

March 4, 2009

Internal Affairs

Dear Sirs,

My name is David P. Griffin, I have a story to tell you about the time I spent working for Public Access Community Television. With Garry Wilkerson and Linda Latowski, known as management.

I watched this management steal donations, sell City Property, and donate equipment to themselves, marking it as City of Austin equipment to be repaired by City of Austin funds.

Some of the things I saw are illegal and some of them or just wrong. I truly feel that the theft I witnessed was only the tip of the iceberg and the City of Austin has not truly, fully investigated these alligations.

I spent two and half hours with an officer fully explaining this situation to him, it is complicated. I emailed him a page and a half of futher leads, dealing with City Funded Grants that the management and other parties were involved in.

He responded that he received the email and information and then within hours closed the case blaming me for not giving him enough information and the truth of the matter is he really never looked at the information nor did any investigation.

At this time I would like to get a copy of the complete investigation of this matter.

Will I find reports detailing how investiagators spoke to management? Will I find reports from an auditor that really looked over the books? Are there any intreviews with other parties dealing with Rhondella Hawkins, and the City Department known as TARA?

Please explain to me just exactly what the City of Austin, has done? I have filed a lawsuit against Public Access which is currently working its way through the court system. I will also attached several letters that I have written to both the Mayor and the Police Chief.

I would like to sit down and meet with you at your earliest convenience and go over the file for this investigation. Let's the two of us spend twenty minutes and see exactly what the investigators have found.

I look forward to the opportunity to put this matter to rest once and for all.

Sincerely Yours,

David P. Griffin

To: Mayor Will Wynn, Thursday, October 9, 2008

I wrote a letter to Chief of Police Art Acevedo two weeks ago and I have had absolutely no reply.

Last night I went to the Telecom meeting and asked the Commissioners; why the management of PACT was selling city property?

They all set there like deer in headlights, had no interest and you could tell that they did not want to be bothered.

I understand that these incidents I have described seem small and petty as individual incidents, what I fear is that they are the tip of the iceberg. After all I discovered these and was fired which makes me wonder what else is there?

It is a sad state that the City has gone to when citizens complain about wrong doing and the City does nothing except covers it up and pretends it has not happened.

I understand that Chief of Police Art Acevedo sworn an oath to uphold the law.

But, I see he chooses when he will enforce his oath. Now, I have lost all confidence in him to ability to do his job. Which I find so ironic, because when he was in California, he found his employer was doing wrong. He took a stand people said things about him that were not true. He sued and won and was vindicated. I am going through the same thing. I have accused my employer of stealing they retaliated and I lost my job.

I complained to the City and they turn a blind eye.

So, I am asking you to ask the Chief of Police to uphold his oath and do his job or you should send him back to California. Austin does not need a part time lawman.

I am asking you, as the Manor to insure that citizens complaints are heard and when there is justification that action should be taken.

Thank you for your time.

David Griffin
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9/28/08

Chief of Police Art Acevedo,
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Dear Chief Art Acevedo,

My name is David P. Griffin, you know me from Public Access Television. I am the old guy with the white beard. I have a story to tell you and ask you and your staff if you feel any laws have been broken?

I was the Equipment Manager at Public Access Television, until I was fired in June of this year.

First Issue: It all started in mid-February when I was doing inventory, two small pieces of equipment that resemble a USB key were missing from inventory. When I asked Garry Wilkison about this he told me that one of these devices was lost by Linda Litowsky and she could not find it. The second one was sold to a Kathy Bowman, Board Member, whose business could benefit from this device. Since PACT purchased these at a greatly reduced price which was still \$ 700.00 a piece. I did not feel it was proper that they were being sold to anyone especially a Board Member.

