

**Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Susan Hutson
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

**TO: Susan Hutson, Sheriff
Sheriff, Orleans Parish**

**FROM: Agent Kevin Talley
Internal Affairs Division**

**SUBJECT: Sergeant Greg Malveaux
IAD Case #J-009-22 Emp #**

INTRODUCTION

On Monday, October 10, 2022, at approximately 1800 hours, Agent Kevin Talley, who is a member of the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office (OPSO), assigned to the Internal Affairs Division (IAD), was instructed by Assistant Sheriff (AS) Kristen Morales to conduct an internal investigation under IAD control number J-009-22. AS Morales received information from Sheriff Hutson regarding a complaint made against Sergeant Greg Malveaux, alleging that the sergeant collected photographs and/or video of New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell in the city's French Quarter. Sergeant Malveaux was assigned to the OPSO Civil Division at the time of the complaint; specifically assigned to New Orleans City Council President Helena Moreno as her Executive Protector/Driver.

NARRATIVE

On Wednesday, October 12, 2022, Agent Talley met with AS Morales at the Orleans Justice Center (OJC), located at 2800 Perdido Street. She advised she received information that unidentified members of the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) reported that Sergeant Malveaux was seen collecting photographs of the mayor in the French Quarter, specifically near the Pontalba Buildings and possibly other areas in the city, including City Hall. It was further communicated that Chief Melvin Howard, an OPSO employee assigned to the Civil Division, had also received information that Sergeant Malveaux was seen collecting photographs of the mayor.

STATEMENT OF CHIEF MELVIN HOWARD

On Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at approximately 0945 hours, Agent Talley, along with AS Morales, conducted an audio/video recorded interview with Chief Melvin Howard at the OJC facility. Chief Howard stated that on Friday, October 7, 2022, at around 1300 hours, he received a phone call from Louis Martinez, who is an NOPD employee and a member of Mayor Cantrell's Executive Security Team. He said Martinez told him that the mayor was "livid" about Sergeant Malveaux following her around taking pictures and that she wanted to make sure Sheriff Hutson was aware. Chief Howard stated that he told Martinez that he would inform the sheriff in person after lunch, adding that about ten (10) minutes after the phone call, he received a call from John Williams, who is the OPSO Chief of Staff. Chief Howard stated that Williams communicated identical information and indicated that he (Williams) would

Chief Howard added that later that day, he received a second call from Williams, who was in the presence of the sheriff. He said Williams informed him that the decision had been made to temporarily transfer the sergeant to OJC pending the outcome of the investigation, and he was subsequently instructed by Chief Howard to report to Major Johnathan Griffin on Monday, October 10, 2022 to receive his assignment. Chief Howard went on to state that prior to receiving the information from Martinez, he heard similar allegations involving Sergeant Malveaux, some dating back several years, but said he could not recall the sources and described the allegations as "rumors". Chief Howard also referenced prior interaction with Sergeant Maveaux in which himself and the sergeant had a disagreement in the chief's office. The chief expressed that he doesn't care for or trust Sergeant Malveaux.

It should be noted that as commander of the Civil Division, Chief Howard was Sergeant Malveaux's supervisor at the time of the complaint, but it was learned during the interview that the chief and sergeant have little direct contact because of the sergeant's Executive Protection assignment and fluctuating schedule. Chief Howard identified Major Jeffery Lawrence, also a member of the Civil Division, as Sergeant Malveaux's direct supervisor. *Chief Howard's recorded interview will be made available as an attachment with this report, labeled Exhibit A.*

Agent Talley received information that upon reporting to OJC on Monday, October 10th, Sergeant Malveaux met with Greer Conerly, an OPSO employee assigned as a Human Resources (HR) recruiter to submit a Leave Request Form, and may have made informative comments to Conerly during the meeting.

STATEMENT OF GREER CONERLY

On Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at approximately 1027 hours, Agent Talley, along with AS Morales, conducted an audio/video recorded interview with Greer Conerly at the OJC facility. She stated that on the abovementioned date, Sergeant Malveaux arrived at the HR office and requested a Leave Request Form. She said when she asked why he need the form, he responded "you will hear about it in the news" and "they said I was taking pictures and videos of the mayor". She said she signed and submitted the request form, then contacted Lieutenant Gregory Lucien, who is assigned to the Civil Division, inquiring about the allegations. Conerly said Lieutenant Lucien told her that Sergeant Malveaux had been accused of taking pictures and videos of the mayor, adding that the sergeant was just doing his job. She further stated that she believes the lieutenant indicated that Sergeant Malveaux may have been asked by Moreno to collect the photographs and videos, adding that nothing further was communicated to her by the lieutenant.

