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The CHS was asked to provide information about MARLON SHACKLEFORD. According to the CHS, SHACKLEFORD was a "community guy" and "peace ambassador." The CHS explained that SHACKLEFORD and DARREN BYRD worked with ex-offenders in the community. The CHS said SHACKLEFORD worked with the Community Initiative to Reduce Gun Violence (CIRGV) but he was not a part of the "City apparatus." The CHS explained that SHACKLEFORD was paid by OMEGA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (OMEGA CDC). The CHS said OMEGA CDC was an arm of the OMEGA CHURCH. The CHS explained that OMEGA CDC received funding from the City of Dayton. The CHS explained OMEGA CDC began receiving City funds in 2008, and they received anywhere from \$120,000-150,000 per year. The CHS said OMEGA CDC began receiving City funds under former Mayor RHINE MCLIN. The CHS said the money given to OMEGA CDC was supposed to be a collaboration between the City of Dayton, Montgomery County, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and the City of Trotwood. In addition to the funds provided by the City of Dayton, property forfeitures added an additional \$40,000 to the program. The CHS explained that Montgomery County provided the funding for a Case Manager. The CHS said the Case Manager helped individuals through the various social services systems.

According to The CHS, SHACKLEFORD seemed to be very sincere and he had a positive message for those he came in contact with. The CHS described SHACKLEFORD as a motivational speaker. The CHS explained that SHACKLEFORD had a pretty good reputation in the black community. The CHS said SHACKLEFORD was an effective "get out the vote" person. The CHS explained that if a person was associated with SHACKLEFORD it would give the individuals credibility. The CHS said SHACKLEFORD also had relationships with NAN WHALEY and JEFF MIMS. The CHS said SHACKLEFORD helped with his campaigns. The CHS said SHACKLEFORD was one of the individuals highlighted at The CHS'S fashion show fund raiser. The CHS was asked if SHACKLEFORD and WILLIS BLACKSHEAR had a relationship. The CHS did not know if SHACKLEFORD and BLACKSHEAR had a relationship. The CHS said BLACKSHEAR would want SHACKLEFORD'S support. The CHS added that there might be people who used SHACKLEFORD for his connections to the community.

The CHS said SHACKLEFORD and TOMMY OWENS (Entertainment Promoter) wanted to create a community outreach organization. The CHS told SHACKLEFORD and OWENS if they started an organization they would need to

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away to be sustainable. The CHS advised SHACKELFORD and OWENS to keep an arm's length from politicians.

The CHS was asked to elaborate on BLACKSHEAR'S plans for his political future. The CHS said BLACKSHEAR was the type of person who would start planning for a run for Mayor six to eight years ahead of time. The CHS said BLACKSHEAR'S plan was to be appointed as the Clerk of Courts if GREG BUSH retired midterm. The CHS explained that BLACKSHEAR wanted BUSH'S job because it paid more and it would increase his retirement pay. When asked who would appoint BLACKSHEAR to BUSH'S position, The CHS assumed it would be MARK OWENS and the Democratic Party. The CHS explained that OWENS ran the Democratic Party (and he was also the Dayton Municipal Clerk of Courts). The CHS said the "key players" within the local Democratic Party were KARL KEITH, MARK OWENS, NAN WHALEY and DAN HARRIS. The CHS noted that WHALEY'S husband worked for HARRIS.

While speaking of WHALEY, The CHS said she was an emotional person. The CHS said small things, such as someone shaking one of WHALEY'S opponent's hand could set her off. The CHS described WHALEY as being thinned skinned but at times very tough. The CHS said, "loyalty is everything to her." The CHS added that WHALEY'S loyalty went both ways, meaning that if you were loyal to WHALEY, she would be loyal to you.

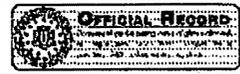
The CHS was asked to provide information about CITYWIDE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CITYWIDE). According to the CHS, CITYWIDE was started by the City of Dayton in the early 1990's. The CHS described CITYWIDE as the economic development arm of the City. The CHS said CITYWIDE was responsible for making loans for economic development and other projects such as home improvements. The CHS said approximately two years ago, CITYWIDE became independent of the City of Dayton. The CHS added that CITYWIDE still relied on the City for help with funding. The CHS thought the money given to CITYWIDE came from the City of Dayton's general fund. The CHS said he did not know the process for moving funds from the City of Dayton to CITYWIDE. The CHS thought the funds were given to CITYWIDE on a project by project basis. The CHS explained that the split from the City gave CITYWIDE more power. The CHS said CITYWIDE always had a Board of Directors and he thought some of those individuals were appointed by the City. The CHS was a member of the Board that oversaw the PHOENIX PROJECT. The CHS described the PHOENIX PROJECT as a collaboration between CITYWIDE and GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL.

The CHS said a man (name unknown) came to the Commission meetings and would give updates on the various demolition projects. The CHS said the man would have been mentioned during the Commission meeting and his name should appear in the minutes of the meeting. The CHS explained that AARON SORRELL, current Director of the City's Community Development and Planning Department, is deeply involved in all city demolition projects. The CHS said the man and SORRELL were "very close" to the decisions regarding demolition. The CHS explained that SORRELL was a "key player" and "go to person" regarding the NSP funds. SORRELL was also involved with CITYWIDE and funding their demolition projects on City of Dayton's behalf.

