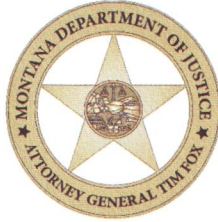


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Re: Investigation – MC 16-05-02

Dear John and Tony:

I have reviewed the investigation in reference to Fred Van Valkenburg and the allegation that he may have stolen items from a secure area in Missoula, Montana. Based on my review, I find that there is a total absence of evidence to indicate that a crime took place.

Based on the DCI investigation, it appears that Van Valkenburg and Karol Jedrykowski were granted access to a secure file room located in the basement of the Missoula County Administration Building. Van Valkenburg and Jedrykowski received consent from the Missoula County Facilities Manager Larry Farnes to access the secure file room to recover personal belongings. Larry Farnes granted the permission to Van Valkenburg and Jedrykowski after contacting Dorothy Brownlow, a legal advisor for the Missoula Board of County Commissioners. Van Valkenburg and Jedrykowski entered the secure file room with Missoula County Building Supervisor Brad Smalley.

County Attorney Pabst, Clerk of Court Shirley Faust, Larry Farnes and Dorothy Brownlow all indicated there was no policy or procedures in place limiting access to the secure file room prior to Van Valkenburg receiving access.

Brad Smalley stated he escorted Van Valkenburg and Jedrykowski to the secure file room and observed six to eight boxes on a shelf with Van Valkenburg's name on them. According to Smalley, Van Valkenburg located the box he was looking for and before leaving the secure file room Van Valkenburg opened the box and showed Smalley the contents of the box, which appeared to be personal items. Smalley then escorted Van Valkenburg and Jedrykowski out of the secure file room.

The investigation did not reveal anything other than Van Valkenburg's personal items being removed from the secure file room.

Again, based on my review, it does not appear a crime took place.

Sincerely,

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