At the close of the interview, Conerly provided a copy of the Leave Request Form submitted by Sergeant Malveaux. The form indicates that Sergeant Malveaux submitted a request for Annual Leave beginning October 10, 2022 and ending October 24, 2022. The form was signed by Conerly, dated October 10, 2022, and indicates approval. *Conerly's recorded interview will be made available as an attachment with this report, labeled Exhibit B. The Leave Request Form will be made available, labeled Exhibit C.*

STATEMENT OF LIEUTENANT GREGORY LUCIEN

On Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at approximately 1111 hours, Agent Talley, along with AS Morales, conducted an audio/video recorded interview with Lieutenant Gregory Lucien at the OJC facility. Lieutenant Lucien said he recalled speaking with Conerly on the phone on the aforementioned date, adding that he communicated to Conerly the allegations he had heard regarding Sergeant Malveaux's recent transfer. He said he had no direct knowledge of the sergeant collecting photographs or videos and has only communicated amongst coworkers what was alleged. *Lieutenant Lucien's recorded interview will be made available as an attachment with this report, labeled Exhibit D.*

STATEMENT OF NOPD OFFICER LOUIS MARTINEZ

On Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at approximately 1236 hours, Agent Talley, along with AS Morales, conducted an audio/video recorded interview with NOPD Officer Louis Martinez at the IAD office located at 639 South Rendon Street. Martinez recalled contacting Chief Howard by phone on the abovementioned date following a meeting with Mayor Cantrell in which the mayor inquired about the identity of Sergeant Malveaux's supervisor. He added that the mayor said she received information from "several police officers" that Sergeant Malveaux was video recording the mayor near the Pontalba Buildings. Martinez said that while attempting to identify the sergeant's supervisor, he contacted NOPD Detective Alvin Walton, who is assigned to New Orleans City Council Executive Protection. During the phone conversation, Detective Walton identified Chief Howard as Sergeant Malveaux's supervisor and advised that he had also heard that the sergeant had been suspected of video recording the mayor, identifying Chad Stokes, who is an OPSO employee assigned to the Civil Division as a Councilmember Driver, as the source. Martinez said that to the best of his knowledge, Detective Walton had no further information regarding the allegations. He advised that he then called Stokes, who communicated that he had heard identical information, but had no direct knowledge of Sergeant Malveaux's involvement. Martinez stated that he then contacted Chief Howard, and informed him that the mayor was "pissed about rumors", adding that Chief Howard said he already knew what Martinez was talking about and advised that he would forward the information to Sheriff Hutson. Martinez stated that nothing further was discussed. *Officer Martinez's recorded interview will be made available as an attachment with this report, labeled Exhibit E.*

Agent Talley obtained a list of OPSO employees assigned to the City Council Executive Protection Division, which was provided by OPSO Captain Inga Williams. The two (2) page document includes each employees' assigned Councilmember and is as follows:

1. Sergeant Greg Malveaux – Council President Helena Moreno
2. Deputy Fitzgerald Hill – Councilmember Leslie Harris
3. Deputy Joseph Julien – Councilmember Joe Giarrusso
4. Deputy Damon Brumfield – Councilmember Freddie King
5. Deputy Derek Brumfield – Councilmember Eugene Green
6. Deputy Chad Stokes – Councilmember Oliver Thomas
7. Deputy Mason Suell – Councilmember JP Morrell

Agent Talley then obtained a list of contact telephone numbers for each Councilmember Driver, also provided by Captain Williams, and learned of an additional driver, Deputy Charles Ellis, who is assigned to Mayor Cantrell. *The two (2) page document listing the seven (7) abovesaid Councilmembers and Councilmember drivers will be made available as an attachment with this report, labeled Exhibit F. The abovementioned list of driver names and telephone members will be made available labeled Exhibit G.*

STATEMENT OF DEPUTY CHAD STOKES

On Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at approximately 1745 hours, Agent Talley, along with AS Morales, conducted an audio/video recorded interview with Deputy Chad Stokes at the OJC facility. He advised that he has no direct knowledge of Sergeant Malveaux taking pictures or videos of the mayor, but said he heard "rumors" as early as two (2) or three (3) weeks ago about the sergeant taking pictures near the Pontalba Buildings. He said could not recall the source of the information, explaining that it was "just people talking". Deputy Stokes acknowledged speaking with Officer Martinez regarding the allegations, adding that Officer Martinez had already been aware of the allegations and said they briefly discussed the rumors going around. Deputy Stokes advised that he has never been asked by a Councilmember to collect photographs or videos of any persons or to act in an investigative capacity. *Deputy Stokes' recorded interview will be made available as an attachment with this report, labeled Exhibit H.*

