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Mr Porter -

Thank you for your email as referenced above. I apologize for the delayed reply, but I have been extremely busy lately and had not checked this email account. As you have brought up many questions or comments that you would like for me to answer, I will dissect your letter and reply to each one individually.

1. What is the nature of your relationship with Michael Kime?

Mr Kime is my friend.

2. I have been given photos of his city issued police car being parked behind your house in the alley for hours at a time.

This statement is completely confusing. Mr. Kime's car was frequently parked at my house for hours at a time, but I can only think of two or three times that it was in the back. Regardless of whether it was his personal vehicle or the city issued police car, his vehicle was generally on O Street right in front of my house. If you doubt this, I'm sorry but I don't know how to prove it to you. As Mr Kime retired back in 2012, you are asking about something that is approximately 5 1/2 years ago. Inasmuch as I never felt a need to photograph his Chief's car, I do have photos of his 2 corvettes and a previously owned Honda Si. Those are in front of my house - if you'd like copies, let me know.

Regarding the photos you were given, did they include the building that was in front of the car? That would be my garage. If we were desperately trying to hide Mr Kime's car, doesn't it make sense that it would have been put inside the garage rather than leaving it in the alley for everyone to see?

Also speaking of the photos that you have in your possession, were these given to you by Mr. Frazier? I only ask because the property owner to the south at [501 North O Street](#) is Mark Meyers. He's been telling people at the Elks Lodge that Mr. Frazier asked him for a favor - to allow two of his plain clothes officers on his property to do surveillance on me and Mr. Kime. Apparently Mr Frazier was on a mission to prove that Mr Kime and I were having an affair. So the confusion comes when you mention in this email only having photos of his car.

During your verbal assault on Mr. Kime (February 16 around 4 pm - either just before or just after your accusations and allegations were delivered to DJ Becker), you mentioned having one or more photos of the two of us in "compromising positions". No mention of his car. So which is it? Or both?

And before you embarrass yourself with accusations that Mr Kime is lying about your conversation on February 16, think about this: every iPhone has a speaker button. And although it may be against the law to record a conversation without advising the person, there is nothing to prevent the speaker from being turned on so that everyone nearby can hear what is being said. Do you really think he's going to speak to you and leave himself unprotected? Not likely. And don't forget the call logs - incoming, outgoing, and missed calls. So there's the log of the first call, the missed call (after he hung up on you), and the text message (you'll be sure to quote him correctly).

3. Why would he park in the alley behind your house instead of just parking on the street.

There are several reasons that Mr Kime might have been parked in the back. Perhaps all of the parking space in front of my house was taken. Mr. Meyers had illegally rented the second dwelling on his property and having vehicles from 2 rentals plus their guests didn't leave much room at times. (See Mr Christopher Boyle, Planning Manager, or Kira Noguera if she is still employed by the city; ZAP2014-07 is the zoning permit that was denied to Mr Meyers. The letter of determination was sent to me on April 30, 2014). Or perhaps the neighbor's pit bull was out front. As many people know, I was the daycare provider for Mr Kime's animals. It's a lot easier to use an alternate route to the house than to wrestle with 2 dogs fighting or attempting to. There are numerous possibilities still not mentioned. This was years ago, perhaps if you were so concerned you should have asked then.

4. Mr. Kime denies there was ever anything inappropriate in your relationship. Yet I am hearing you have issues with members of the Madera Police Department that had issues with Mr. Kime.

I'm not sure how these things relate to each other, and I'm not sure what members of the PD you are referring to. Other than then Commander Frazier, I wasn't aware anyone had issues with Mr Kime. Perhaps Officer Meyers? His termination was due to his beating a citizen - excessive use of force. Commander Williams? His demotion was justified. Which brings me back to Commander Frazier. I understand that he disliked Mr Kime. I'm sure he felt that he should have been named Chief instead of Mr Kime. After all, he spent his entire law enforcement career here at Madera PD. The problem was that when he was given the position of Commander, he did not have the credentials to hold that position. He was given a period of time to complete his educational requirements. He failed to do so. So even though Mr Tooley allowed him to participate in the hiring process for the Chief's position in 2002, did he really think Mr Tooley would jeopardize his credibility by promoting Mr Frazier to Chief? And, honestly, I believe Mr Frazier should be grateful to Mr Kime. If it weren't for him, Mr Frazier might not have ever finished his requirements. I'm sure you are aware that Mr Kime gave Mr Frazier additional time to complete his degree rather than demoting him for failing to do it within the first time allowed. I have no personal issues with Mr Frazier - I don't know him. I do have issues with things that took place at the PD under his supervision, such as the removal of certain requirements necessary to hold the positions of Commander and of Chief. We all know what happens when you "lower the bar" for entry level positions in law enforcement. Why anyone would decrease the qualifications for the top 2 positions is beyond me.

5. Why are you trying to get Mr. Kime back to Madera so hard?

I'm not. With the public outcry over the outrageous salaries being given to a few people, and Mr Medellin being put in the awkward position of justifying it, I thought he would welcome Mr Kime's offer to do the job with little compensation. It seemed odd to me when no consideration was given to this offer. Saving hundreds of thousands of dollars annually would usually get a nod. And being that Mr Kime is one of the most financially savvy people that I know of to have served in Madera - look how well he managed the PD budget - he would have been able to step in and help, rather than perpetuating the feelings of mistrust. In case you weren't aware, Mr Frazier was one of those few mentioned above. Public comment at the city council meetings indicated that people didn't think he was worth his Chief's salary. They really didn't like his being moved to a different office with which he had no experience and another salary increase.