The CHS was asked why STEVE RAUCH was receiving all of the demolition contracts with the City of Dayton. The CHS was told that RAUCH had a monopoly because he was the only Contractor who had the capacity to do the work. The CHS said RAUCH did get into some trouble for not properly filling basements. The CHS wasn't a big fan of the demolitions and was disengaged with the project at first. The CHS said WHALEY (who was a Commissioner at the time) was incredibly engaged with the demolition projects. The CHS said that Mayor MCLIN played "coy" about her involvement with the demolition projects. The CHS said at that time, WHALEY was doing MCLIN'S bidding. The CHS said WHALEY was MCLIN'S protégé.

The CHS described SORRELL as the person who wanted to be an up and comer. The CHS said SORRELL seemed like the type of guy who would go a little extra to look good. The CHS explained that SORRELL had done well with the money for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) and was being looked at for other positions within the City. The CHS said there were several years when the City of Dayton hit their NSP fund expenditure goals when other cities did not. The CHS said he was never suspicious of the NSP fund expenditures. The CHS said SORRELL'S NSP reports gave the impression that the City had their "stuff together."

The CHS thought SORRELL wanted to be considered for the position of Assistant City Manager. The CHS said former City Manager TIM RIORDAN at first thought very highly of SORRELL. The CHS said by the time RIORDAN left office, it was clear that SORRELL needed more experience. The CHS explained that SORRELL started having problems (racial issues) with the African American employees under his supervision. The CHS added that SORRELL was also in charge of creating a plan to move away from Community Priority Boards to Neighborhood Associations. The CHS explained that WHALEY had a conflict with Priority Board President, PAT RICKMAN. The CHS thought WHALEY convinced SORRELL to make the change from Priority Board to Neighborhood Association. The CHS said



plan proved to be an unpopular decision.

The CHS said several years ago LASHEA SMITH, the former head of the Parks and Recreation Department was moved over to serve as the Director of the Finance Department. The CHS described SMITH as "by the book." The CHS said SMITH would take a position on an issue, explain why she took that position and then stick with it. The CHS recalled an occasion when Commissioner MIMS used the wrong credit card for City business. After being made aware of the issue, SMITH sent out a "blast" email regarding the incident. The CHS said WHALEY questioned SMITH on her decision to send out a "blast" email about the incident. The CHS said WHALEY explained that SMITH was "dead to her."

While speaking of City departments, the CHS explained that SHELLY DICKSTEIN would likely become the permanent City Manager. The CHS said JOE PARLETTE, the head of the Parks and Recreation Department was promoted to the position of Assistant City Manager to fill the vacancy left by DICKSTEIN. The CHS presented the Investigative team with a copy of the new organizational chart for the City of Dayton. The CHS explained the organization chart was purposed by DICKSTEIN. (A copy of the organizational chart will be attached to the report.)

The CHS was asked about the appropriate course of action for dealing with the tax debt on a property that had been demolished. It was the CHS'S opinion that the tax debt should be erased for the properties demolished by the City.

The CHS was asked to describe the affiliation with BRIAN HIGGINS. The CHS claimed to not know HIGGINS very well. The CHS first met HIGGINS through a private Banker (NICOLE JOHNSON) with Chase Bank. The CHS explained that HIGGINS was JOHNSON'S client. The CHS said at one time HIGGINS had a "hot" bar and restaurant in the downtown area. The CHS explained that HIGGINS was also involved with service that transported dead bodies. The CHS said HIGGINS portrayed himself as a person "dripping in money." The CHS explained that DR. MICHAEL IRVIN made the CHS aware of some issues with HIGGINS. The CHS was told by IRVIN that HIGGINS hadn't paid some of his employees. The CHS added that HIGGINS came to the CHS about investing in his new restaurant, QUINCY'S. The CHS said after dealing with the problems from a failed business (Popeye's Chicken), the CHS wasn't interested in the QUINCY'S investment. The CHS explained that HIGGINS got a bad reputation and the backed away from him. The CHS said HIGGINS never came looking for favors. The CHS said HIGGINS had a relationship with DEBBIE LIEBERMAN and JUDY DODGE. The CHS said LIEBERMAN was very interested in HIGGINS opening QUINCY'S.

Before the interview concluded, The CHS was asked to provide information about LIEBERMAN. The CHS said LIEBERMAN had a reputation for being an alcoholic. The CHS said LIEBERMAN had a "diva like" reputation. The CHS said LIEBERMAN'S husband(DENNIS) was the former Chairperson of the Democratic Party. The CHS said LIEBERMAN and WHALEY were always at odds with each other. The CHS said LIEBERMAN was neither an ally nor enemy.

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CHS reported that CHS recently spoke to Caty Crosby (Dayton Human Relations Council) via telephone. Crosby described complaints filed by Brian Higgins regarding a restaurant (Quincy's) owned by Higgins. Higgins is complaining about a driveway or related construction by the City of Dayton near his restaurant that will impact access. Higgins told Crosby that he is being aided by a City of Dayton Commissioner.

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