STATEMENT OF DEPUTY MASON SUELL

On Thursday, October 13, 2022, at approximately 0842 hours, Agent Talley, along with AS Morales, conducted an audio/video recorded interview with Deputy Mason Suell at the OJC facility. Deputy Suell advised that he has no direct knowledge of Sergeant Malveaux taking pictures or videos of the mayor, adding that the only information he learned is what he heard through the news media. Deputy Suell stated that he has never been asked by a Councilmember to collect photographs or videos or conduct investigations, adding that there has been times when he was asked to take photographs of damaged public property such as pot holes. *Deputy Suell's recorded interview will be made available as an attachment with this report, labeled Exhibit I.*

STATEMENT OF DEPUTY DAMON BRUMFIELD

On Thursday, October 13, 2022, at approximately 0900 hours, Agent Talley, along with AS Morales, conducted an audio/video recorded interview with Deputy Damon Brumfield at the OJC facility. Deputy Brumfield said he has no firsthand knowledge of the allegations and said he first heard of the allegations on Friday, October 7th through the news media and coworkers. He described Sergeant Malveaux as "devious" and advised of an incident in the past that he heard about which the sergeant was involved in that led to the termination of an NOPD employee. He said he has no direct knowledge of the events and has no direct knowledge of Sergeant Malveaux acting in an inappropriate manner on or off duty. Deputy Brumfield said he has never been asked by a Councilmember to photograph or video any persons at any time. *Deputy Damon Brumfield's recorded interview will be made available as an attachment with this report, labeled Exhibit J.*

STATEMENT OF DEPUTY JOSEPH JULIAN

On Thursday, October 13, 2022, at approximately 0918 hours, Agent Talley, along with AS Morales, conducted an audio/video recorded interview with Deputy Joseph Julian at the OJC facility. Deputy Julian advised that prior to hearing the allegations in the new media in recent days, he had no knowledge of the abovementioned accusations. Deputy Julian stated that he has never been asked or instructed by a Councilmember to act in an investigative capacity or to collect photographs of any persons. *Deputy Julian's recorded interview will be made available as an attachment with this report, labeled Exhibit K.*

STATEMENT OF DEPUTY CHARLES ELLIS

On Thursday, October 13, 2022, at approximately 0944 hours, Agent Talley, along with AS Morales, conducted an audio/video recorded interview with Deputy Charles Ellis at the OJC facility. As mentioned above, Deputy Ellis is assigned as Mayor Cantrell's Executive Protector/Driver. Deputy Ellis stated that he learned of the allegations directly from Mayor Cantrell on Friday, October 7th. He said the mayor mentioned that she had received information from an unidentified source that Sergeant Malveaux had been taking photographs of her, and inquired about the identity of Sergeant Malveaux's supervisor. Deputy Ellis stated that when he identified Major Jeffery Lawrence as the sergeant's supervisor, she communicated that she was told by Officer Martinez that Chief Howard was the sergeant's supervisor, and indicated that she would go directly to Sheriff Hutson regarding her concerns. Deputy Ellis stated that he has no further knowledge of the allegations against the sergeant, adding that he believes the allegations do not align with Sergeant Malveaux's character. Deputy Ellis advised that he has never been asked by any member of the Council to collect photographs or videos, or to act in an investigative capacity. Deputy Ellis ended by stating that as Mayor Cantrell's assigned Executive Protector, he does not believe the mayor's safety is in danger. *Deputy Ellis' recorded interview will be made available as an attachment with this report, labeled Exhibit L.*

STATEMENT OF DEPUTY DEREK BRUMFIELD

On Thursday, October 13, 2022, at approximately 1001 hours, Agent Talley, along with AS Morales, conducted an audio/video recorded interview with Deputy Derek Brumfield at the OJC facility. Deputy Brumfield advised that he has no direct knowledge of the allegations made against Sergeant Malveaux. He described the information as "hearsay", but said he believes Sergeant Malveaux is "good for it". He said he initially heard the allegations a few weeks ago during a conversation with deputies/police officers, but no one indicated that they had direct knowledge of the allegations. Deputy Brumfield referenced the events previously mentioned by Deputy Damon Brumfield, explaining that several years ago, while assigned as the Executive Protector of former Councilmember Stacy Head, Sergeant Malveaux conducted an unauthorized investigation on a police officer. He said that during his time as a Council Driver, he has never been asked to take photographs, videos, or to conduct an investigation at any time. *Deputy Derek Brumfield's recorded interview will be made available as an attachment with this report, labeled Exhibit M.*

