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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

TO: EDWARD W. MARCHAND
CHIEF OF POLICE

FROM: N. KEVIN PATTERSON
LIEUTENANT DETECTIVE

RE: INVESTIGATION # 60-2000
(LARCENY OF TOWN PROPERTY)

DATE: MARCH 13, 2000

Chief:

As directed by your office, the Detective Division conducted an investigation involving allegations of motor vehicle violations, and larceny of property belonging to the Town of Reading.

On March 6, 2000 I met with Town Manager Peter Hechenbleikner, and School Committee Chairman Peter Dahl. During the course of this meeting, Mr. Hechenbleikner produced an anonymous letter addressed to a number of town officials which was dated February 29, 2000. This letter contained allegations of criminal violations committed by Reading School Department employee: Paul Roache (electrician). Along with the anonymous letter was enclosed a photostat copy of a purchase order (#207-750) from Standard Electric Supply of Wilmington. This purchase order was dated 01-11-2000, and listed a number of electrical items, that were received by Paul Roache. Both Mr. Dahl and Mr. Hechenbleikner requested that these allegations be investigated by the police department. I informed them that an investigation would be conducted.

On March 6, 2000 at approximately 2PM. I interviewed:

[REDACTED] was questioned as to the allegations against Paul Roache as to any information or knowledge he may have. [REDACTED] stated that he was not aware of any criminal or illegal activity committed by Paul Roache. With regards to alcohol intoxication while on duty, [REDACTED] stated that he had no specific knowledge or information regarding on duty alcohol use by Paul Roache. He did state that, approximately six months ago, he had occasion to suspect Paul Roache of having an alcohol problem. [REDACTED] suspicions were based on a "stale odor of alcohol" coming from the person of Paul Roache. As a result, [REDACTED] referred Paul Roache to [REDACTED] for the Employee Assistance Program. With regards to allegations of a suspended driver's license, [REDACTED] has obtained copies of a drivers licenses for all maintenance facility employees. All have active license's to operate motor vehicles. [REDACTED] also had occasion to review a two-plew accident involving Paul Roache on February 26, 2000. [REDACTED] spoke with Paul Roache around the time of the accident, and reported there were no symptoms of alcohol. [REDACTED] also submitted a report to [REDACTED] regarding the issue of snow removal, and the use of school department equipment and funds. This report was submitted on February 25, 2000 in response to a citizen inquiry.

With regards to the allegations of larceny of property, [REDACTED] stated that he had investigated this allegation at the request of [REDACTED] reviewed the delivery tickets (PO107750) by calling Standard Electric Co. of Wilmington. The materials purchased appeared to be consistent with stock material used by the facilities department. It appeared that Paul Roache had purchased these materials for "interactive T.V. cabling" at the Killiam and Birch Meadow Schools. [REDACTED] submitted a written response regarding this material to [REDACTED] on February 28, 2000. On February 29, 2000 Paul Roache submitted a written response to [REDACTED] regarding the materials in question. In his response, Paul Roache stated that the material in question was used for the "interactive TV projects at Killiam and Birch Meadow Schools. Paul Roache also wrote that a "4 way splitter" that was not used was still on his work truck. All remaining stock was accounted for in electrical stock supply. [REDACTED] stated that he also viewed some of the material in question, including the "4 way splitter" and was satisfied that all was in order. [REDACTED] Paul Roache further stated in his written response, that the stock used for a "side job" at the residence of [REDACTED] was supplied by himself at a cost of \$10 to \$15.

that was dated 02-29-2000. Paul Roache stated that he usually purchases his personal supplies at the Home Depot Store.

Paul Roache was asked if these allegations were false, why would someone go to the trouble of filing them? Paul Roache stated that it may involve [REDACTED]

Paul Roache stated that he has done electrical work ("side jobs") for a number of school employees, and there has never been a conflict.

The interview of Paul Roache concluded at approximately 4PM.

