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July 23, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

City Attorney Michael W. Webb
City of Redondo Beach
415 Diamond Street
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

RE: Formal complaint of City Prosecutor services for the City of Hermosa Beach

Dear Mr. Webb:

Please accept this letter as a formal complaint against the City Prosecutor's Office for the City of Redondo Beach in violating my rights as declared in Article I, Section 28 of the Constitution of California. This complaint is submitted to you because at the September 9, 2014 Hermosa Beach City Council meeting you were appointed to provide City Prosecutor services to the City of Hermosa Beach.

I am a former City of Hermosa Beach Commissioner and 2017 candidate for City Council, but more importantly a 2014 victim of a violent crime in Hermosa Beach. During my campaign for City Council my 2014 case became a topic in social media and an article in the Easy Reader News. In that article, HBPD [REDACTED] knowingly and willfully made false, incomplete and misleading statements, which effectively ended my run for City Council, and seriously damaging my reputation. His statement "*there was nothing wrong with the department's work in the case*" was a lie to cover up police misconduct and a police conspiracy to conceal a crime. I filed a [formal complaint](#) into record before City Council. (Exhibit A).

I am fully aware that the City of Redondo Beach City Prosecutor's Office inherited my corrupt case over six months after me being attacked. The case was buried from investigation until it was called before the Planning Commission, which followed with Councilman Hany Fangary wanting to review cases before City Council. Only then were charges filed by the newly contracted Redondo Beach City Prosecutor's Office.

However the city prosecutors failed to interview me or take a statement, mislead me as to the original criminal charges, and the subsequent plea bargain. Finally and most importantly, I was denied my right to give a victim impact statement at sentencing. Clearly prosecution was representing the interest of the perpetrator rather than the people of California.

All of my mutual associates speak very highly of Ms. Sydne Michel. I even sent a commendation to the Police Chief for her work regarding an August 22, 2017 hearing for me to testify. (Exhibit B). Furthermore I publicly endorsed Ms. Michel during her campaign for Superior Court Judge. (Exhibit C).

It is my contention that the HBPD pressured the City Prosecutor's Office in this case, and therefore I am respectfully requesting an investigation into the City Prosecutor's Office regarding this case.

Sincerely,

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Matt McCool

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cc: Bill Brand, Redondo Beach Mayor (via email)
Redondo Beach City Council (via email)
Joe Hoefgen, Redondo Beach City Manager (via email)
Redondo Beach City Clerk (via email)

EXHIBIT A

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August 5, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Honorable Stacey Armarto
Mayor, City of Hermosa Beach
1315 Valley Drive
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254-3885

RE: **Formal complaint against the City of Hermosa Beach for police misconduct and conspiracy**

Dear Mayor Armato:

I am submitting a formal complaint against the City of Hermosa Beach for police misconduct and conspiracy in violating my rights as declared in Article I, Section 28 of the Constitution of California.

During my 2017 campaign for City Council, [REDACTED] knowingly made false, incomplete and misleading statements in a October 18, 2017 Easy Reader article, which effectively ended my run for City Council, and seriously damaging my reputation in our community. His statement "*there was nothing wrong with the department's work in the case*" was a lie to cover up police misconduct.

Even with the refinements to the Public Records Request process from the Chris Miller "Standing Room" incident, I still have no records for nearly an eight-month period from March 16, 2014 to November 10, 2014, and neither the Police Department nor City Prosecutor's Office will discuss the details of my case. Court documents list SGT. Ramirez, OFC. McDermott and DET. Smith as witnesses, and I have not been provided the investigation report from DET. Smith.

The fact the City will not provide nor discuss the records of investigation from DET. Smith only further substantiates my allegation of police misconduct by the Hermosa Beach Police Department. If there "*was nothing wrong with the department's work in the case,*" then there should not be an issue of releasing the case file, and/or discussing the details of the case.

This is a stalking case, not a mutual combat case, and as in most stalking cases the victim is unaware of the stalking until it is too late. On March 15, 2014 at 6:15pm on a patio at Pier Plaza, Thomas "TJ" Powers stalked, ambushed and violent attack me in a premeditated orchestrated assault involving multiple people. This attack came without warning or provocation and began with a cowardly and dangerous sucker punch while I was seated, which was followed by a kill shot while I was down and defenseless. As a result of this attack I sustained permanent spinal injuries, and still endure chronic cervical and thoracic pain. Here is the video of Powers "in fear of his life, and acting in self-defense:" https://youtu.be/quHMaIMv_n0

Based on the evidence and circumstances of this case, the perpetrator's father Thomas F. Powers formerly of SFPD, contact Police Chief Papa regarding his son's felony PC 245(a)(4), and then she conspired with other police officers to report the felonious attack as a mutual combat fight, and then bury the case from prosecution. The motive for this conspiracy was to prevent revocation of Thomas "TJ" Powers' Real Estate License.