STATEMENT OF DEPUTY FITZGERALD HILL

On Thursday, October 13, 2022, at approximately 1040 hours, Agent Talley, along with AS Morales, conducted an audio/video recorded interview with Deputy Fitzgerald Hill at the OJC facility. Deputy Hill advised that he had no knowledge of the abovementioned accusations other than what has been communicated by the local media. Deputy Hill said that he hasn't had any conversations with coworkers or any other individuals regarding the allegations made against Sergeant Malveaux. Deputy Hill said that he has never been asked or instructed by a Councilmember to collect photographs or videos of a person, or to act in an investigative capacity at any time. *Deputy Hill's recorded interview will be made available as an attachment with this report, labeled Exhibit N.*

STATEMENT OF SERGEANT GREGORY MALVEAUX

On Thursday, October 13, 2022, at approximately 1307 hours, Agent Talley, along with AS Morales, conducted an audio/video recorded interview with Sergeant Gregory Malveaux at the OJC facility. Sergeant Malveaux stated that at no time did he collect photographs or videos of Mayor Cantrell, or any other individual, near the Pontalba Buildings or any other location. He added that at no time was he asked or instructed by Council President Moreno or any other Councilmember to collect photographs or videos of Mayor Cantrell or any other person, nor was he asked or instructed to conduct an investigation of any kind. He stated that prior to his current assignment as the Executive Protector of Council President Moreno, while assigned as the Executive Protector of former Councilmember Stacy Head, he was asked on occasion by Head to photograph abandoned properties or "bad ABO's" (Alcohol Beverage Outlets). Sergeant Malveaux referenced the abovementioned events in which an investigation involving Sergeant Malveaux led to disciplinary action against an NOPD employee. He expressed that he believes the current allegations, or at least the fueling of the rumors, may be a retaliatory effort due his negative reputation among NOPD employees. *Sergeant Malveaux's recorded interview will be made available as an attachment with this report, labeled Exhibit O.*

STATEMENT OF NOPD DETECTIVE ALVIN WALTON

On Thursday, October 13, 2022, at approximately 1433 hours, Agent Talley, along with AS Morales, conducted an audio/video recorded interview with NOPD Detective Alvin Walton at the OJC facility. Detective Walton advised that he heard rumors of the abovesaid allegations around the time of Sergeant Malveaux's transfer, but has no direct knowledge of Sergeant Malveaux collecting photographs or videos of the mayor. He added that no one has communicated having direct knowledge of misconduct on the part of Sergeant Malveaux. Detective Walton acknowledged speaking with Officer Martinez regarding the allegations, but stated that they only discussed the rumors going around and added that


sources of the information was not discussed. *Detective Walton's recorded interview will be made available as an attachment with this report, labeled Exhibit P.*

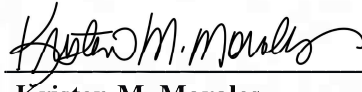
SUMMARY

As a result of the investigation, Agent Talley found no evidence suggesting that Sergeant Malveaux violated OPSO Policy and Procedures. Sheriff Hutson received information that Sergeant Malveaux was seen taking pictures and/or videos of Mayor LaToya Cantrell near the Pontalba Buildings in the French Quarter and possibly other areas in the city. It was communicated to Sheriff Hutson that unidentified NOPD officers reported the information directly to Mayor Cantrell. During the investigation, agents conducted interviews with all eight (8) members of the City Council Executive Protection Division, including Mayor Cantrell's Driver, as well as two (2) members of the NOPD who were reported to have knowledge of misconduct, or knowledge of the source of the allegations. None of the individuals interviewed indicated having knowledge of misconduct on the part of Sergeant Malveaux, and none of the individuals interviewed indicated having knowledge of any individual claiming to have direct knowledge of misconduct. This investigation is **CLOSED**.

CLASSIFICATION: UNFOUNDED

Respectfully Submitted


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EXHIBITS

- A. Chief Melvin Howard's recorded interview
- B. Greer Conerly's recorded interview
- C. Sergeant Gregory Malveaux's Leave Request Form
- D. Lieutenant Gregory Lucien's recorded interview
- E. NOPD Officer Louis Martinez's recorded interview
- F. Councilmember driver information provided by Captain Inga Williams – two pages
- G. Councilmember driver contact information provided by Captain Williams
- H. Deputy Chad Stokes' recorded interview
- I. Deputy Mason Suell's recorded interview
- J. Deputy Damon Brumfield's recorded interview
- K. Deputy Joseph Julian's recorded interview
- L. Deputy Charles Ellis' recorded interview
- M. Deputy Derek Brumfield's recorded interview
- N. Deputy Fitzgerald Hill's recorded interview
- O. Sergeant Gregory Malveaux's recorded interview
- P. NOPD Detective Alvin Walton's recorded interview