On March 7, 2000, at approximately 8:15 am. Paul Roache approached me in the detectives office. He then advised me that he had learned that [REDACTED] had recently gone to Standard Electric Co. in search of certain purchase orders. Paul Roache stated that he had learned this [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had mentioned to Paul Roache that [REDACTED] had been in requesting copies of invoices. On this date at approximately 10:15 am. I traveled to Standard Electric and spoke with [REDACTED] who verified that [REDACTED] had requested and obtained copies of Reading School Dept. purchase orders. [REDACTED] also identified PO#207750 as the copy released to [REDACTED]

On March 7, 2000 at approximately 1:20 pm. I spoke with [REDACTED] at the Facilities Office at Reading High School. [REDACTED] informed me that the office copies of PO#207750 were missing from the file.

At approximately 1:30 pm. I had occasion to interview:

[REDACTED]

This interview was conducted in the office of [REDACTED]. At the outset of the interview, I informed [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] did not have to speak to me, and if she chose to it would be voluntary on her part. I informed [REDACTED] that she was not in custody and was free to leave at any time. I further advised [REDACTED] of Miranda Warnings and advised [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was not a suspect in any crime at this time. [REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED] understood and was willing to speak to me regarding Paul Roache.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was aware of the allegations involving Paul Roache. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] has known Paul Roache for approximately two years. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]

considers Paul Roache a friend who often talks to [REDACTED]. With regards to allegations of being intoxicated on the job, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] has never seen Paul Roache drinking on the job, or drunk on the job. [REDACTED] did state that [REDACTED] has confronted Paul Roache approximately five to six times over the past two years, because of a "morning after odor" of alcohol. [REDACTED] stated that the last time that [REDACTED] confronted Paul Roache was approximately six months ago. On this occasion it was approximately 8:30 to 9:00 AM in the morning, and involved a morning after odor of alcohol. Paul Roache denied that he was drinking on that particular day. [REDACTED] stated that since the arrival of [REDACTED], she has not had any occasion to confront Paul Roache regarding alcohol. [REDACTED] stated that on or about Feb. 22, 2000 [REDACTED] told her that Paul Roache had a plowing accident with the town truck on school property. [REDACTED] claimed that there was damage to the truck, which was the result of Roache drinking at the time. [REDACTED] learned that [REDACTED] had spoken with Paul Roache on this occasion and there were no symptoms of alcohol.

With regards to allegations of Paul Roache operating on a suspended license, [REDACTED] stated that Paul Roache told [REDACTED] that he had been picked up for drunk driving. [REDACTED] believed that this was during the summer of 1998. [REDACTED] stated that Paul Roache also told [REDACTED] that he had a special license that allowed him to operate a motor vehicle during work hours. Paul Roache continued to drive to work in his own vehicle, and drove a town truck while at work. [REDACTED] also recalled that Paul Roache was driven to alcohol education classes by his wife.

With regards to allegations of larceny of materials by Paul Roache, [REDACTED] stated that Paul would never take anything, and doesn't believe that he did. [REDACTED] further stated that Paul Roache is honest. [REDACTED] stated that copies of the purchase order in question (PO207750) are missing from the office file. [REDACTED] could not recall if the copies were ever turned in by Paul Roache. [REDACTED] stated that the allegations against Paul Roache may be motivated by jealousy, and, or a poor relationship [REDACTED].

The interview of [REDACTED] concluded at 2:45 PM.

On March 6, 2000 at approximately 2:50 PM I had occasion to interview:

[REDACTED]

This interview was conducted in the office of [REDACTED]. At the outset of the interview, [REDACTED] was informed that cooperation was voluntary, and that [REDACTED] was free to leave the office at anytime. [REDACTED] acknowledged that [REDACTED] understood and agreed to discuss the allegations against Paul Roache.

With regards to drinking and intoxication, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] has never seen Paul Roache drinking or intoxicated on duty. He further stated that [REDACTED] has heard allegations in the past by [REDACTED]. Allegations were made that Paul Roache was drinking vodka mixed with orange juice. [REDACTED] stated that in the past, [REDACTED] has sent people home or fired employees for being drunk on duty.