Over seven months after the attack, Councilman Fangary requested before City Council the Police Chief address this case along with three other cases. It was only then, the newly contracted Redondo Beach City Prosecutor's Office filed my case. However I was excluded from any investigation from the detectives and prosecutors. Additionally material video evidence was suppressed, and there was an arrangement for a summons in lieu of an arrest warrant for Powers. Also I was purposefully misled as to the original criminal charges, and the subsequent plea bargain. Finally and most importantly, I was denied my right to giving a victim impact statement at sentencing. Clearly Powers received preferential treatment as a cop's son.

There is overwhelming evidence to support my allegations, and justify an independent serious internal investigation in accordance with the OIR Group report, which followed the Chris Miller settlement. I am looking forward to the finding of the truth, clearing my name and reputation of all the malicious false allegations, and seeing justice done. I believe justice should be harsh, especially for those who denied it to others.

Fiat justitia,



Matt McCool

cc: Hermosa Beach City Council (via email)
Suja Lowenthal, Hermosa Beach City Manager (via email)
Michael Jenkins, Hermosa Beach City Attorney (via email)
Milton McKinnon, Hermosa Beach Acting Chief of Police (via email)
Hermosa Beach City Clerk (via email)

EXHIBIT B

Matt McCool

From: Matthew McCool <mmccool@hermosabch.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 9:23 AM
To: Matt McCool
Subject: Fw: Sydne Michel

From: CHIEF Sharon Papa
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 8:39 AM
To: Matthew McCool
Subject: RE: Sydne Michel

Matt – Thank you for taking the time to send me a note. We have had a good experience working with Sydne and I'm pleased to hear that your experience was the same. She is an asset to our City. I will share your kind words with her supervisor. Sharon

Good luck on your quest for a City Council seat!

From: Matthew McCool
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 1:10 PM
To: CHIEF Sharon Papa
Subject: Sydne Michel

Chief Papa:

I hope all is well. If I remember correctly from the Community Police Academy, you also oversee the City Prosecutor's office.

Therefore I want to pass along a compliment for Sydne Michel, and recognizer her due diligence and professionalism in assisting with my court case last week.

Her extra effort was especially important to me as I'm still extremely jaded by how poorly mismanaged the original prosecution of this case was handled.

Please pass along my complements to Ms. Michel.

Very respectfully,
Matt McCool



City of Hermosa Beach

Police Department

540 Pier Avenue
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254



August 8, 2017

Matthew McCool
321 Pier Avenue
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Re: *People v. Thomas Powers* , 4SY008400

Dear Mr. McCool:

This letter is to notify you know that Mr. Powers has filed a Motion for Early Termination of Probation in the above-referenced case. I left you a voicemail earlier letting you know that a hearing on the motion is set for August 22, 2017. There is currently an oral stay away order from you on the case. If you wish to be heard regarding his motion for early termination of probation , you are welcome to attend the hearing and address the Judge.

The hearing will be in Department 2, Torrance Courthouse , 825 Maple Avenue, Torrance Courthouse, 2^d Floor, Judge Sandra Thompson.

Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Sydne Michel
Senior Deputy City Prosecutor , Cities of Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach.

310 379 2477, press 1, ext. 2030

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sydne Michel".

EXHIBIT C

Matt McCool

0 Admin · October 13, 2018

Our Senior Deputy City Prosecutor, Sydne Michel, is on the ballot for the November 6th election for Los Angeles Superior Court Judge, Office #16. While I was dealing with my stalker, Thomas Powers, Ms. Michel went above and beyond to ensure I was at the probation hearing to testify Powers continues to stalk me and violated his probation. I respect her due diligence and professionalism in assisting with my court case.

I will be voting for Sydne Michel on November 6th.



0 **0** Kent Allen, Tracy Hopkins Hb and 5 others

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Lorie Armendariz YES on Sydne Jane Michel!! Thank you for the recommendation, Matt! I've heard from my other very reliable and trusted sources that she is the one!

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&James Scott Matt McCool, Ms Michel clearly has the the legal experience desirable for this post, but I am troubled that her political signs have been systematically and liberally placed all over public property in Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach in the last week. As a potential judge of the law, she does understand there's a law against that, right?

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Kent Allen **0** Thank you Matt McCool SHE has my vote. FYI

0 James Scott Al Muratsuchi had many signs in the public right of way in Hermosa and Manhattan. I called both cities and had them all removed.

Like · Reply · 1y

Matt McCool **0** I am not part of her campaign nor campaigning for her, I'm just sharing a positive experience and stating she has my vote. Her signs are not a major concern for me. What concerns me is when Thomas Powers, a violent offender on probation, continues to stalk me by coming up onto my balcony wanting to fight me, and the responding Police Officer only files an incident report. I had to move from my Pier Ave location because of the incident.

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