6. Do you know about Mr. Kime's previous employer's issues with Mr. Kime and a Bomb Squad car that was stolen from in front of his home?

Your reference to Mr Kime's *previous* employer's issues with him is too generic to reply. If you want a specific answer, you'll have to ask about the specific issue. Regarding the Bomb Squad car being stolen from in front of his home, of course I know - so did Mr Tooley, BEFORE he hired Mr Kime. If you'd like more details, just let me know.

7. Do you know of the accusations of drunk driving in Madera when he would spend most every night in the MVI bar and drive back to his trailer down the street.

Accusations other than yours? No, I've never heard anyone say anything remotely close to that. In case your memory is failing you, the bar at the MVI served food until the restaurant closed. They also served coffee, tea, and a variety of non-alcoholic beverages. Mr Kime was new to Madera then. He spent time there visiting with the people who would stop in. Many businessmen and women, attorneys, and off-duty law enforcement officers came there. It was small, quiet, and atypical of the other bars in town. Do you think he wasn't aware that he would be watched and scrutinized?

8. If Mr. Kime's reputation was so great in Madera why was he last place in the votes when he ran for Sheriff?

Dear God - what does this have to do with anything? We all know that reputation has very little to do with elections here. The county is large. People in the city were familiar with Mr Kime - not the people in the county. Mr Kime's wife was in Sacramento. He didn't have the luxury of his wife campaigning for him like Mr. Varney. Mr. Salvador had a name well known throughout the county - he was the undersheriff. Or perhaps it was Mr Frazier's efforts? If the "Varney for Sheriff" sign in his yard wasn't enough, ask him about the bogus letter that he sent to Cal Chief's with information that the Madera Police Chief's Association was endorsing Mr. Varney.

9. You are putting Mr. Kime back in the public spotlight. You are making him a public figure again. I have no problem forgetting that he ever was a part of Madera, but if he is going to be an actual candidate for interim city manager, my publication is going to have to revisit this issues that Mr. Kime brought on himself.

You can revisit *this issues* or whatever issues you like. Just remember to keep those issues true and honest. You already know what spreading rumor with malicious intent will get you.

10. I know that sounds like a threat, it is not meant to be one. It is simply that the citizens of Madera have the right to know everything about their public figures running or attempting to run for public office.

I agree. Everything about their public figures - all of them. Running, attempting to run, or already in a position of public office. As a matter of fact, do you know what the restructuring of the police department while Mr Frazier was Chief cost the city? Do you know that Measure K was basically to cover the costs incurred with that restructuring, rather than the reasons they indicated. (Albeit every city can always use more money for those things - the new fire station, new cars and equipment, more officers - they were scrambling to cover the costs involved with the new positions of Lieutenant and Corporal and additional Sergeant.) Neither did the people of Madera. It's ok - it will all be known when Mr Manfredi completes his audit.

11. Mr. Kime's issues with drinking have plagued him for years. I've already published many story involving the former chief. Is this really something he wants?

I'm not familiar with any drinking issues that have plagued him, nor am I familiar with the many story that you've published about him. Perhaps you should revisit this! If you have damning knowledge or information, I can't imagine you would keep it to yourself.

If you want to know what he wants, you'll have to ask him. I don't speak to the wants of Mr Kime or anyone else. I have my own list of wants to address.

12. Why hasn't he voiced his own concerns with the city or even announced he wants the job?

He has - what? You didn't know? And I thought you knew everything!

13. Are you doing what Mr. Kime wants or what you want?

Most of the time I do what I want. Of course, not always, but when I can. And if what Mr Kime wants happens to be the same, then I guess one could say that I do what he wants too.

Mr Porter, I hope this answers your questions. Actually I had hoped that you were interested in subject matter that pertains to current issues rather than things that have long since lost their intrigue. Sincerely, haven't you beat that poor story to death? What is my relationship with Michael Kime? Nobody seems to care except for you and Mr Frazier. You've been given photos? Again, who cares. You can take pictures of cars all day. It doesn't make us guilty of the affair that Mr Frazier is so desperate to prove. You have pictures of Michael and I in "compromising positions"? Well, I don't think so. Especially if this is regarding the supposed "surveillance" done from the Meyers' property next door. That would have been waaaay too damaging to keep to yourselves all these years. But if you do? Publish them! Put them all over your website. But please be sure to email them to me so I don't miss out on seeing them.

As a friend of mine likes to say - put up, or shut up. And I second that. If you've got the goods, let's see them.

If not, I must ask that you cease and desist. I didn't take your allegations as threats, but didn't your mommy tell you that nobody likes a bully? So please, just quit.

Additionally, since your journalistic ethics have been questionable in the past, I have taken the liberty to forward your email and this reply to Ms Becker and Mr Doud at the Tribune. Should you attempt to alter the contents or meaning of my reply, I'm sure they'll be happy to keep the record straight.

If you have any other questions or comments, please remain professional. Be sure to give my regards to Mr Medellin.