With regards to allegations of Paul Roache operating a town truck on a suspended license, all maintenance facility employees have been required to provide copies of their drivers license. These copies were provided six months ago. Paul Roache has an active license. [REDACTED] heard that Paul Roache had lost his license in the past because of DUI.

With regards to allegations of larceny of electrical supplies; [REDACTED] stated that he does not believe that Paul Roache would ever steal anything. [REDACTED] further stated that Paul Roache has done electrical work for a number of school employees, and has always shown receipts. [REDACTED] further stated that the allegations against [REDACTED] are ridiculous.

On March 8, 2000 at approximately 9:10 AM. I had occasion to interview: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he received an anonymous letter approximately three weeks ago. This letter involved allegations of Paul Roache, driving while intoxicated, and driving school vehicles without a driver's license. At the time [REDACTED] believed that the anonymous letter may have been generated by a disgruntled job applicant. This particular applicant had been denied a position with school department, and took issue with a number of school employees including Paul Roache. [REDACTED] also believes that the allegations could be motivated [REDACTED]

With regards to allegations of Paul Roache driving school vehicles while intoxicated, or driving school vehicles with a suspended license, [REDACTED] stated that he had no knowledge of this occurring. [REDACTED] stated that a CORI check was done on Paul Roache prior to his employment, and no record was found. [REDACTED] further stated that it was brought to his attention approximately six months ago, that two maintenance employees may have alcohol or substance abuse problems. As a result both were confronted by [REDACTED] Paul Roache and [REDACTED] referred to the Employee Assistance Program.

With regards to allegations of larceny of town property by Paul Roache, [REDACTED] referred the matter to [REDACTED] for follow up. [REDACTED] became aware of this allegation upon receiving an anonymous letter on the morning of February 28, 2000. [REDACTED] received a written response regarding the electrical items in question from [REDACTED] indicated that the items were used for two school cabling projects, and all appeared in order for the purchase order (207750) in question.

With regards to the work performed at [REDACTED] hired Paul Roache to install two phone outlets, and two cable outlets. This work was done in January 2000 on Paul Roache's own time, and with his own electrical materials. [REDACTED] received a bill for the electrical work performed done by Paul Roache. Total cost was \$150. [REDACTED] paid \$200. by check for this job. (See statement No. 213)

[REDACTED] stated that he has contacted the State Ethics Commission (William Durette) to determine if a Conflict of Interest has occurred between [REDACTED] and Paul Roache. [REDACTED] stated that a number of school employees have hired Paul Roache to perform electrical work.

The interview of [REDACTED] concluded at approximately 10:40 AM.

On March 8, 2000 at approximately 2PM. I had occasion to interview: [REDACTED]

This interview took place in the office of [REDACTED]. At the outset of this interview [REDACTED] was informed that his cooperation in this interview was voluntary. He was further advised that he was free to leave at anytime. [REDACTED] acknowledged this and agreed to speak regarding the allegations against Paul Roache.

[REDACTED] has known Paul Roache for the past two years, and stated that Mr. Roache is a "company man" and is a competent and reliable electrician.

With regards to intoxication, stated that he has never seen any signs or symptoms with Paul Roache. [REDACTED] stated that Paul Roache may have had morning after symptoms on occasion, but was always a good worker who did his job. [REDACTED] stated that he had no knowledge of Paul Roache operating school vehicles under the influence, nor did he know anything about a suspended license.

With regards to the allegations of larceny of materials, [REDACTED] stated that Paul Roache has never taken anything to his knowledge.

The interview of [REDACTED] concluded at 2:30 PM.

