



**Joseph M. Centorino**, Inspector General

TO: File  
FROM: Joseph Centorino, Inspector General  
  
DATE: September 21, 2020  
RE: Investigation of Private Barber Operating in Police Department  
OIG No. 20-23

This investigation was opened following a message left on the OIG Hotline by an anonymous caller alleging that a private barber, Mr. Luis Lopez-Garcia, was operating within the police department and charging for haircuts, manicures, and pedicures. The caller claimed that a friend of Mr. Lopez-Garcia, Major Henry Doce, was actively promoting the barber's activities in emails sent out to police staff.

The following is a transcript of the recorded anonymous call:

*Hello, I just wanted to let you know that in the Police Department you have a person charging for haircuts, manicures, pedicures. He is a friend of Major Henry Doce. Major Doce sends out a email using his personal email every day, that the barber is in CID [Criminal Investigations Division]. It is a very uncomfortable situation because it feels like we have to participate. I am sure the barber does not have contract with the city and [has] a possible criminal record. I am sure the city will not have agreed with this and Major Doce might be getting kickbacks from the barber. [Inaudible]...nothing with this virus going around. Please investigate this. Thank you.*

The allegations, if true, would raise serious ethical issues, including Exploitation of Official Position under Section 2-11.1(g), as well as possible criminal issues including Unlawful Compensation, Section 838.016, Florida Statutes.

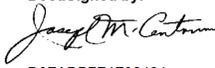
The City of Miami Beach Police Internal Affairs Division was notified of the receipt of these allegations, and an investigation was conducted by IA Sgt. Luis Corps. The report of his investigation is attached. IA Commander A.J. Prieto was also consulted and provided information to the OIG regarding the investigation.

The investigation indicated that an agreement existed between Mr. Lopez-Garcia and Major Doce for Mr. Lopez-Garcia to provide haircuts at the Police Department at \$15 each, with \$5 going to charity. The arrangement had the approval of the Police Department, and the event was

promoted through City of Miami Beach email. It was determined that \$475, the total amount of funds designated for charity, was delivered to the American Cancer Society (see attached email).

No evidence of criminal or ethical illegality was produced by the investigation. The Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics Advocate agreed with this conclusion. Nonetheless, an arrangement whereby a private for-profit enterprise is permitted to operate within a public agency in the manner described predictably creates an appearance of impropriety. The arrangement was terminated shortly after the investigation commenced.

This investigation is now closed.

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9/21/2020 | 3:25 PM EDT

Joseph M. Centorino, Inspector General

Date

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

**D.C. CASE NUMBER:** DC-2020-026

**M.B.P.D. CASE NUMBER:** N/A

**COMPLAINANT:** Anonymous

**DATE OF INCIDENT:** Unknown

**DATE REPORTED:** April 28, 2020

**DATE RECEIVED BY INTERNAL AFFAIRS:** May 18, 2020

**INVOLVED EMPLOYEES:** Major Henry Doce

**INVESTIGATOR:** Sergeant Luis Corps, ID 716

**ALLEGATION:**

On 4/28/2020, an anonymous caller contacted the Miami Beach Inspector General Hotline to report that the police department had a person charging for haircuts, manicures, and pedicures. The caller advised the person giving the haircuts is a friend of Major Doce. The caller also stated Major Doce sends out emails using his personal email every day, stating that the barber is available in C.I.D. Also mentioned was that the barber was not approved by the city and that the barber has a criminal record. In addition the caller said the barber might be giving Major Doce kickbacks from the haircuts.

**PERSONS INTERVIEWED:** Luis Lopez-Garcia

**PERSONS NOT INTERVIEWED:** Major Henry Doce

**INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY:**

On 3/19/2020 Major Henry Doce used the Miami Beach City email to send the following information department-wide:

The Chiefs have allowed us to set up for a Relay for Life Event and wanted to take this moment to invite those needing a quick cut to join us on Thursdays, during the month of March, in our

fight against cancer. We will be hosting a haircut relay to get funds donated to the American Cancer Society. Please see the flyer for further.

The barber is onsite on the third-floor C.I.D. Interview Room until 8 pm today.

The email also had a flyer attached announcing the **FIGHT AGAINST CANCER HAIRCUT FOR CHARITY EVENT**. Major Doce used his City Of Miami Beach email to send any news related to this event. He did not use his personal email to promote the event. A copy of the email was added to the case file.

On June 8, 2020, Mr. Luis Lopez-Garcia (barber) was interviewed as possible witnesses to the above allegations. Below is a synopsis of his recorded statement.