But this brought to mind another issue where tens of thousands of dollars are being spent on AVID software and to my knowledge only one producer has ever requested to use this equipment. Less than fifteen producers have any training on this equipment. The only people that use this equipment on a regular basis are Garry Wilkinson, Linda Litowsky and the same Board Member Kath Bowman that purchased the Key Device. PACT has other software and equipment much less expensive than everyone else uses. So, in my opinion the purchase of all this equipment and software in no way benefits PACT, but is all but used as privately owned equipment by these 3 people. Where did these tens of thousands of dollars come from?

Second Issue: Selling City Property.

In the course of being the Equipment Manager for PACT, I was asked by producers multiple times that if equipment wore out and had to be replaced what was done with the old equipment? They wanted to know if it was possible to purchase the old equipment. I had to respond that no City equipment could ever be sold and that anything that PACT was using had to be returned to the City, (i.e. City Salvage) for proper disposal.

In February, a new group of computers were purchased by the City and furnished to PACT to be used for video editing. In this process additional ram had to be added to insure the machines would function properly. The old ram, which was still new and functioning, should have been returned to the City for use.

Several weeks later I was told by different staff members that these computer chips were for sale at Producer Services. I then went to Bryan Blake the IT Director for Public Access and asked what was going on? He stated that he was told by Management to sell these chips. I questioned the legality to Bryan who then emailed

to Garry and Linda. The response from them was that they had the right to sell the ram and so I purchased one of these chips for \$ 20.00. My question is does a City Contractor or any City Contractor ever have the right to sell City Property?

After bring these questions to Managements attention Managements behavior toward me turned very hostile.

Third Issue: I was asked to take mandatory vacation against my will on several occasions. During the last mandatory vacation time when I returned and resumed my duties I noticed that Garry Wilkison had approved a piece of equipment for repair at the cost of \$ 1,100.00 and he listed the equipment owner on the repair request bills as COA (City of Austin). Now ownership of equipment is a really big deal around PACT.

Garry and I have had many discussions regarding this because it depends on whose equipment it is to determine who pays for the repairs and we have to meet budget restrictions etc.

The piece of equipment that I am in reference to is a Panasonic Deck that I knew for a fact was personal property of Garry Wilkison's. When I discovered this and I brought it to Garry's attention he immediately blew it off as an oversight on his part. After previous conversations we have had about ownership I found this hard to believe.

I told him I would be happy to take care of this by sending an email to everyone concerned and making the change of ownership on the paperwork. I was told by Garry Wilkison; "No, I will take care of it."

Forth Issue: Sometime in June, a camera was stolen. The camera, tripod and batteries valued some where around \$ 800.00. But, management was not very concerned about the loss of this camera. At that time they where far too upset and busy filing police reports about chairs that were stolen from outside the building that all the smokers used than they where with this \$ 800.00 piece of City equipment.

The reason I don't know the out come of any of these investigations was because I was fired shortly there after.

I feel with the past history of public access that you may or may not be familiar with? It appears to me that the current management is turning into the very people they where hired to replace. These incidents taken one at a time probably seem small but if you add all of these incidents together and realize that these are only a few incidents that I know about. Who knows what really is going on?

The reason I have not brought this to your attention before now is. Because I was trying to use my own powers of open records to have all the evidence I needed prior to filing a complaint. But, at this time I am being blocked and delayed on open records by Rondella Hawkins, who is the City Official that oversees the contract with Public Access.

Fifth Issue: Rondella Hawkins her history and track record is very questionable. This is why I feel that she is not the right person to be handling these open records requests or evidence. As the facts may show.

Back ground on Rondella Hawkins: As I understand it Rondella is a twenty-year employee of the City working her way up thru the ranks. Under her administration the previous contractor embezzled over \$ 350K over the coarse of several years. It took constant complaining of several producers to bring this to light. Knowing that thousands of dollars of equipment were being stolen from PACT and sold she did not stop this contract or try to prevent these crimes in anyway.

She simply let the contract expire and a new contractor take over. When the old contractor left the building they took over \$ 100,000.00 in cash. Hard drives and computer equipment that was necessary for Public Access to function and did not furnish any necessary documents that where required by contract in the change over process.