On March 9, 2000 at approximately 9:55 AM. I had occasion to interview: [REDACTED]

The interview of [REDACTED] was conducted in the detectives office. Also present for this interview was Sgt. Det. Pat O'Brien. At the outset of the interview, [REDACTED] was informed that he did not have to speak to us. He was informed that his cooperation was voluntary, and that he was free to leave at anytime. [REDACTED] acknowledged that he understood and agreed to speak regarding the allegations against Paul Roache.

[REDACTED] stated that he has known Paul Roache as a co-worker on the Maintenance Department for the past [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that Paul Roache has a long history, and that everyone knows that he has a drinking problem. [REDACTED] went on to say that someone else knows alot more about Paul Roache's drinking problem, and work habits. [REDACTED] would not name this particular person, but inferred that it was another co-worker within the maintenance department. [REDACTED] further stated that Paul Roache is a nice guy, but he is a drinker.

With regards to the allegations of operating school vehicles while intoxicated, [REDACTED] stated that he observed Paul Roache drinking Smirnoff vodka while on duty. This occurred on an unspecified date during the summer of 1999. During the month of January 2000, all maintenance employee's were required to produce copies of their driver's license. As a result, the driving record of Paul Roache indicated an OUI offense, and license suspension in 1998. [REDACTED] went on to say, that Paul Roache stated that "I'm gone now" when management learns of his past OUI, and license suspension. [REDACTED] stated that Paul Roache went to [REDACTED] with his concerns regarding his past OUI and license suspension. [REDACTED] heard that Paul Roache continued to drink and drive after his OUI arrest and license suspension. [REDACTED] stated other school custodians complained about on duty alcohol use of Paul Roache. [REDACTED] stated that Paul Roache, and [REDACTED] were caught drinking on duty by [REDACTED] during the summer of 1999. This matter was referred to [REDACTED] for follow up.

With regards to allegations of larceny of electrical materials by Paul Roache, [REDACTED] stated that, Paul Roache had informed a number of co-workers about the "side job" that he was going to do for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] went on to say that [REDACTED] was with Paul Roache when he made the purchase of electrical stock (PO207750) at Standard Electric on 01-11-2000. [REDACTED] further stated that Paul Roache was bragging about

the stock (PO207750) and the job he was about to do for [REDACTED]. Paul Roache further stated, that fortunately he had some stock left on the truck when questioned by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated, that he obtained copies of PO207750 from Standard Electric to verify the purchase of Paul Roache on a town account. [REDACTED] shared this information with [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] stated that, "this is all coming to a head" and that he has sent a letter to Town Manager Peter Hechenbleikner about the whole thing, to get to the bottom of all this. [REDACTED] stated that he had sent a letter regarding the drinking and driving of Paul Roache, out of concern for the safety of the kids in town. [REDACTED] was shown a copy of an anonymous letter dated, February 7, 2000 addressed to Town Manager Peter Hechenbleikner. [REDACTED] identified this letter, and himself as the author (A Concerned Parent).

At his point of the interview, [REDACTED] stated that he did not want to say anything else, due to concerns of incriminating himself. [REDACTED] was then advised of his Miranda Warnings which were read from a Miranda Card. This card was signed by [REDACTED] Lt. Det. Patterson, and Sgt. Det. O'Brien. [REDACTED] indicated that he understood his Miranda Rights.

[REDACTED] was again informed that he was not in custody, and was free to leave at any time. [REDACTED] stated that he was [REDACTED]. He further stated that efforts had been made to talk to [REDACTED] regarding Paul Roache's behavior. [REDACTED] stated that he had been harassed by [REDACTED] for the past couple of months. When these efforts went no where the letters started. [REDACTED] stated that, Paul Roache's behavior was also brought to the attention of Union officials and the President (Michael Hickey) of the Teachers Union. [REDACTED] stated that there was nothing personal by him against Paul Roache, but something had to be done due to his behavior.

The interview of Paul Lorenzetti concluded at approximately 10:45 AM.

