

OXFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ROBERT P. THOMPSON
Chief of Police

8-8-93

Mayor

Dick,

This is to advise you that I am currently under investigation by the Sheriff's Dept. for Larceny and Forgery. This complaint involves a complaint filed by Albert Stringham on June 5th of this year in regards to a list that was sent in Nov. of 92, along with a reduction in rent payment. He is stating that this is purported to be a bill from Central Plumbing.

I was "interviewed" as the Sheriff puts it in regard to this matter. It has been stated that his was never purported to be a bill from said establishment, but a list that did contain some charges from them and charges from me for repairs that I performed to the property and was no longer going to continue to do without reimbursement as had so often happened in the past. Further, they were provided with documents from my Lawyer that is signed by Stringhams and my self and wife that have precluded both parties from seeking any claims of money from each other upon our leaving the house. As we have many thousands of dollars which we lost due to false information on the house and they have many thousands of dollars that they claim we owe due to claims that I have no idea where they came up with them. These are all now mute.

As of date, I do not know what the intentions of the Sheriff's Dept. is with this complaint, I have not been formally charged as yet, I do not expect to be, as the claims are groundless and do not meet the required statutes, however, I have not received any Official indication that the case is closed.

As a result of this, I have restricted my duties to a reactive roll, rather than a proactive roll until it may be determined that I should be able to take on an active roll once more.


Robert Paul Thompson
Chief of Police

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July 2, 2001

Robert Thompson
Oxford Police Department
Village Hall
Oxford, N.Y. 13830

Dear Bob:

I have written to you before concerning some of the following, but want to remind you that these are items that should be revisited.

Effective with the new year and in the future, please have the following items in place.

1. No smoking in the patrol vehicles.
2. Complaints must be answered and followed up as to their status. Citizens get upset when there is no response or follow up.
3. Summer hours should be altered and varied. Including 10 AM to 6 PM. With a small staff variation makes for better coverage.

Please make these changes as soon as possible in your schedule and activities. The public is not happy with the day time responses and follow up.

Very truly yours,



Bruce D. Small, Mayor

Village of Oxford

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August 30, 2000

Robert Thompson
Oxford Police Department
Village Hall
Oxford, NY 13830

Subject: Police Problems

Dear Bob:

This will confirm our conversation regarding a number of items that are becoming very troublesome to the Village Board.

The schedule from Oxford Academy is fine, but the coverage should be worked into the work schedule and not overtime.

Overtime must be detailed, and signed by the Mayor before payment.

Payroll submissions should be accurate as they are a legal record and are signed by you.

Complaints must be handled in a timely manner and not automatically held for the next shift..

Just a reminder that the On Line program is for business use only and not personnel and is subject to review.

When we are not having coverage that was scheduled, I want to have a message so I am not in the dark.

The Board is not sure on the Crossing Guard, so be prepared to cover it next week.

The Board is not happy with some of the recent problems so it would be best to handle the above along with the Community to get some Public Relations back in our favor.

Sincerely,



Bruce D. Small, Mayor

Cc:Police Com. file

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May 5, 2000

Robert Thompsen
Oxford Police Department
Village Hall
Oxford, New York 13830

Subject: News Release

Dear Bob:

Last night I received a call from Justice Charles Race concerning the news release in the Binghamton Press May 4, 2000.

He asked why the information was released on violations not yet ticketed on the individual.

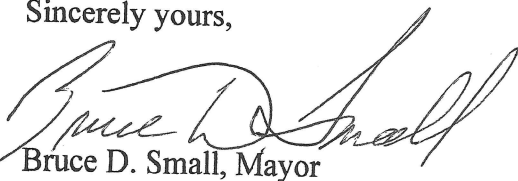
I was unable to tell him so looked up Sgt. Nolan for the information. He released data to the Norwich paper on the tickets he issued, but not the rest of the data that the Press reported yesterday morning.

I would like a written report as to why you released the data when the subject had not been issued tickets for the felony offenses. We are not progressing very well in fact seems to me I am having frequent complaints or comments on your apparent lack of interest or some other problem.

The subject in question has threatened to skip or worse if he is sent to jail. I certainly hope that we don't have a big deal over this news release.

Things must improve or some revamping will have to take place in the department.

Sincerely yours,



Bruce D. Small, Mayor

✓ Cc: Personnel file

Village of Oxford

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OXFORD, N.Y. 13830
February 4, 2000

Robert Thompson, Chief
Oxford Police Department
Village Hall
Oxford, NY 13830

Subject: Various Police Items

Dear Bob:

In reviewing vouchers for the month of January I see that you have signed up for an on line program. I have some questions in connection with this service?

Do we have needs or services that can be used in the conducting of our Police duties? Please let me know what type of things might be used and their benefit.

We must remember that the on line service should not be used for personal business and is subject to review.

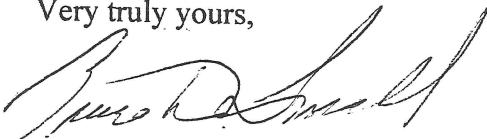
It was evident at the meeting this month that others are not happy with the non enforcement of the parking situation especially at the Post Office. Without being on a vendetta, please let people know that they must abide by the parking restrictions. I think some warning notices, but if the same people continue then they will get tickets.

One other item which I have commented on before is the fact that complaints received during a shift should be responded to during that shift. The public likes to get a response timely and then followed up with the outcome.

We all like to know what has happened to any question that is raised, especially a complaint involving a Police matter. Public Relations is very important, and if we want the public support, we had better make timely and accurate responses.

I hope that these items can be worked out so that the Board and Public has an improved image of the Department.

Very truly yours,



Bruce D. Small, Mayor

Cc: Police Com. file

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June 16, 1999

Chief, Robert P. Thompson
Village of Oxford, Police Department
Oxford, NY 13830

Dear Bob:

This will reconfirm previous written documentation in connection with overtime expense along with some new items for this fiscal year.

We should strive in this new year to improve our communications with the public. Much of this can be accomplished by returning calls and getting back to complaints giving the status of it and try to do this call back during the shift where the complaint occurred. If the item can not be handled promptly, the people should be told that the complaint will be handled later. Communications will solve many a problem.

The new budget includes overtime but only to the extent of those occasions when a problem arises at shift end or due to a call back. We should not schedule overtime. Special events should be handled by changing hours to include the event. Sports event or other school activities should be handled by pre-planning of your schedule or Officer Nolan.

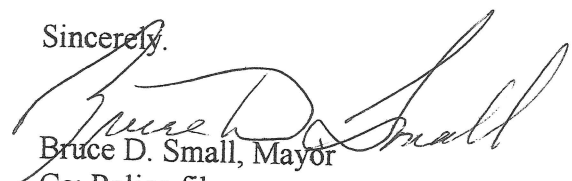
The same theory applies to the use of DWI funds. We should schedule those tours to be within regular hours and not overtime. Exceptions to the overtime should be approved in advance by the Police Committee.

The Board would also like to have you shift some hours to Saturday morning at least twice a month. The hours can be shifted from a day during the week and therefore give us visibility during the day on Saturday.

Training note - I understand that there is range training June 22, 23, 24, 1999. Hours 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Please be sure and get Officer Nolan and yourself registered to qualify at the range.

Hopefully these changes along with those already made will continue to enhance the image of the Police Department in Oxford.

Sincerely,



Bruce D. Small, Mayor
Cc: Police file