



CITY OF ORLANDO

POLICE DEPARTMENT



OFFICE OF

MICHAEL J. MCCOY

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Commissioner Daisy Lynum
District 5

Dear Commissioner Lynum:

Based on the recent quoted media comments resulting from your son's traffic stop, I feel compelled to emphasize and reaffirm the courage, pride, and commitment to excellence that drives the Orlando Police Department.

I wish to personally assure you that members of the Orlando Police Department strive to uphold the highest level of integrity, as it is one of the cornerstones of the police department. I wish to further assure you of the continuous emphasis we place on treating all citizens with dignity, fairness and respect.

The Orlando Police Department is a role model of diversity within our City and unmatched within the region. This was demonstrated recently in our collaboration with the community during the Neo-Nazi rally. This was also apparent in several community panels we formed to address department policy and community issues. We pride ourselves on our employees being representative of the ethnicity of the community in which we serve.

Your comments, as quoted in the Orlando Sentinel, have caused disappointment impacting the department's morale and creating a managerial problem. In addition, the community has voiced its disappointment of your statements as evidenced by the numerous comments sent to the Orlando Sentinel and me. I am sure that if I were to make statements such as those made by you, the results would include serious repercussions to me as Chief of Police, intense public scrutiny and immediate erosion of the community's confidence in the Orlando Police Department.

In the past, you have been supportive of the police department, and our members have supported many of your efforts. It is my sincere wish that all of Orlando's leaders continue to work hard to enhance cooperation, understanding and relations within our great City. Thank you in advance for your support of the men and women who put so much on the line for all of us.

Sincerely,

Michael J. McCoy
Chief of Police

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