

McKenzie, Jody

From: Cummings, John
Sent: 12 July 2011 14:04
To: Pratt, Steven
Subject: FW: DETAIL SOUGHT
Attachments: File Note - TIGLS.doc; RE: TIGLS

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From: Pratt, Steven
Sent: 12 July 2011 13:54
To: Cummings, John
Subject: RE: DETAIL SOUGHT

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E Superintendent; I have copied from the CIA the references to the [REDACTED] and the moving
E of [REDACTED] property but in summary both incidents are obviously linked and relate to the
assumption on the part of TIGLS that their GPS survey of the land is the accurate reference and
therefore they are entitled to move boundaries based on that. The numbered paragraphs below
are in date order and show the chain of events. I have included in this reply the copy of the file
note you requested and also a copy of the outlook received back from Mr Blackhall regarding the
E options I put forward when I knew [REDACTED]. The officers
who stood by whilst the property was moved reported that it was done in a most sympathetic and
careful manner so as not to damage any of it. There is no STORM incident as this was a pre-
planned deployment therefore we were not called there but attended pro-actively to prevent a
breach of the peace.

E [REDACTED]

Steve Pratt

1. On 30 June, staff from SOL Golf Course Construction LTD based at Menie Estate placed
over 40 identification flags to mark out the boundaries of the course prior to diggers and other
heavy equipment moving onto the site to start initial construction. [REDACTED] E
E [REDACTED] which is disputed by TIGLS and
appears to be to be backed up by the maps provided by them. Irrespective of the potential
E boundary dispute the fact remains that [REDACTED] E

- E [REDACTED] The enquiry officer felt that [REDACTED] was abrupt with him demanding more positive action.
- E 2. On 17 July 2010, whilst carrying out checks on the Menie Estate, Officers were [REDACTED] who informed them of a letter he had received from TIGLS the previous day stating their intention to install a fence adjacent to Mr Forbes land to demarcate their property to the east of the site. TIGLS further requested that Mr Forbes remove the various pieces of disused machinery from the land which they believe to be theirs and that items not retrieved before 19 July 2010 would be removed and disposed of.
- E 3. On 22 July Inspector Pratt [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] learned that TIGLS intended going ahead with removing [REDACTED] and erecting a fence. By the time of the meeting TIGLS proposal was more realistic and compromising in that the intention was to move the items by a matter of only 2 or 3 feet [REDACTED] when erect the fence but only on the north east boundary between both properties.
4. A file note was submitted to Chief Inspector Blackhall with the details and three courses of action open to the police; 1. do nothing and potentially wait for complaints of theft, vandalism or breach of the peace 2. attend on the date and time in question and watch as the property is moved 3. inform Mr Forbes of the intention of TIGLS and advise him that the police will be present when the move takes place thus preventing a breach of the peace between either party and taking care of any theft or vandalism allegation by him against TIGLS. Number three was the preferred and agreed option.
- E 5. Several contacts were subsequently carried out between [REDACTED] and Inspector Pratt over the coming week before the work was eventually carried out. Significantly on 27 July [REDACTED] reported that the work was postponed again [REDACTED] NR
6. On 3 August the erection of the fence went ahead and property belonging to Mr Forbes was carefully moved into his land [REDACTED] was present and disputed the land boundary but there were no incidents.
7. Subsequent to the incident on 3 August several communications were made with the force all along similar lines of 'why did the police stand by and watch as TIGLS moved the boundary fence'. All were replied to with the corporate position of this being a civil dispute, a fact that all parties were well aware of, and the police were there only on a preventative basis. One of the pieces of correspondence generated a minor complaint about the manner in which officers spoke to the author, however it was resolved very quickly. [REDACTED] NR
8. [REDACTED]

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From: Cummings, John
Sent: 12 July 2011 12:13
To: Pratt, Steven
Subject: RE: DETAIL SOUGHT

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Leiper, Nicky

From: Blackhall, Craig
Sent: 26 July 2010 08:08
To: Pratt, Steven
Cc: McLaren, Mark
Subject: RE: TIGLS

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I agree with your rationale which shows that we are alive to both 'sides'. To simply turn up on the day with TIGLS would reinforce any perception that [REDACTED] may have and equally, to do nothing (having been made aware of the potential) would be wrong. Any prior contact with [REDACTED] can be in very general terms advising him that we are aware of the matter and our presence is in the interests of both parties. I would not be in favour of advising him exactly when it will take place as this may provide him with the op[portunity to advise media etc.

