

EXHIBIT 44

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Sheriff Alex Villanueva (SH AV)

Questions from audience including press are in BLUE.

19:45

SH AV: Any questions that on any topics today or any other topic?

Sheriff yesterday you seemed to be a little bit on the hot seat for you on the two issues on the tattoos and involving the situation with the sheriff that you reinstated, I guess my obvious question to you is on the reinstatement uh its caused a lot of problems, why is it you are sticking your neck out so much on this?

20:13

SH AV: Well it's the issue of Due Process. And someone asked me last night is that the bill you wish to die on. And I think when it comes to defending and supporting the Constitution particularly the 14th Amendment it's very important. Due Process is important in what we do as an employer it's important to what we do as a law enforcement agency when we are detaining, searching, arresting and then giving information to the District attorney for prosecution. Due Process is important everywhere. And we can't pick and choose who we decide who we provide the due process to. And I think it was the Dali Lama said that you know and I just read this quote this morning about doing what's right and doing what's wrong. Everyone could be doing something wrong, but just because everyone's doing it doesn't make it right. Likewise no one could be doing something someone dares to do something right even though everyone says it's wrong does not make it wrong. It's actually the right thing to do. It's always the right thing to do. I'm butchering Mr. Lama there. I am pretty sure someone knows what the exact quote is.

The critics have insinuated and tell me its wrong or dead wrong that he is a favor and that he was a very instrumental part, volunteer yes, but very instrumental part of your campaign and it is favor?.

21:39

SH AV: Actually not at all. The only thing that he got and anyone got that supported my campaign in any capacity was a promise that we were going to have a whole new department. He just happen to be the first one because I knew the case in detail. And of course my curiosity was in office was he right. And we actually had other people look at it. And there were only, and Chief Gross had already spoke about it, they were not told you have to find this result or you have to make this happen. Just see what the

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facts are. Make your own determination. And make your own assessment. And they on their own came up with their own assessment. And it turns out there is a lot of damning things about the case that actually will cause us to spend a lot of money in court unnecessarily because three fatal flaws. One of them was the standards the guidelines for discipline were altered, and that's the ERCOM decision that is already on the books. We're already trying to figure out the remedy is going to be. That's one issue. Second issue is exculpatory information. We cannot hide exculpatory information in an internal affairs investigation and then promote that to, present this case to the hearing officer as being a complete and truthful representation of the facts. In this case internal affairs investigators deliberately hid three huge pieces of information that were exculpatory in nature. So when they are measuring what the preponderance of evidence is it's a 50% plus 1 exercise. We can't conceal what is exculpatory and only present what is incriminating and then pretend somehow that we waited it was a fair weighing of what's ah a preponderance of evidence. That's what happened in this case. The third issue is the re-interpretation of the department on their own of what constitutes false statements. And that was done wrong in this case and actually there is a lot of cases. Which actually now as we go through the Truth and Reconciliation process and start it we have now we are inheriting a legal quandary. If it was misapplied and now we have SB 1421 someone may have not had false statements because that does not meet the legal standard but yet we made a founded investigation based on it. We may have taken employment action, terminated employment based on a wrong interpretation of what constitutes false statements. That's another Pandora's box that we haven't even started working our way through yet. But we are going to have to because we are obligated to.

24:00

Guidelines specifically effected the Mandoyan case. I have always been a little unclear. You said the change in the in this one guidelines what 12 and 17 changes – effect the Mandoyan case?

SH AV: Well when the Ad Hoc group and Chief Gross went through the entire case and they actually separated fact from fiction and what the evidence was, **there was no evidence of domestic violence**. There was no evidence of attempt burglary. There was no evidence to support the things that were related to the press were related to the press erroneously.

How did the change in guidelines effect that, those were not alloweddiscipline guidelines?

SH AV: Because there was elements of the case that were founded but they related more to internal policy violations. **They were not termination offenses**. And then that's what alters the discipline that was imposed.

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So what offense was elevated to termination in the new discipline guidelines that in the old discipline guideline wasn't termination?

SH AV Right. There range changed and that was part of the issue.

What specific action...

SH AV I can't go into details because now I would be discussing something that is confidential. And that is not subject to 1421.