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Re: Securix Ocean Springs

On this past Saturday afternoon, I received a disturbing call from Ocean Springs Police Chief Mark Dunston. The call related to an incident at court last week wherein a representative from Securix, Grace, embarrassed herself and the company.

Chief Dunston was out of the office on the court date when he received a call from his assistant' Charlene, that he needed to come to court. Apparently, the individual presented a bill of sale to the judge indicating that he did not own the vehicle at the time he received a ticket. The judge reviewed the bill of sale and dismissed the ticket. After the judge dismissed the ticket Grace began telling the Court Clerk and others that the individual had committed fraud and had in fact not sold the vehicle. This was based upon "her investigation."

Chief Dunston met with Grace and advised her that the judge had made the decision and that it was over. Grace continued on with Chief Dunston and Charlene to the point that the Chief told her that she could file charges personally against the individual but the Ocean Springs PD would have nothing to do with it.

The individual involved has contacted the Ocean Springs PD and complained about Grace "harassing her". I received a call this morning from an alderman indicating that he had received information about Securix investigating individuals with regarding ownership of the vehicle. The alderman asked me where did Securix get the authority to investigate anything. The only agency that investigates in Ocean Springs is the Police Department. Whoever this individual is, the alderman is trying to talk them into not coming to our board meeting tomorrow night to report on all the interactions he has had with Grace.

This should not be happening after we have been in operation for over a year. I make the following observation since, to the Mayor and Board, I am the face of Securix. I am also the one that is embarrassed when citizens come to the board and complain about multiple tickets, etc.

- 1. Securix is not the police. We do not investigate. If a person provides proof that they have sold the vehicle, then the issue is over.
- 2. If Securix wants to continue to "investigate" individuals there are two certainties:
 - Securix will be sued in a federal lawsuit that it cannot win and
 - The City of Ocean Springs will terminate its contract.

If the City of Ocean Springs terminates its contract it will be virtually impossible to get another City in Mississippi. Whoever Grace is, she does not need to go back to court. All involved advised me that she is a very

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poor representative for our company. I was told that she was not professional and that there is just "something wrong with her."

I will wrap this up by saying there are individuals that live in Ocean Springs who truly love this program and are doing everything in their power to support Securix. We sometimes make it hard.

Sincerely

Robert