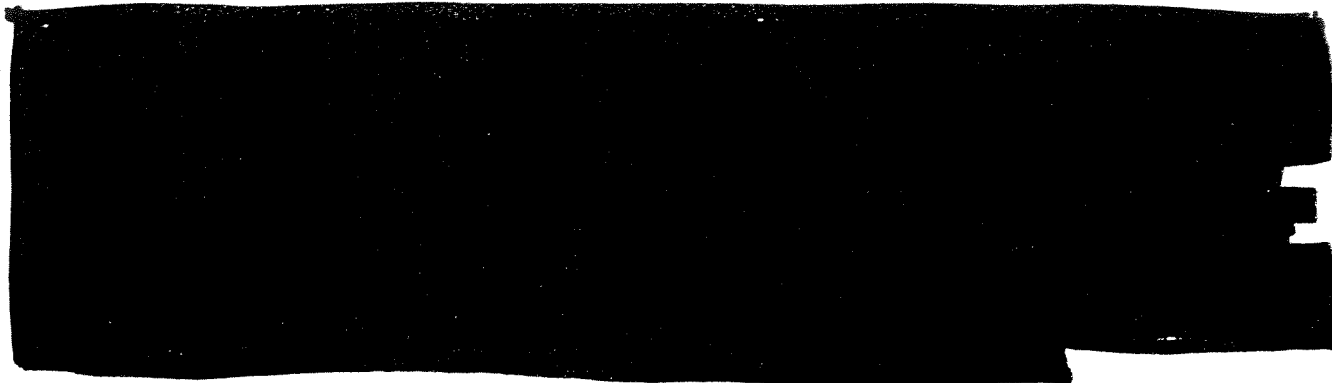
Craig

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From: Pratt, Steven
Sent: 22 July 2010 15:14
To: Blackhall, Craig
Cc: Pratt, Steven
Subject: TIGLS

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Chief Insp -



My thoughts on the matter are;

1. we do nothing and potentially wait for complaints of theft, vandalism or breach of the peace
2. we simply attend on the date and time in question and watch as the property is moved
3. we inform Mr Forbes of the intention of TIGLS and advise him that the police will be present when the move takes place thus preventing a breach of the peace between either party and taking care of any theft or vandalism allegation by him against TIGLS.

I favour option as this will save us time in the long run.

Forwarded for endorsement and recording in policy file.

Steve Pratt

Leiper, Nicky

From: Pratt, Steven
Sent: 27 July 2010 18:09
To: Wilkinson, James; McKay, Scott
Cc: Forsyth, Gordon; Hiley, Derek; Coutts, Kenneth
Subject: MENIE ESTATE

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Jim and Scott - at 0800 on Wednesday 28 July estate staff will be moving some property that currently sits on their land and is adjacent to the land owned by [REDACTED]. After they have finished moving the items they will erect a fence to demarcate the boundary between the two areas of land. The property consists of old pieces of machinery etc that [REDACTED] appears to own but is located within the Menie Estate land. This boundary is subject to some potential dispute between both parties but that is entirely a civil matter. I was made aware of the intention of the estate to move the property and took the decision to inform [REDACTED], which I did by means of a message left on his answer machine last night. I have also advised both parties that I will have officers present when this happens to prevent any later allegations of theft, vandalism or breach of the peace and that is what I require you to do at the above time, date and location.

The rationale behind my decision is simple - if we know such a thing is happening and do nothing then I feel that we will be asked to investigate the incident after it takes place and like any civil eviction we are called to our role is to stand by and prevent a breach of the peace.

The strategy that Command have taken for Menie Estate does not change and remains as;

- Maximise safety
- Minimise disruption
- Facilitate lawful protest
- If crimes are committed detect and report to PF

The bottom line is that you will attend at the locus as detailed to ensure there is no breach of the peace.

PS Forsyth - for info as duty Sergeant.

PI Coutts - as above as Duty Insp in the morning.

