

PRESS RELEASE

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RE: JOSEPH F. MARIE

Mr. Marie has asked me to make a statement to explain fully the facts and circumstances surrounding his resignation.

First, Mr. Marie denies any and all allegations of wrongdoing. He denies having behaved inappropriately towards any person. He has never been given any specifics or an opportunity to respond and defend himself. He was never told the name of the person who made the complaint or what the allegations are.

He received a call on June 28, 2010 from Brenda Sisco of the OPM, indicating that he needed to be at her office for a meeting the next day at 3 p.m. Despite his requests, he was not told the nature of the meeting. When he asked if he should bring someone, he was told "no, you need to come alone." Accordingly, he did not bring an attorney.

When he arrived at 3 p.m. on June 29, 2010, he was met by Linda Yelmini and the Governor's attorney, Mary Anne O'Neill. They brought with them a prepared letter of resignation and the Stipulated Agreement that has now been released.

They informed him that there had been an allegation of misconduct. They refused to provide any details, including the name of the person, the dates of the conduct, the nature of the conduct.

They informed him that he needed to sign the agreement and that if he did, his resignation would be considered "in good standing." If he did not sign it at that moment, he would be escorted out of the building and that the Governor would indicate that his resignation had been sought because of an allegation of misconduct. They promised him that the document "would never see the light of day."

In reliance on this promise that the document would not be disclosed, he signed it and resigned his employment. He did so without the advice of an attorney and without having been given an opportunity to be heard regarding the underlying allegations of misconduct.

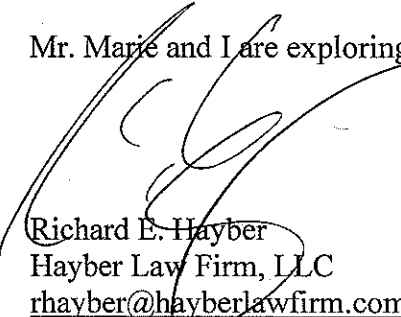
Yesterday, July 7, 2010, he received a call from the Governor's attorney Mary Anne O'Neill indicating that Lisa Moody wanted the document released right away. He responded with a verbal objection to its release under the Freedom of Information Act. That law prohibits the disclosure of documents in a public employee's personnel file if such disclosure would constitute an "invasion of privacy."

At 4:50 p.m., my office issued an email to Attorney O'Neill making this objection more formal. Attorney O'Neill then agreed that my email would be considered a formal objection and that she would try to stop the disclosure of the document.

At 6:43 p.m., I received an email from Attorney O'Neill indicating that her office had not disclosed the document but that she understood that one reporter had previously obtained it from the OPM.

Earlier today, I received a call from Attorney O'Neill indicating that her office was going to release the Stipulated Agreement because she believed that it was not exempt from disclosure under the FOIA. I responded with an email reiterating our objection and asking her to honor our objection.

Mr. Marie and I are exploring all legal options at this time.



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