She made no attempt to hold the old contractor responsible and to my knowledge she never attempted to recover any of the missing funds totaling \$ 450,000.00.

She again failed in her duties during her negotiations with Grande Communications. Grande owed 2.1 million dollars to the City for Capital expenses for Public Access that they owed due to a contract they signed with the City. The laws were in place to protect the City from the loss of these funds. But, when they changed and Rondella knew the laws were changing and she sat and did nothing until it was too late to demand these funds from Grande and the lost funds would have benefited Public Access. There was a window of years available to take advantage of getting these funds prior to the change in the laws and Rondella knew the changes were coming and did nothing.

Under the same type of contract Time Warner owes 1.8 million dollars that she has been trying to receive for over 3 years now. After multiple outcries by the public Time Warner is offering the money. But she has diverted the bulk of these funds to go to Channel 6, the City owned and operated Public Access, instead of to PACT where they were intended.

Channel 6 has been getting the bulk of the funding from Time Warner for many years and this is one reason why Public Access is in such poor shape as we find it in now. The twenty-year-old equipment is completely obsolete. The building that Public Access is housed in is City owned the roof leaks; the burglar/fire alarms did not work for many years.

Rondella is the person that is now handling the open records request. Even though this is not a task she usually handles. The first time I asked for open records it was handled poorly and I did not get the information I was asking for.

This is why I am asking you to look into these matters and tell me if any laws have been broken? Has the City been negligent in the way they have handled these City contracts? Or is Rondella Hawkins attempting to hide incriminating information from public view?

I leave it up to you and your staff to determine an answer to these questions.

Sincerely Yours,

David Griffin

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RE: Case# 08-5053760, auditors should be looking into.

"Conley, Matt" <Matt.Conley@ci.austin.tx.us>

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David--

I never heard back from you in reference to the evidence you were still gathering nor did I ever hear back from the auditors's office on what I needed them to look for. Without any of that information, I eventually closed the case due to insufficient leads. With my overwhelming case load, I simply could not continue to keep that case open. Unfortunately, not all cases can be worked and come to fruition, as we'd like them to.

The fact that the criminal case has been closed should in no way affect your civil case, should you file one. I was unable to gather any evidence that you don't have yourself, so you should have everything you need for your case.

Good luck and have a great new year.

Matt Conley

Detective Matt Conley

-----Original Message-----

From: David P Griffin [mailto:david@griffincomm.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2009 5:08 PM

To: Conley, Matt

Subject: RE: Case# 08-5053760, auditors should be looking into.

I hope your having a good news year. I'm just trying to find the status of this case?

Lawsuits are being filed against my former employees and I plan to file one myself shortly.

If you did let me know what's going on, I would truly appreciated.

Sincerely years

David P Griffin

--- On Tue, 11/11/08, Conley, Matt <Matt.Conley@ci.austin.tx.us> wrote:

From: Conley, Matt <Matt.Conley@ci.austin.tx.us>
Subject: RE: Case# 08-5053760, auditors should be looking into.
To: david@griffincomm.com
Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2008, 9:37 AM
Received....thank you sir

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: David P Griffin [mailto:david@griffincomm.com]
> Sent: Monday, November 10, 2008 12:11 PM
> To: Conley, Matt
> Subject: Case# 08-5053760, auditors should be looking into.

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> Dear, Detective Matt Conley

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> I hope things are going well for you.

