Pastor Don Matolyak told www.accountabilityinthemedia.com that the written information he provided to the police for this report was his "journaling and was not originally designed to be a police report."

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### NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT

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 VICTIM
 OFFENSE
 INCIDENT DATE / TIME 2/02/2010
 1043

Narrative Type: Supplement

Topic: Found Property

Narrative Reporting Officer: THARP, TRAVIS 292-18

On the above date and time the Comp contacted the PD to report found property. The Comp already had a statement written pertaining to the sequence of events that lead to the found property. The property was reported to have been located in the Soccer/Baseball field parking lot off of S. Division Street. The Comp informed that the property was located in the southeast corner of the parking lot near a garbage can. The Comp found the property on February 2nd at between 1043pm and 1255 am on the 3rd of February.

The property found was a black computer bag, misc documents and photo's, \$45 dollars in cash, three (3) stop watches and one (1) whistle. The cash was one \$20, one \$10, two \$5 and five \$1 bills. The property was taken for safekeeping and placed into evidence. The black computer bag was found in a black trash bag according to the Comp. The Comp since the finding had placed the property in a cardboard box.

Steve Short, of the Mount Vernon City School's was contacted concerning the finding of the property. The report number was given to Mr. Short.

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**Narrative Reporting Officer:** 

**DAILEY, MATTHEW 292-8** 

On 02-08-10 I was contacted by Phone from Attorney Douglas Mansfield about viewing the contents of the found property. I contacted City Law Director Robert Broeran and he told me that since it was found property it was fine for Attorney Mansfield to view the contents. At around 1330hrs Mount Vernon School Superintendent Steve Short arrived and also requested to view the box. I allowed him to view the contents of the box and he left. At the same time he was leaving Attorney Mansfield also arrived and viewed the contents of the box. The box was then placed back into evidence for safekeeping and nothing was removed.

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# MOUNT VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT WITNESS STATEMENT

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February 2, 2010

Tonight at 10:43 p.m. John Freshwater called me. He was at his parent's in Dover, OH and we had been texting just to see how each other's day had gone.

He told me he had received an anonymous message on his voicemail with the person trying to conceal their identity. The person indicated that there was more information-materials for John. They would be found in a plastic bag by a garbage can at the corner of Mount Vernon Avenue and Division Street. We assumed this was the person who had sent the previous letter in the mail to John & School Superintendent, Steve Short (Jan 14, 2010). John asked me to get Charles Fisher and go check this out since he was in Dover. Charles is very trustworthy and has his Conceal Carry permit so he would be armed in case of trouble. I called Charles and agreed to pick him up at his house. I got my things and headed out the door wondering what I might be getting myself into.

As I drove to the home of Charles Fisher I questioned whether we should contact the police. I wondered if we would be facing some kind of danger as the person who did this would be expecting John Freshwater to be the one to follow up on the voice mail message. But I decided it wouldn't be necessary to contact the police as we were just on a fact-finding mission. We didn't know if anything was even there. And I didn't know if any kind of crime had been committed. I did decide that we would do our best to be very careful. We would also document everything we did.

As we drove through town we discussed our approach and that we would be very careful. We arrived at the corner of Mount Vernon Ave and Division St and turned South on Division St (toward the school). We pulled into a parking lot located near the soccer & softball fields north of Yellow Jacket Baseball field and Stadium but on the South side of Mount Vernon Ave. As we drove into the parking area we saw a garbage can in the southeast corner of the parking lot. We drove near the area and Charles got out of the car with his flashlight. He saw a plastic bag on the ground behind the garbage can. He took photos of it and carefully checked it out. He brought it around to the front of my car where we had better visibility. Inside the plastic bag was an old black computer bag. In the bag were papers appx 3-4 inches high. On top of the bag was a short letter on

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white copy paper addressed to John. It was obvious that the contents of the bag were papers from John's room and also there was a large number of copies of photographs of items from John's room.

After our quick inspection of the bag we got in the car and drove to the church. During this time we called John at his parent's home to fill him in on our discovery. Charles began describing to John the contents of the bag and the letter as I drove.

Once at the church we went into the conference room in the office area. We proceeded to carefully go through the bag with John on the phone. Charles went through the items taking some photos as I talked with John and described the items. We even found appx. \$40 cash in the computer bag (John can treat us to lunch...Ha Ha!) I also made 3 copies of the letter from the bag. One letter was placed in a sealed envelope and left for Pastor Paula Powell to scan and send an E-FAX to Kelly Hamilton when she got to the office Wednesday morning. After about 15 minutes or so we placed everything back in the bag as it was found and locked the items in my office.

Even though it is about 12:55 A.M. February 3 I wanted to type this out while it is fresh in my mind, before going to bed.

### NOTE..... February 3, 2010..... 9:45 A.M.

I spent another 90+ minutes after finishing this note last night-early this morning before I could go to sleep.... I had numerous questions running through my mind. Questions like: Who this person is? (I had several possibilities come to mind) What is their true motive? Could this actually be some kind of set-up to make John Freshwater and Kelly Hamilton look foolish? By looking at the letter it seems like they had spoken with an attorney. But why didn't the attorney just make contact with Kelly and begin to get things moving? What do all of these materials mean for John? What does this mean when placed alongside of the anonymous letter received on January 14<sup>th</sup> that caused all of the stuff before the hearing was to resume on January 15<sup>th</sup>. WAY MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS FOR SURE! Kelly sent a text saying that we would be talking later in the day.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING.....

Late afternoon Kelly Hamilton & John Freshwater came to my office. John had been away visiting his parents in Dover so this meeting was held after he returned. Kelly asked me to review again how everything took place. We also focused on the exact times of phone calls from our cell phone records. I then gave Kelly the box containing the materials. Kelly carefully examined them and asked John if he could identify these items as being his. He could except noted that the 300 copies of photos were new to him, but were items they showed were familiar to John. Most were photos of items he had used in teaching.

After nearly 1 ¾ hrs of reviewing the materials and discussing what this information means we went to the location where Charles & I found the materials. I showed them exactly where the bag was located by the trash can. We spent about 10 minutes there and returned to the church.

Charles came to my office and showed Kelly the photos he had taken Tuesday night. Kelly asked a variety of questions to make sure he understood exactly what we had done and when. It was at this time that Kelly explained to us that we may need to make a police report. He was going to take the items back to his office to review more closely. He would then be in touch to give more instructions on what we would need to do.

