

September 16, 2024

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Commissioner Dr. Sherelean Bass
Commissioner Veronica J. Williams
Commissioner Joseph L. Kelley
City Manager Darvin Williams
Police Chief Kenneth Ottley

Melinda Miguel, Florida Chief Inspector General
Katherine Fernandez -Rundle, Miami-Dade State Attorney
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

RE: Malfeasance and Misconduct by City Manager Darvin Williams and Police Chief Kenneth Ottley

Dear All,

I am reporting misconduct by the Opa-Locka City Manager, Darvin Williams, and the Police Chief Kenneth Ottley. I am also seeking protection as a whistleblower under Florida Statute 112.3187.

Manager Williams with the assistance of Police Chief Ottley have engaged in the following misconduct and malfeasance:

1. Requesting that I improperly target individuals for discipline for personal reasons police personnel in violation of the rules and regulations for imposing such discipline.
2. Improper investigative tactics that jeopardize ongoing cases, including the City Manager, who is a non-law enforcement civilian, playing an improper direct role in police investigations and micromanaging ongoing investigations that are not proper for a civilian manager who is not a sworn law enforcement officer.
3. Violating the City charter and the directions of the City Commission by misusing City funds by retaining lawyers who are clearly doing legal and not consulting work and doing so without proper approval.
4. Improper interference in police investigations.

I have been targeted by the City Manager and Chief because of my loyalty to the City and because I refuse to participate in or condone improper illegal behavior. This targeting had included but has not limited to removing most of my responsibilities and subjecting me to almost daily ridicule and completely contrived counseling.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. Starks", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Robln Starks