On March 9, 2000 at approximately 10:50 AM. an interview was conducted with: [REDACTED]

Upon [REDACTED] arrival to the office, he was advised that an investigation was being conducted regarding allegations involving Paul Roache. [REDACTED] was further advised that his cooperation was voluntary, and that he did not have to speak with us. He was further advised that he not in custody and, was free to leave at anytime. [REDACTED] acknowledged this and agreed to speak regarding the allegations of Paul Roache.

[REDACTED] stated that he was just worried about his job, and did not want to jeopardize it by speaking with us. I advised [REDACTED] that I had no control over his job, and that would be between him and the Town School Department. [REDACTED] then stated; if this is about Paul Roache, "I'm probably the guy that you want to talk to, I just don't like whats going on, and I want to put a stop to it".

With regards to allegations of on duty intoxication, and operating school vehicles, [REDACTED] stated that Paul Roache often drank at work on a daily basis. He stated that Paul Roache would often purchase alcohol (Smirnoff Vodka) at Eastgate Liquors or another store while working, mix it with Gatorade, and drink it. [REDACTED] went on to say that he often witnessed this as he was with Paul Roache when he did this. [REDACTED] stated that Paul Roache often bragged about his drinking habits. [REDACTED] stated that these purchases and drinking occurred on duty when Paul Roache was operating a School Department Truck. [REDACTED] stated; that Paul Roache stopped his daytime drinking when [REDACTED] became the Facilities Director six months ago. [REDACTED] further stated that numerous people complained to [REDACTED] on numerous occasions (100 times) about the drinking of Paul Roache. [REDACTED] stated that a number of custodians had complained recently regarding Paul Roache's drinking. These included complaints [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that approximately six months ago (October 99) [REDACTED] sent Paul Roache to [REDACTED] for alcohol counseling.

With regards to allegations of Paul Roache operating a town vehicle on a suspended license, [REDACTED] stated that he was aware that Paul Roache had been arrested for OUI by the State Police (1998). He told John that he had lost his license for a year, and had to go to drunk driving classes. [REDACTED] stated that; Paul Roache told him that he had a special license for driving during work hours, but later told him his license was suspended. Paul Roache indicated

that he may receive preferential treatment if stopped by Reading Police officers, because he knew many of them. [redacted] stated that Paul Roache continued to drive vehicles while his license was suspended.

With regards to allegations of larceny of materials by Paul Roache, [redacted] stated: that he witnessed the purchase (PO#207750) by Paul Roache at Standard Electric on 01-11-2000. [redacted] stated that he traveled to Standard Electric in Wilmington with [redacted]. Upon arrival to Standard Electric, Paul Roache placed and received a purchase order (207750) for electrical supplies. At the time [redacted] asked: "What do you need this for?" Paul Roache replied: "This is for [redacted] house tonight." [redacted] then asked "what job are you working on?" Paul Roache stated that he was not going to turn in his portion of the PO (207750). [redacted] stated that he wanted nothing to do with this and walked away from Paul Roache. [redacted] further stated that Paul Roache later bragged about his purchase, and stated: "thank god I had some stock left on the truck when [redacted] checked it". [redacted] recalled feeling that this was too much, and that: something should be done about Paul Roache.

[redacted] stated that Paul Roache had been getting preferential treatment from [redacted] in the maintenance department. [redacted] he lost overtime by not being placed on call after hours. [redacted] stated that Paul Roache received a computer system that he was supposed to receive, for monitoring school buildings. [redacted] stated that he lost approximately \$5000. per year in overtime as a result. [redacted] went on to say that; Paul Roache and [redacted] have a close relationship, and neither of them like himself [redacted].

[redacted] was asked if his allegations against Paul Roache could have been motivated by personal feelings. [redacted] was informed that we had learned that a relationship had occurred between Paul Roache, [redacted]. [redacted] stated that these allegations were not personal against Paul Roache, but were based in fact on his behavior. [redacted] stated that on February 28, 2000 spoke with his Union, and the President of the Reading Teachers Union (Michael Hickey). These union meetings were in an effort to bring the issues with Paul Roache to a head. [redacted] stated that despite his efforts nothing seemed to be getting done. [redacted] was asked if he knew who sent any of the anonymous letters with the allegations against Paul Roache. He stated that he did not know. He was also asked if he knew who sent out copies of the purchase order (207750). He stated that he did not know.

