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Subject: Upland's City paid "vacations" and acts of collusion

Ms. Gilbert:

In response for your recent request for "anonymous tips", here some information you may or may not be aware of.

The San Gabriel Valley Tribune has been covering the misuse of public funds and embezzlement charges against City of Irwindale city officials. The charges are related to outrageous City paid travel and entertainment expenses. These serious charges are very similar to what has occurred in the City of Upland. Now with (former) Upland City Manager Robb Quincey's claim against the city for "unlimited damages", the following information becomes even more relevant.

In 2010, Quincey took various out of town trips, including trips back east (New York, etc.) that were allegedly for City business. Upon his return, he submitted his expense statements to the Finance Department for payment. These statements included charges for five star hotels and expensive meals that were egregiously above the acceptable levels for any government agency. Much to his credit, (then) Finance Director Stephen Dunn refused to approve them because the amounts were so egregious, and for another reason noted below. Quincey then requested that Assistant Finance Director Ruby Carrillo approve and process them for payment, which she did without hesitation. You can find her initials on the expense statements (unless they have been "discarded" despite not being listed on recent records retention/destruction schedules). This is where the catch is.

Carrillo has been dating Quincey for some time (a fact publicly known and documented by the city council and city staff). It is known that Carrillo joined Quincey on these City paid "business trips". Part of Dunn's refusal to process the expense statements was his knowledge that Quincey and Carrillo were vacationing together on the City's tab. The City Council is aware of this misuse of taxpayer money but is thankful that it has been kept quiet by all parties involved.

Quincey, as we all know, was been terminated because of his unauthorized payoff of a police department union rep, among other things. As has been reported by the Sentinel, Quincey wrote Upland PD union rep Dammeier's law firm two \$25,000 checks, one of which was miscoded to erroneously indicate it was for work on another police department-related matter under the label of a "professional services agreement". In setting up the agreement/payment, Quincey did not consult with the City Attorney, nor did he consult with Finance Director Dunn. Instead, he colluded with his girlfriend, Carrillo (see page 3 of the City Attorney's confidential memo to the City Council enclosed) to hide the true reasons for the payments, made in two separate fiscal years in order to avoid detection. Although this issue had been kept quiet by all parties involved, the collusion between Quincey and Carrillo was made public in the November 4, 2011 issue of The San Bernardino County Sentinel.

Carrillo quietly "resigned" from her high paying position earlier this year, but it is believed that she was asked to leave or face termination due to her actions on the lawsuit payments and misuse of city funds. This caused her to accept a significantly lesser position and compensation with the City of Santa Barbara.

Not surprisingly, the misuse of public funds issue has not been referred to and/or investigated by the Upland Police Department, nor have they been referred to the District Attorney's Office. Perhaps if we were in Los Angeles County, things would be different.

I hope this information is helpful in your continuing efforts to help root out all of the corruption and mismanagement in San Bernardino County that has gone on for much too long.