- Mr. Lopez-Garcia stated that Major Doce approached him with an idea to assist with a haircut event for a cancer charity.
- Mr. Lopez-Garcia stated that the details of the event were that each haircut that he gave at the station five dollars would go to the charity.
- Mr. Lopez-Garcia agreed to charge fifteen dollars for the haircuts in which five would go to the charity.
- Mr. Lopez-Garcia stated that every week he would separate the money and give Major Doce the money.
- Mr. Lopez-Garcia stated that Major Doce was in charge of making the final donations to the charity.
- Mr. Lopez-Garcia stated that he had no involvement with the charity.
- Mr. Lopez-Garcia stated he gave Major Doce a total of four hundred seventy-five dollars (\$475).
- Mr. Lopez-Garcia Stated he was always under the impression that Major Doce got permission from the city to run the charity.
- Mr. Lopez-Garcia stated that he did not, and would never give Major Doce a kickback.
- Mr. Lopez-Garcia stated he holds Major Doce with the highest respect and integrity.
- Mr. Lopez-Garcia stated all Major Doce does is help his subordinates.

On June 25, 2020, I was forwarded an email from Heather Utset of the American Cancer Society thanking Major Doce for inviting her to pick up the 475 dollar donation. Copy of the email was added to the case file.

#### **INVESTIGATIVE CHRONOLOGY:**

**May 18, 2020**

An investigation was initiated into the above-listed allegations.

**May 20, 2020**

I was able to identify the barber as Mr. Luis Lopez-Garcia AKA (**PICA 305**). I attempted to make contact with Mr. Lopez-Garcia with negative results.

**June 8, 2020**

**The following is a summary of Mr. Luis Lopez-Garcia's statement. The statement was taken by Sergeant Luis Corps and Sergeant Andy Descalso, at the Miami Beach Police Internal Affairs Office on June 8, 2020, at 1150 hours.**

Mr. Lopez-Garcia stated that he is a licensed barber, and he owns a barbershop at 7116 Bay Drive in Miami Beach. He stated that Major Henry Doce has been a client of his for a very long time and knows the type of integrity that he has. Every time Major Doce would have charity events, he would volunteer his time to help. Major Doce approached him with an idea to assist with haircut event for a cancer charity. The details of the event were that each haircut that he gave at the station five dollars would go to the charity. Mr. Lopez-Garcia agreed to charge fifteen dollars for the haircuts in which five would go to the charity. Every week he would separate the money and give Major Doce the money. He said stated that Major Doce was in charge of making the final donations to the charity. He had no involvement with the charity. Mr. Lopez-Garcia stated he gave Major Doce a total of four hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$475). Mr. Lopez-Garcia stated He was always under the impression that Major Doce got permission from the city to run the charity. He also stated that he did not and would never give Major Doce a kickback. He stated that it is a false accusation. He stated that he holds Major Doce with the highest respect and integrity. Mr. Lopez-Garcia stated all Major Doce does is help his subordinates

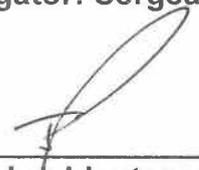
#### **CONCLUSION**

This investigation revealed no evidence of Officer misconduct, violations of policy, rules, regulations, or law.

**STATUS:    CLOSED**

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IA Investigator: Sergeant Luis Corps

7/17/2020  
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Reviewed by: Lieutenant Tony Gil  
Internal Affairs Lieutenant

7/27/20  
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Approved by: Commander A.J. Prieto  
Internal Affairs Commander

7/28/20.  
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Date

## Centorino, Joseph

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**From:** Corps, Luis  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 12:41 PM  
**To:** Centorino, Joseph  
**Cc:** Prieto, AJ; Gil, Tony  
**Subject:** FW: American Cancer Society

Good Afternoon Sir,

As requested please see the below email from the American Cancer Society.

Regards,

LC

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**From:** Heather Utset <[heather.utset@cancer.org](mailto:heather.utset@cancer.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 4:46 PM  
**To:** Doce, Enrique <[EnriqueDoce@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:EnriqueDoce@miamibeachfl.gov)>  
**Subject:** American Cancer Society

[ THIS MESSAGE COMES FROM AN EXTERNAL EMAIL - USE CAUTION WHEN REPLYING AND OPENING LINKS OR ATTACHMENTS ]

Hello Major Doce,

I wanted to again say thank you for inviting me on June 15<sup>th</sup> to pick up the donation of \$475 from your fundraiser.

During these unprecedented times, cancer patients are in more need than ever of our support. As the largest nonprofit in cancer research, we are extremely grateful for every single dollar that our volunteers are working hard to raise to support our mission. Our mission is in serious jeopardy, and the reality of possibly not being able to continue funding the remainder of our research this year could be detrimental to life-saving opportunities.

Thank you again, and please let me know if there is anything I can help you with in the future!

All the best,

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