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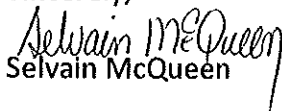
Dear Mike:

I am writing with regard to that certain Interlocal Cooperation Agreement dated May 15, 2012 and approved by letter of the Mississippi Attorney General on June 28, 2012, photocopies of which are attached hereto for your easy reference. It is my understanding that your office deems it necessary to dictate which officers the Police Department will and will not serve on the multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement task force.

Although I was content to agree that you would assume direct operational control of the unit, I have never understood your authority to extend so far as to select which officers in the Department were suitable for service on the task force. I had assigned a group of officers in whom I have significant confidence to perform all duties requested of them in furtherance of the mission of the task force. Apparently you have been dissatisfied with one or more of the officers assigned by me to serve. I'm sorry that you feel this way. However, I do not feel that you should have the right to dictate which officers from the Columbus Police Department you will not accept. Therefore, it seems to me we have two choices: (A) Terminate the Interlocal agreement; or (B) Proceed forward with me as the Police Chief deciding which officers from my department are to be assigned.

Under option "A" it appears that we have the right to terminate this agreement at any time pursuant to article II on page 1 of the agreement. If that is the route you would like to go, we need to divide in the jointly acquired property pursuant to article VIII, X and XI and I would need your agreement that any obligations to fund staffing would cease immediately (article V). If you would like to proceed with a termination of this agreement, please notify me immediately in writing.

Sincerely,


Selvain McQueen