



CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE UNION

IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE

State Police Lt. Colonel orders Civilian to Destroy Video from Cruiser, Avoids Discipline

The Connecticut State Police Union leadership will be holding a press conference at State Police headquarters today to address charges that **Lt. Colonel Robert Corona, the second highest ranking member of the State Police ordered the destruction of video from his State Police cruiser as part of a cover-up by State Police command to protect one of their own.**

In June of 2012, Corona allegedly ordered a civilian employee of the department to destroy a video recording from Corona's State Police cruiser. For over a year, the Union waited for results from an investigation into Corona's conduct, but it became apparent that politics was interfering with the process. When the delay was questioned, the Union was informed that the investigation was completed but Corona would retire before being disciplined. Corona himself said that if he were to be disciplined he would only serve "a couple days off." During this period, a Union member was offered a 20-day suspension because the agency believed he intentionally turned off his microphone while conducting motor vehicle stops.

Sources within the State Police have confirmed that Corona's conduct was investigated by the Office of the Chief State's Attorney and that the investigation concluded that Corona violated agency policy. **Both the State Police and Office of the Chief State's Attorney have refused to release the investigation report.**

The breach of public trust that is evident here is not isolated. In December 2006, the New York State Police and then Attorney General Richard Blumenthal issued a joint report about misconduct and favoritism within the State Police's internal affairs program. The report concluded that the State Police discouraged "efforts to hold employees accountable for failure to comply with official policy and procedures, lack of integrity, acts of misconduct and even possibly criminal behavior."

It has now been more than sixteen months since Lt. Colonel Corona's alleged conduct occurred without any consequences for Corona or those who would allow such a lapse of integrity to go unpunished. Please join the Connecticut State Police Union for a press conference addressing this issue.

WHEN: **Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at 2:00pm**

WHERE: **Outside Public Area
State Police Headquarters
1111 Country Club Road
Middletown, Connecticut 06457**

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