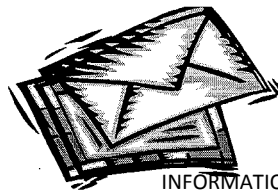


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**Pettiford, Marie (OST)**

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**From:** OVP Casework <OVP-casework@correspondence.whitehouse.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2013 9:49 AM  
**To:** Pettiford, Marie (OST)  
**Subject:** OVP - 08202013-136 - [REDACTED]  
**Attachments:** b126fc88352da75cde7bc7e38ea042fb\_webform\_pdf.pdf

Dear Ms. Pettiford:

The enclosed correspondence appears to fall under the jurisdiction of your office. It is requested that you reply on behalf of Vice President Joe Biden according to the rules and regulations of your office.

Please respond to the constituent within 30 days.

Please provide a copy of the response to the White House via email by responding to this message ([ovp-casework@correspondence.whitehouse.gov](mailto:ovp-casework@correspondence.whitehouse.gov))

You may contact Kerry McNellis at the Office of the Vice President, Office of Vice Presidential Correspondence by email at [Kerry\\_J\\_McNellis@ovp.eop.gov](mailto:Kerry_J_McNellis@ovp.eop.gov) or phone at (202) 456-2605.

CASE: OVP - [REDACTED]

Please let us know if you need anything else regarding this case.

Sincerely,

Office of the Vice President

## Contact VP - Civil Rights

Submitted: April 18, 2013 09:11  
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From: [REDACTED]  
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Phone:  
Address (Domestic): 49341  
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### Message:

In the small town of Arcadia Florida there was an accident Sunday, March 24 2013, morning that involved two parked vehicles in the owners driveway, covered to protect from damage from the elements of nature, and a 1990 Jeep Cherokee. Photos attached.

Let us start at the beginning; the owner [REDACTED] of the Jeep is the daughter of the driver [REDACTED]. The driver ([REDACTED]) had recently been released from the Desoto County Memorial Hospital due to neck surgery. The Jeep was in a drainage ditch across the from a 1980 v8, 4 speed, 350 engine, power everything, burglar alarm, manual transmission, glass top classic Chevy Corvette, and a 1998 Ford mustang that was parked alongside the Corvette.

[REDACTED] sat behind the wheel of the Jeep, knowing full well she has no driver's license, started the Jeep, place the Jeep in drive, and pressed her foot on the gas pedal with the intentions to attempt to remove the Jeep from the ditch. As [REDACTED] floored the gas pedal of the vehicle, her own daughter [REDACTED] was standing in front of the Jeep. The jeep flew out of the ditch going airborne, just missing [REDACTED] knocking her down to the ground causing her to black out for a brief moment leaving just bruises. Next the jeep flew over the road ([REDACTED] Arcadia Florida) never touching the pavement, [REDACTED] did not attempt to stop the vehicle presumably due to panic, until it had rested on top of the Corvette and Mustang against a large tree forcing it to preventing the Jeep from continuing on into another neighbor's home.

The Arcadia police were called to the scene, patrolman Matthew McCray, badge #113, never questioned the residents who witnessed the ordeal, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are just to name a few. The driver of the jeep was transported to the Desoto County Hospital, and released not to long after. Patrolman McCray assessed the scene of the accident, 1 wrecker and also one flatbed arrived to the scene by Darrel's Road and Wrecker Service (663 S. Brevard Ave. Arcadia Florida 34266)

[REDACTED] claims there were issues with the breaks and the accelerator of the 1990 Jeep Cherokee, but Darrells Road and Wrecker being highly experienced certified mechanics said the Jeep Cherokee had nothing wrong with neither the breaks nor the gas pedal. And that the Jeep has to be in park to be able to start the Jeep. This verifying that [REDACTED] falsely stated the Jeep had mechanical issues to the patrolman Mr. McCray.

[REDACTED] had struck the Mustang first hitting it so hard it knocked the muffler right off, yet lacking to attempt to stop yet, then driving on top of the Corvette parked alongside the Mustang and damaging a large tree. Again reminding that [REDACTED] has no driver's license she had only received a ticket for reckless driving, and driving while license is suspended/revoked.

