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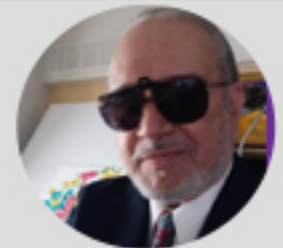
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OSCEOLA COUNTY, Fla. — The Osceola County Sheriff's Office released an internal affairs report detailing the conduct of **eight deputies that ultimately led to seven of them being suspended** while the eighth was fired for an unrelated matter.

The investigation surrounds comments made by the eight deputies on an internal messaging service used by the Osceola County Sheriff's Office, according to the report.

When an internal affairs investigator was **reviewing internal instant messages for an unrelated case and discovered the inappropriate messages between the eight deputies, according to the report.**

The report names the deputies who were under investigation as Javier Arroyo, Damian Rodriguez, David Ruiz-Beltran, Michael Dijulio, Cristian Torres, Rhandall Leger-Diaz, Michael Sherotski and Miguel Irizarry. **Each participated in conversations that included discussions about "the attractiveness of female citizens as well as female deputies, sexually suggestive language, some racially insensitive statements, comments regarding use of force on subjects, and other offensive comments," the report reads.**

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OSCEOLA COUNTY, Fla. — The St. Cloud Police Department **arrested a former state representative after an altercation with an Osceola County school board member at a restaurant.**

According to St. Cloud PD, Mike Horner was arrested overnight **for battery against Jon Arguello, an Osceola County school board member.**

St. Cloud PD said the incident occurred at Fat Boy's BBQ restaurant **during a political fundraising event.**



Arguello said there were tense moments after he walked inside the restaurant, and Horner told him that he didn't belong there. Arguello said he decided to shoot a video, and that was when things got physical. He recorded the video of the incident and posted it on Facebook.



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FORMER PUERTO RICO SENATOR AND MAYOR JAILED

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U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico – Today, Abel Nazario-Quinones, former Puerto Rico senator and **former mayor of the municipality of Yauco, Puerto Rico, was sentenced by United States District Court Senior Judge Francisco A. Besosa to serve 18 months** in prison, announced United States Attorney W. Stephen Muldrow. The FBI conducted the investigation with the collaboration of the Puerto Rico Comptroller's Office, and the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Office of Inspector General (OIG).

According to court documents, in August 2016, during a routine audit of the municipality's records, the PR Comptroller's Office

discovered that there were irregular employees paid by the the municipality of Yauco who either never showed up for work or showed up sporadically. The subsequent **investigation by the FBI resulted in the indictment of Nazario-Quinones.** On September 30, 2022, he pleaded guilty to conspiring with others to misappropriate municipal funds. Nazario-Quinones admitted that from 2014 through 2016, **he conspired and agreed with codefendants** [2] Edwin Torres-Gutierrez and [3] Claribel Rodríguez-Canchani that co-defendants [4] Humberto Pagán-Sánchez, [5] Kelvin Ortiz-Vegarra, [6] Ramón

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"In my phone, I see Mike jumping out of his chair and coming around the table, and then he attacked me. He tried to wrangle the phone out of my hand, and he kind of **did a glancing blow that hit me in the neck and collarbone and wrangled over my phone,**" Arguello said.

According to officials, Horner had his first appearance in court Saturday and was given a \$2,500 bond. He was ordered by a judge to have no contact with the victim. **Honer is charged with battery on an elected official and can face up to five years in prison, according to St. Cloud PD.**

Arguello, who is running for state Senate, said that Horner is a political opponent of his. The two have clashed in the past. "This was not a fight over words that we exchanged that day. This is a fight that has culminated after three years of me fighting against corruption," Arguello said. In 2022, the Osceola County School Board voted to reprimand Arguello after he was accused

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[7] Juan Rosario-Núñez, and [8] Eric Rondón-Rodríguez would be hired, on paper, as employees of the municipality and paid from municipal funds knowing that they would not actually work for the municipality but would, instead, work on Nazario-Quiñones' 2016 senatorial campaign. **In total, \$50,426.00 in municipal funds were paid for the benefit of Nazario-Quiñones' campaign.**

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"This was not a fight over words that we exchanged that day. **This is a fight that has culminated after three years of me fighting against corruption,**" Arguello said.

In 2022, the **Osceola County School Board voted to reprimand Arguello after he was accused of intimidating Horner, who was a school board lobbyist at the time,** to contribute to his sister's campaign, who was running for a seat on the school board.

Horner's attorney accused Arguello of engaging in hostile acts beyond the scope of his duty on the board. Arguello denied the claims. WESH has reached out to Horner for comment, but we have not heard back. **Horner bonded out by Sunday morning.**

DID SHERIFF LOPEZ VIOLATE FEDERAL & STATE REGULATION ON ELECTIONS?

Sheriff Marcos Lopez has 4 billboards on Clear channel billboards on Osceola parkway and OBT. These billboard showings photos were taken in March and May of 2024. Lopez registered to run in Jan.5, 2024 which puts these billboards well within the Lopez political campaign time.

FEDERAL LAW Campaign Violation : "Hatch Act, The Hatch Act restricts the political activity of individuals employed by state, or local executive agencies and work in connection with programs financed in whole or part by federal funds, loans or grants". The federal government funds the Sheriff's office in Osceola County. It's reasonable to assume that if Sheriff Lopez paid for billboards using the bank account of the Sheriff's office, then it's clear that funds from the federal government were used to pay for billboards indirectly. In addition Florida law is very clear on this matter as follows.

Violation of Florida State Elections Law : IT IS NOT PERMISSIBLE to use Sheriff office funds to promote safety under the pretense of displaying Sheriff candidates images on billboards during an election process. Such use of public funds for campaign purposes would be considered a violation of Election Laws". Looking up the campaign expenditures of the Lopez campaign there are no payments made for Clearchannel or itemized for billboards. If this is the case, clear violations have been committed.

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ASPIRING APOPKA COP CONVICTED AFTER CONFESSING TO SEX ABUSE ON JOB APPLICATION

SOURCE

By CRISTÓBAL REYES | Orlando Sentinel

An aspiring police officer faces life in prison after admitting to sexually abusing his cousin during a job application and interview with the Apopka Police Department.



Photo: Orlando Sentinel

An Orange County jury convicted Stephen Bodley, 26, on Wednesday. Bodley first mentioned "playing sexual games" with the victim on his application, then told his interviewer, a detective, that the victim "probably didn't know what was going on," according to an affidavit. Bodley said it happened several times at his childhood home in Apopka.

Detectives tracked down the victim's mother, who said the victim and Bodley had a close relationship. The victim told police and the Florida Department of Children and Families about the abuse, recalling that it took place over several years, from when Bodley was around 14 to when he was about 19. While the victim's age was redacted from court records, investigators said the abuse began when she was a child.

Bodley was later arrested at the Apopka Police Department after being called there by detectives and made similar confessions before he was taken to jail, court records show.

Leading up to the trial, Bodley's lawyer filed a motion to suppress his comments during the job interview and later statements to detectives after his arrest. Circuit Judge Robert Egan allowed the comments made during the interview, but ruled against including Bodley's post-arrest remarks.

At trial, Bodley denied sexually abusing his cousin despite his previous confessions. But a which carries a life sentence. Bodley's sentencing hearing is set to take place June 24.



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