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- > I have been going through the open records and I still have
- > several days
- > before I am finished.
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- > Here are some of the areas that the auditors should be
- > looking into.
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- > 1 - Donations the story is now that the Panasonic Deck was
- > donated by
- > Garry Wilkinson to PACT. I will include the documentation.
- > But, they
- > gave no explanation of why the deck was marked COA.
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- > I am not sure how this works, but if you own a company and
- > you start a
- > second company and you donate your equipment to the second
- > company.
- > But, since you own both companies has that equipment
- > ownership ever
- > changed?
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- > Could they be reporting this to federal taxes as a donation
- > to
- > themselves?
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- > I know that PACT has paid for a Sony 1800 Beta Cam Deck
- > that Garry as
- > supposedly donated to PACT and that PACT has spent several
- > thousands of
- > dollars repairing.
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- > I will find the repair logs and attach them.
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- > All general donations, PACT considers anything donated to
- > them as
- > personal property. They have tried to have an eBay store
- > to sell these
- > donations and as I have stated at your office. When
- > someone donates to

- > PACT they really do not understand that these donations are
- > not really
- > going to the city.
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- > So PACT management openly solicits donations so when the
- > contract is
- > over they can sell or take them with them.
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- > Repair of AVID computer in Garry's office personally
- > owned by Garry.
- > PACT has spend thousands of dollars and at least 20
- > man-hours of Bryan
- > Blakes time repairing Garry's personal computer.
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- > Time -
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- > The auditors should look into the times sheets of the
- > employee's they
- > are not accurate.
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- > The employee's will tell you that we had to make the
- > time sheets fit
- > managements desires not actual hours worked.
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- > Garry and Linda's time they both brag about how they
- > have freelance
- > careers but the fact is they are both being paid \$ 5,000.00
- > per month
- > each to manage PACT for 40 hours per week.
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- > Garry has had meetings in the PACT building with ISD
- > Officials at PACT
- > because he was under contract to provide engineering
- > services. Using
- > PACT as his personal office when PACT was paying him to be
- > manager.
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- > He also had football players coming to the PACT offices to
- > pickup edited
- > video packages during business hours. These where
- > freelance projects

- > not PACT related. Garry used the PACT facilities and
- > worked on
- > personal projects during business hours for many hours.
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- > Linda L. has put in a Grant to the city known as ATX
- > Addition, where the
- > city paid for administrative time and other expenses.
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- > When did she have time? If she is being paid by PACT for
- > 40 hours was
- > she working on her Grant on PACT time?
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- > There were 3 Grants at the office of Economic Growth. The
- > auditor
- > should look into all three of them. Equipment rental,
- > facility rental and
- > time spent was inappropriate. Because some of the
- > facilities they were
- > billing the City for are City owned facilities.
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- > She was always going on assignments and working freelance
- > jobs during
- > the week. Can she truly justify giving PACT 40 hours per
- > week each
- > week?
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- > If the auditor will look at the time the staff puts in.
- > She will find
- > that several staff members have their own show and they
- > spend enormous
- > amount of time working on their personal shows instead of
- > PACT business.
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- > This happens mostly in the training department.
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- > I personally always felt it was a conflict of interest to
- > be working for
- > PACT and producing a show at the same time.
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- > Inventory -
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- > The inventory at PACT is quite a mess. There are 3 lists
- > that I had to

- > maintain.
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- > 1 - City of Austin owned equipment.
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- > 2 - Time Warner owned equipment.
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- > 3 - PACT owned equipment.
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- > The auditors should examine anything owned by
- > "PACT".
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- > PACT inherited a Grant from ACAC this money has been spent
- > by management
- > and they consider anything purchased as property of PACT.
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- > The Grant own as the A and P fund once again was for Public
- > Access
- > Television and not for Garry and Linda's use. They
- > spent this money on
- > themselves buying new personal computers, color printer and
- > other items
- > that they plan to take with them when the contract is over.
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- > Jackie Goodman a board member and at the time the Grant was
- > written was
- > Manor Protim helped write the A and P Grant.
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- > I am not sure what her connection to all this is. But, I
- > know she is on
- > the board and management has already made it quite clear
- > that the staff
- > will be producing video products to enhance her race for
- > the 2010
- > manor's race.
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- > USB key Dungles for the AVID's
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- > There should be a total of ten but when I left there where
- > only eight.
- > Explanation was given that Linda lost one and one was sold
- > to a board
- > member.

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> Thank You

> David P Griffin