



CITY OF MANCHESTER

Theodore L. Gatsas
Mayor

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Mayor asks Attorney General for Independent Review Issues letter to County Attorney protesting recent actions

MANCHESTER, NH - - Today in a letter to Michael Delaney, Attorney General of the State of New Hampshire Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas and Police Chief David Mara requested an independent review of all aspects of the actions of the Manchester Police Department with regards to the incident that occurred on March 3, 2010 at the Strange Brew Tavern.

The letter to Attorney General Delaney states, "In order to reassure the public of the integrity of the City of Manchester and its Police Department, the Police Chief and I are pleased that we could come to an agreement that you would conduct an independent review of all aspects of the actions of the Manchester Police Department regarding this incident."

At the same time Mayor Gatsas issued a letter to Hillsborough County Attorney Robert Walsh calling into question his recent actions regarding this incident. The letter to County Attorney Walsh states, "this letter is to protest what I consider to be baseless and thoughtless allegations made by you against the City of Manchester and the Manchester Police Department."

Mayor Gatsas made the following statement, "As the Mayor of this City I unequivocally stand behind Chief Mara and the dedicated men and women of the Manchester Police Department who put their lives on the line in service to all of us. They are a force of men and women that we should all be proud to support. However with respect to the recent incident at The Strange Brew Tavern, we must leave no doubt in the minds of the public that would question the police departments honor and future ability to serve and protect. To this end we have asked for an independent review of the actions of the police department and the officers involved in this incident."

The letters to Attorney General Michael Delaney and Hillsborough County Attorney Robert Walsh are attached.

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Mr. Michael A. Delaney, Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301

RE: City of Manchester

Dear Attorney General Delaney:

As we have discussed there was an incident involving four off duty police officers on March 3, 2010 at an establishment called The Strange Brew Tavern located at 88 Market Street in Manchester.

The incident resulted in the filing of criminal charges against a Christopher Milkovich. Those charges were not pressed on July 12, 2010 by the Office of the City Solicitor.

Upon receipt of complaints, the Manchester Police Department initiated an internal investigation of this matter. That internal investigation has been completed and resulted in the discipline of three officers. The fourth officer retired during the investigation.

The incident, and various baseless and thoughtless allegations regarding the incident have caused the public to question the integrity of the City of Manchester and the Manchester Police Department.

In order to reassure the public of the integrity of the City of Manchester and its Police Department, the Police Chief and I are happy that we could come to an agreement that you would conduct an independent review of all aspects of the actions of the Manchester Police Department regarding this incident.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Regards,

Theodore L. Gatsas
Mayor

cc: Board of Aldermen
Thomas Clark, City Solicitor
Chief David Mara, Manchester Police Department
Members of the Police Commission of the City of Manchester



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Mr. Robert M. Walsh, County Attorney
One Indian Head Plaza
Suite 3B
Nashua, NH 03060

VIA FAX ~ Hard Copy to Follow

RE: City of Manchester

Dear County Attorney Walsh:

This letter is to protest what I consider to be baseless and thoughtless allegations made by you against the City of Manchester and the Manchester Police Department.

In my position as Mayor of the City of Manchester, I will not allow the integrity and the name of the City to be tarnished.

At my request and that of the Police Chief, the Attorney General of the State of New Hampshire, Michael Delaney, has agreed to conduct an independent review of all aspects of this incident.

Regards,

Theodore L. Gatsas
Mayor

cc: Board of Aldermen
Michael Delaney, Attorney General State of New Hampshire
Thomas Clark, City Solicitor
Chief David Mara, Manchester Police Department
Members of the Police Commission of the City of Manchester