Patrolman McCray brought it upon himself to give estimates of damage to the Corvette at \$2000, and the Ford Mustang at \$3000. Now the last I knew for insurance to process any claims the estimates must come from a Certified Mechanic/Auto body repair shop. Also last I knew when a

person drives without a driver's license, especially when wrecking into other vehicles, and putting pedestrians lives at risk' they are taken to jail. Being the driver [REDACTED] has a family member on the Arcadia Law Enforcement as a detective, and being transported to the hospital for an examination she was released from the rightful consequences. [REDACTED] was obviously not in any way hurt because when she had returned home Sunday, she was seen going in and out of her home as though nothing was wrong with her.

However; the owners of the Corvette and Mustang are not in the best of health. [REDACTED], a cardiac patient, has high blood pressure, anxiety, hypertension, has had 6 stents placed in her arteries, has had a quadruple bypass back in 2001, and since she has suffered a total of 10 heart attacks. Her doctors for references are [REDACTED] (general practice) and [REDACTED] (heart specialist). [REDACTED] is on many prescribed medications due to her health issues, and I do feel that her health was at risk due to this traumatic incident.

[REDACTED] husband, [REDACTED], also a cardiac patient, is also on prescribed medications, had surgery to replace a clogged artery in his right leg with an artificial artery in February 2013 performed by [REDACTED] has also had quadruple bypass in 2012 performed by [REDACTED] a heart specialist. I do feel also that the traumatic incident also put his health at risk.

I am hoping that somewhere someone will find it necessary to uphold the laws set forth to keep people safe. I hope that someone will investigate the issues I have with the way this accident was handled. I hope it is recognized that not only did [REDACTED] put her own life at risk; she placed her daughter at risk, and also [REDACTED] at risk. There are children that play outside their homes in this neighborhood, they wonder into the street frequently; there is a lot of other traffic driving on this road also. There are just too many available options that someone could have been hurt seriously or killed because of lack of common sense, poor judgment, and irresponsibility of an older woman who should have enough intelligence not to get behind a steering wheel of a vehicle. I feel that the Arcadia Police Department should be investigated as to how they handle illegal issues in their town, and the corruption that is in the police force and judicial system.

The accident from March 24 2013, the driver has no driver's license which in turn also no insurance, the owner of the vehicle had coverage but yet to this day April 16, 2013 their insurance company has yet to do anything.

Around the days of April 10 2013 the owners of the damaged vehicles informed the driver of the Jeep Cherokee, [REDACTED] that he, his landlord, and their neighbor intend to sue for the cost of damages. Two days following the notice of lawsuit at approximately 2am in the morning a fire happened to start in my parent's hot tub located in their fenced in back yard. The reporting officer did not do an investigation to find the cause of the fire. There was no power going to the hot tub, the motor was removed previously for maintenance, there was no cause for this hot tub to just catch fire on its own. The fire fighters notified my parents if it had been 5 more minutes the home my parents reside in and their neighbor's home would have caught fire also. My parents and their neighbors were unable to put the fire out on their own due to the city of Arcadia turns their water down to almost a trickle at night to save the underground pipes.

Again let me remind the readers of this, my parents are medicated due to health problems, some of the prescribed medications by a doctor help them both to sleep at night. If it had not been for their neighbor next door waking them, the fire would have spread to my parents' home and my parents' lives, my brother, and their pets would have perished.

I am searching for answers as to how this happened, why this happened and by whom. I am very concerned and worried for the safety of my family. They are unable to move; they have lived in this home for 12 years and have gotten along with everyone in the neighborhood. It is not justifiable that they should be forced out of their home due to the threats of their safety. I cannot prove who set the fire, I can only speculate, I cannot prove that this fire was intentionally set due to the fact that the Arcadia Police, nor the Arcadia Fire Department are willing to do an investigation as to what caused it. How could a fire like this just start on its own unless it had an igniter? What if another incident like this fire happens to someone else, how would others protect themselves and their homes until

help gets to them? I want an explanation. If this was involving your family would you not want answers? Would you not worry? Would you not be concerned of your family's safety? What will it take to keep ourselves safe not only from criminals, but also corruption and neglect?



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