[redacted] was asked if he had any information that; [redacted] knew about the town stock purchased by Paul Roache for his home. [redacted] stated that he doesn't believe that [redacted] knew or had any idea that the stock was purchased on a town account.

asked if it was a crime to send letters, because he did not want to lose his job or incriminate himself. I then advised him that I could not answer that because, it would have to be determined if there was any substantiation of the allegations. If the allegations were shown to be false, a charge of filing a false report of a crime may be considered.

At this point of the interview, [redacted] was advised of the Miranda Warnings. This was done by reading a Miranda Card which was then signed by [redacted] Lt. Det. Patterson, and Sgt. Det. O'Brien. [redacted] was again informed that he was not in custody, and free to leave at anytime.

The purchase order (207750) was reviewed with [redacted] who stated that the stock included Ivory wall plates for residential telephone and cable outlets.

The interview of [redacted] concluded at approximately 12 noon.

On March 5, 2000 at approximately 1:30 PM. Sgt. Det. O'Brien and I traveled to the Maintenance Facility at Reading Memorial High School. Upon our arrival we spoke with [redacted] I informed [redacted] that we would like permission to remove electrical items from the work truck of Paul Roache. [redacted] then contacted [redacted]

[redacted] I then spoke with [redacted] who then gave permission for us to remove any electrical items. At approximately 2PM. Paul Roache arrived at the Maintenance Facility. Upon his arrival Sgt. O'Brien and I requested that he turn over any remaining items that were purchased on purchase order #207750. The following items were then turned over by Paul Roache.

1. 4 way splitter, 2. cable couplings, 3. coaxial cable wire,
4. crimping tool, 5. saw blade

Items from PO207750 that were not available were. telephone wire, (2) Ivory telephone and (2) Ivory Cable boxes

Paul Roache stated that the above items were installed at the Birch Meadow School, a sw box had been installed at the Library, and coaxial cable had been used for interactive TV installations.

At approximately 2:20 PM we met with [redacted] (electrician) in an effort to locate telephone wire from purchase order 207750. [redacted] informed us that particular wire was not on his truck, and that it is not what is used for school installations. [redacted] went on to say that the coaxial cable, and telephone wire from PO207750 is normally used in residential installations. [redacted] stated; "I wish I could have gone through normal channels to resolve this".

On March 9, 2000 at approximately 2:53 PM. Paul Roache arrived at the detectives office for a pre-scheduled meeting. Upon his arrival Paul Roache, Sgt. Det. G'Brien and I adjourned to the interview room.

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Once seated inside the interview room, Paul Roache was read the Miranda Warnings from a Miranda Card. Paul Roache was then asked if he understood his Miranda Rights. He acknowledged that he did. He was asked if he would agree to waive these rights and speak to us regarding the allegations against him. He indicated that he would. Paul Roache was then given the Miranda Card to review and sign. At this time Paul Roache took the card and signed it. The Miranda Card was also signed by myself and Sgt. Det. G'Brien. I further advised Paul Roache that everything he said from this point on would be on the record, and could be used against him in court on criminal charges. Paul Roache again acknowledged that he understood the situation.

Paul Roache was then asked about the allegations of alcohol use while on duty. Paul Roache stated that the allegation was true, and that he had purchased and drank alcohol (Vodka) while at work. He stated that he often drank a half pint of vodka everyday while at work. Paul Roache stated that he would go to a package store, and purchase a half pint of Smirnoff Vodka and mix it with Gatorade. Paul Roache further stated that he often drove the town truck with a "buzz". He stated that [REDACTED] was with him on occasion and witnessed this. Paul Roache went on to say that he stopped drinking daily at work approximately six months ago. He stated that when [REDACTED] came on we put an end to it. [REDACTED] referred Paul Roache to [REDACTED] who referred him to treatment. Paul Roache stated that he did not go to counseling, but did stop drinking on the job. Paul Roache stated that he stopped drinking alcohol completely on March 1, 2000. He further stated that he told his wife that he has quit drinking, and has learned that he has high blood pressure requiring medication.