Steve Pratt

Leiper, Nicky

From: Hird, Kevin
Sent: 03 August 2010 23:39
To: Pratt, Steven
Cc: Lamb, Philip
Subject: Update re Menie Estate

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Boss

At 1430 hrs on Tuesday 3 August 2010, Richard and I attended at the Menie Estate where, prior to erecting a fence, employees of SOL Golf Ltd relocated various items of property onto the land owned by [REDACTED] E

At 1630 hrs same day, [REDACTED] attended at the area in question [REDACTED] E

Suitable advice was given to the effect that it was our understanding that SOL were entitled to erect the fence in that location and they left.

This was subsequently done without further incident.

Kevin

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Date: 29 September 2010

E [REDACTED]

Dear Sir

COMPLAINT ABOUT THE POLICE

I refer to your recent correspondence with the Force and write to

E [REDACTED]

E [REDACTED]

As we discussed, I explained to you the reason for Police deployment on Menie Estate on 3 August 2010 and that the Trump Organisation have not paid for any policing on the estate.

I can confirm that the land dispute between the parties referred to in your letter is very much a civil matter however, I felt it necessary and appropriate for Officers to be present to prevent any potential criminal act from taking place. The decision to deploy Police Officers was not taken lightly and I recognise that the perception could well be that their very presence endorsed the activity that was taking place that day, however, as I said to you, that was not my intention and their attendance was on a preventative basis and independent of either party.

E [REDACTED]

E [REDACTED]

If you are not satisfied in the way your complaint has been handled, in the first instance you should write to the Head of Professional Standards, Grampian Police, Bucksburn Police Station, Inverurie Road, Aberdeen, AB21 9AS, seeking a review.

If you do not wish Grampian Police to conduct a review or you are dissatisfied with the result of the review, you should write to the Police Complaints Commissioner

for Scotland (PCCS), 2nd Floor Hamilton House, Hamilton Business Park, Caird
Park, Hamilton, ML3 0QA.

Yours faithfully

Steve Pratt
Inspector

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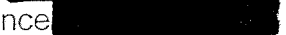
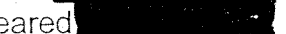

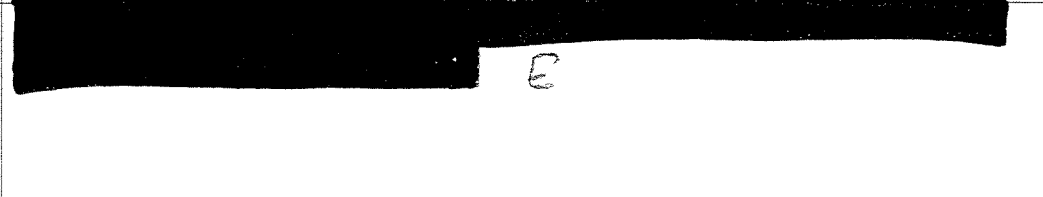
ENQUIRY OFFICER'S REPORT

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1. Complaint Number: R.225.10	2. Enquiry Officer:
3. Complainer	
4. Person(s) Subject of Complaint	Grampian Police in general terms.
5. Nature of Complaint(s)	Dissatisfaction at Police action / lack of action during an incident at Menie Estate when a boundary between TIGLS was being marked out by fencing and being moved. Dissatisfaction at the amount of Police time wasted at this incident and the fact that Police officers appeared to be supporting TIGLS against
6. Enquiry Made	
7. Enquiry Officer's Comments	

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8. Learning Points	<p>The (complainer and other's) perception of Police attendance at Menie Estate that day was understandably that Police were there to support TIGLS (we had not attended as a result of any calls  was not present at that time of initial attendance). Once  did arrive, the work was already underway and appeared  to be being overseen by Police officers.</p> <p>I think it is an impossibly hard task for Grampian Police to appear neutral in every possible scenario at the Menie Estate. The majority of our calls will be from TIGLS and as such we will have to work very hard to ensure that we are not see as being biased towards them.</p> <p>In relation to future incidents, I think that we should ensure, where possible, that we liaise with both parties in any dispute prior to any deployment, to re-enforce our strategy and to ensure everyone realises we are neutral.</p> 
9. Suggested Disposal (Indicate if Action Already Taken)	
10. Signature	