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RE: CRB # 17-001

Dear Board Members:

I expect the Board to give Mr. Wirkners' statement the credibility it deserves. Please remember that I appeared in person, without representation, and completely unprepared for the questions I received from the entire Board, (not an opportunity the Board had with Mr. Wirkner). I know the board has taken the time to review the body cam videos, so the inconsistencies of Mr. Wirkners' statement should be evident; and perhaps the Board will recall that I testified that I have an umbilical hernia, (as well as a pacemaker & there was a comment that I probably waived my HIPAA rights). I say this only because, had Mr. Wirkner actually stepped on my stomach, I would have required emergency medical treatment. Mr. Wirkner is simply trying to redirect the narrative by claiming that I called him a faggot – which I never did.

This is not about me and Mr. Wirkner – it is about how, once Ofc. Rodriguez was aware that Mr. Wirkner was friends with fellow KWPD Officers, it didn't matter whether or not Mr. Wirkner was telling the truth, but Ofc. Rodriguez simply favored him over me.

I have never said that I thought Mr. Wirkners' friends took affirmative steps to influence Ofc. Rodriguez – in fact, the officer on the phone never had contact with Ofc. Rodriguez during the incident. Clearly Ofc. Rodriguez' demeanor towards Mr. Wirkner changed once he became aware of who was on the other end of the phone, and was influenced by the fact that Mr. Wirkner was on the phone with one of Ofc. Rodriguez' co-workers. That is what this is about!

Again, I thank you for your continued attention to this matter. As I believe I am still under oath, this is offered as my final statement for the Boards' consideration as the matter proceeds this evening.

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