Paul Roache was then asked about allegations that he had operated a town vehicle while having a suspended driver's license. Paul Roache stated that he had been arrested for DUI by the State Police on July 25, 1998. His case was continued without a finding in the Brighton District Court on August 11, 1998. He then was placed on probation and attended alcohol safety classes. His license was suspended for approximately 165 days. He stated that he continued to operate a motor vehicle by driving to work, and operating a town truck. He told his co-workers that he had a special license that allowed him to drive during work hours. He further stated that [REDACTED] knew that he had lost his license. Paul Roache stated that his license

was returned in November of 1998. Paul Roache stated that he received a ride home by a Reading Police officer following a stop of his personal vehicle. He also had an occasion to speak to Reading Police officer after drinking.

Paul Roache was then asked about the allegations of purchasing stock on a town account for the "side job" at [REDACTED] residence. Paul Roache was then told that a witness had reported that he in fact made a statement indicating that he was using a town purchase order to get the stock for [REDACTED] work. Paul Roache then stated that he may have said that, but he didn't take anything. He stated that he wouldn't deny saying that he may take some stuff from the PO, but he did not take anything.

Paul Roache was then asked if he had [REDACTED] "side job" in mind when he made the purchase order, and picked up the stock. He stated that he probably did. Paul Roache was then asked to review the purchase order (207750). He was informed that our investigation showed that the telephone wire, and coaxial cable he purchased was normally used for Residential, and not commercial projects. Paul Roache stated that category 5 wire and the heavier telephone wire recommended by the computer techs are not really necessary for the school projects. He stated that he often uses the lower grade wire because it saves money and works well. Paul Roache was then asked if the Ivory telephone and cable boxes and plates were could have been used at [REDACTED] residence. He stated that he could have used them. Paul Roache was then asked that if we went into the schools, and examined the interactive TV projects would we find the materials on PO#207750? Paul Roache then stated; "boy you guys are good". He was then asked if the stock on the purchase order was installed in [REDACTED]. Paul Roache then answered yes, "I'm not going to lie about it". He then admitted that he had made out the purchase order at Standard Electric for [REDACTED] "side job". He further stated that [REDACTED] was with him at the time, and that he did make the statement to [REDACTED].

With regards to his previous statement on purchase order #207750 Paul Roache stated that it was not accurate, and the truth was just the opposite of what he had told us. Paul Roache was asked about his written account to [REDACTED] dated 02-29-2000 regarding the electrical supply invoices, and the "side job" performed at [REDACTED]. Paul Roache stated that his earlier report and statement were untrue.

Paul Roache was then asked, if [REDACTED] had any information, or knowledge that the stock for his residence was purchased on a town purchase order? Paul Roache answered no, and further stated that [REDACTED] had no idea, "he didn't have a clue".

The purchase order (207750) was again reviewed with Paul Roache. He identified the following items as installed in [REDACTED]

- (2) IVORY 2PR SINGLE CONN.
- (2) CATV IVORY SINGLE CONN.
- LENGTH OF 4C TEL. WIRE
- LENGTH OF COAXIAL WIRE
- PKG. OF CRIMP PLOCS

Paul Roache was asked if he had ever used other town purchase orders for his personal business. He denied ever using other town purchase orders for personal business.

Paul Roache was then advised of the possible criminal charges he could face as a result of this investigation. He was informed that he may be charged with motor vehicle violations, as well as larceny of property valued less than \$250.

The interview of Paul Roache concluded at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

N. Kevin Patterson
Lieutenant Detective
Reading Police Department