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To all members of the Print and Visual Media:

General Counsel John Fry, in conjunction with Associate General Counsel, Alan Diamond, will be conducting a Press Conference on Friday, February 12, 2010 at 1430 Hrs. The Press Conference will be held at the Fraternal Order of Police Office in Melbourne, 1049 Julia Drive, Melbourne, FL. 32935.

The purpose of the Press Conference is to discuss the Gross Misconduct of Chief Donald Carey. The Fraternal Order of Police believes Chief Carey has committed a minimum of two Felonies in his official capacity as the Chief. Additionally, Chief Carey's conduct violated Departmental Policy, City Policy and is reprehensible.

The Chief's pattern of systematic harassment has been going on for years, and examples abound. The Officer who wrote the Chief's wife a ticket has been transferred, an Officer who spoke with Council Members has been transferred, and Chief Carey advises Officers that speaking or acting outside of his views can be "very harmful to their career."

Members of the FOP attempted to file a formal Complaint against Chief Carey; however, after a meeting, the City of Melbourne, through the Assistant City Attorney refused our complaint. The Police Officers of Melbourne need your assistance. Municipalities are representational government. Council Members, new media, and residents help eliminate this scourge from the City by compelling The City of Melbourne to address their Chief's conduct.

The FOP believes this conduct is disgusting, inappropriate, and criminal in nature. A Chief of Police should be held to the same standards as his personnel. FDLE has been contacted and is conducting a criminal investigation into Chief Carey. If a regular citizen did this the mere basis of our allegations would result in criminal charges. Chief Carey's use, as late as two weeks ago, of his position to intimidate staff in the Case of Officer Carter is plain and simply Criminal. Carter has been branded a racist, since redacted, and now witnesses are being threatened by the Chief. Chief Carey's continued presence literally places the wolf in the position of guarding the Chicken Coup.

The FOP will be formally asking for the suspension of Chief Carey for multiple Departmental violations, violations of the City of Melbourne's policies, and pending criminal allegations of Official Misconduct and Witness Tampering.

Additional information and copies of an audio statement specifically outlining Chief Carey's intimidation during a criminal investigation will be provided to all who attend.

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