abrams where Tim Harrison is now apparently seeing her. His comments about when his dad had surgery and the City would not give him the time off. His comments about Ron Vaughn and his sick leave and every time he's off sick he's at Clipper Currier.

All these comments made by Tim Harrison, most of them I don't know what he's referring to or what it has to do with this incident that I'm investigating. His continuing rambling on Tim Werbrich and also he mentioned Don McDivitt and he hopes that Don McDivitt stays off to the side. Tim Harrison went on like this for at least fifteen minutes when he was in my office talking to me.

This rambling on and on by Tim seemed to put him into a very highly emotional aggitated state the more he talked, even though he kept stating time after time that he was calm.

With this background, I would urge your office to take those necessary steps to have Tim evaluated to see if he is emotionally fit for duty with the Oakwood Public Safety Department.

This officer did reinterview Tim Harrison at approximately 1230 hours today's date and asked him to try and make sense out of what he told me earlier this date.

Tim reiterated his point that he was very calm about this entire situation, about his neighbor Lee Kunz, and about his being accused of abusing his sick leave. Tim made comments that he was surprised when I asked him for a doctor's slip on Monday as Lt. Vaughn in the investigatory hearing never requested or asked or told Tim that he had to bring a doctor's excuse in.

I asked Tim if he was all right and could he do his job on the street. His answer again was I'm very calm and I can do my job on the street.

Again, in summary, I think Ptl. Harrison may indeed need some professional counseling on his problems at hand and also this would insure the City of Oakwood that he is indeed able to perform his job as a Public Safety Officer.

Attached to this memo are statements from Tim Harrison, Kim Abrams, Lee Kunz and two police reports from Butler Township.

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