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Mr. Phil Eure  
Office of the Inspector General for the NYPD  
80 Maiden Lane  
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Re: Misconduct Complaint Against NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea in Violation of Departmental “Values” Regarding Disrespectful Conduct with a Private Citizen and Abuse of Authority Toward Detective Jonathan Rivera, a Fellow Officer Under His Command, in Connection with the Dorothy Kilgallen Murder Case

Dear Mr. Eure,

Please add the attached email stream between your Director of Communications and Senior Adviser Diane Struzzi and me, and this letter, to the official public records file regarding the above-mentioned Complaint filed on October 7, 2020, nearly four months ago. You are most fortunate to have Diane on your DOI team, and while we disagree with regard to whether my Complaint will receive a thorough review/investigation and not a cover-up (Based on your stellar reputation, I hope I am wrong with my doubts), I respect her loyalty to you and the Office of the Inspector General.

Since the facts regarding Commissioner Shea’s obvious misconduct/unprofessionalism and abuse of power reflecting a lack of moral and ethical character are not in dispute, I am looking forward to the day when he is reprimanded for his conduct to the extent that he may be removed from his post as Commissioner so that his replacement will conduct himself with honesty and integrity. I trust you will agree that no NYPD officer should be under the command of a public official who lied to my face thus treating a private citizen only seeking justice with disrespect while placing an officer under his command in such an untenable position as happened in this instance. Furthermore, Commissioner Shea’s refusal to permit his Cold Case Squad to investigate Ms. Kilgallen’s homicide, a decision bordering on obstruction of justice, may very well result in the killer of the mother of three young children and a true American patriot, going free unless Commissioner Shea or his replacement reverses course and permits the investigation.

As it should be, I look forward to being interviewed by your investigators, sooner than later. And to hearing that not only has Commissioner Shea been interviewed, but also Detective Jonathan Rivera. When these two interviews happen, your investigators will be able to answer the most compelling questions about Commissioner Shea’s irreverent conduct:

Why, when all the commissioner had to do after we met in NYC was to send me a letter explaining that his department would not investigate Ms. Kilgallen's death for whatever reason, he didn't do so?

Why, instead, did the commissioner embark on a ruse, playing me the fool since, based on my belief that he was an honorable man, I sent not one, but five emails to Detective Rivera plus phoning him, fully expecting a response since the commissioner had given me his word that Rivera was my contact regarding the starting point for an investigation of Ms. Kilgallen's death?

What will Detective Rivera reveal regarding the commissioner's orders when the detective received my emails since Rivera never answered them and what was the explanation given by the commissioner to Rivera as to why he was ordered to ignore my communications including a phone call?

Since Commissioner Shea chose to give me the brush off, what is his department hiding regarding the true facts about Ms. Kilgallen's death to the extent of apparently refusing to provide any documents or witness statements despite my having filed a proper FOIL request many months ago?

Has the commissioner told the FOIL department to ignore the request, and if so, why?

Something is fishy here, for certain, and my bet is that if a full review/investigation of the commissioner's conduct is reviewed, you will discover other actions by him that border on the unethical and perhaps may even be illegal. Of concern is that even though Commissioner Shea has been aware of my allegations of misconduct and abuse of power for months, apparently not once has he considered explaining his actions or apologizing.

To be clear, my disagreement with Commissioner Shea is not a personal one, but based wholly on the duty of the NYPD, headed by the commissioner, to fully investigate what has been proven to be a homicide especially one where the main suspect, no matter how old the case may be, is still alive. Your office, as part of the DOI, an agency that Ms. Struzzi has pointed out is, "the City's anti-corruption agency that has a long legacy of serving as the independent oversight agency in this City, rooting out corruption and fraud," has a responsibility to a private citizen like me who has reported a crime, whether I am a New Yorker, or not, to expect justice to prevail based on my Complaint.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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P. S. My credentials should not be in question here as proven by the recent honor bestowed upon me by my alma mater, Purdue University. Here is the link to a press release from October: <https://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/releases/2020/Q4/purdue-archives-acquires-alumnus-and-bestselling-author-mark-shaws-body-of-work-touching-on-amelia-earhart,-dorothy-kilgallen-connection.html>