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vs.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,
APPEARANCES:

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DAWN CASE
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*Huh-uh is a negative response
*Uh-huh is a positive response

so, what I'm going to do is essentially -- you
brought a form to us. And we'll review it and
assess it.

If you want, maybe we can start with this
document. And you can go through each of the items
that are listed in there because we've not had a
chance to review it.

MR. LAND: Okay. Well, it starts off when I
was a regular inspector. It's part of my
promotion. I address myself in it as a senior
inspector, which I am currently.

I was assigned to a joint task force with the
FDLE and the postal inspection service. We were
doing that prior to Mr. Beasley coming -- coming
onboard. It was made more formal after he was
appointed as IG.

I was working with FDLE agent Ed King and with
the postal inspector Scott Padgett. We were
working cases of special interest within the
Department of Corrections. Pretty successful with
that.

After Inspector Beasley came onboard, he --
like I said, he made it a little more formal. We
worked our first case without any type of issue.
It was our second case that we started having the
MR. LAND: Introduction of contraband.

MS. MIGUEL: Uh-huh.

MR. LAND: Administratively, we believed that he had violated the policies of the Department of Corrections by some of the very same things I've just said there, as well as meeting with a female who was involved with an inmate. They met at a motel, supposedly had sexual relations. She paid him money and gave him contraband to be introduced into the facility.

MS. MIGUEL: Are those allegations outlined in this document?

MR. LAND: They are outlined in the document --

MS. MIGUEL: All right.

MR. LAND: -- and the events that followed. Toward the conclusion, she had -- she gave us enough information that we requested the search warrant.

Supposedly, while they were having sex, she noted an area of discoloration near his penis. And that would be something that she shouldn't have been able to have seen unless you know, they were in a compromising situation. So, we did obtain a search warrant.

That search warrant ended with negative findings. Mr. Beasley was on top of that. I mean, he was -- he was calling me as soon as the search warrant was over. I told him what was going to happen at that point in time; that we were going to close the criminal case; we were not going to be filing criminal charges; and that an administrative case would follow. He wanted me to slow-walk that process.

MS. MIGUEL: Is that the exact term that he used?

MR. LAND: That was his exact term --

MS. MIGUEL: Uh-huh.

MR. LAND: -- is that he wanted me to slow-walk closing the criminal case and the opening of the administrative case.

MS. MIGUEL: Okay.

MR. LAND: Which would afford Mr. Champion the opportunity to resign without being under investigation.

MS. MIGUEL: Was anybody a witness to that statement --

MR. LAND: No. That was a telephone conversation --

MS. MIGUEL: Okay.

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MR. LAND: -- that took place between me and him.

MS. MIGUEL: Uh-huh.

MR. LAND: There was nobody else present.

MS. MIGUEL: Okay.

MR. LAND: He told me that if I ever divulged that, that he would deny it.

I followed the normal course. I completed my reports, closed my case, and asked my supervisor to -- because it was out of district -- to get with a District 3 supervisor and get the administrative case opened. I did not slow-walk it. And I just let it follow its normal course --

MS. MIGUEL: Okay.

MR. LAND: -- until about, I'm guessing, somewhere between seven and ten days to -- for that procedure to take place.

Once that happened, I received notification from then Chief Ken Sumpter -- he is now the deputy IG -- that a teleconference had been set up for me and Doug Glisson to call into.

As soon as we get on the phone with the Chief, first thing out the gate is that we had blindsided the IG; that he was unaware that an administrative case was going to be opened; that he had not been properly informed on everything; and that he was put in a compromised situation.

Mr. Beasley, then, come on the phone and he confirmed that. I'm totally blindsided at that point in time because I have discussed in detail with him every aspect of this case. And he knew the administrative case was going to be opened.

His exact comments was that we should have shown professional courtesy to Senior Inspector Tony Champion by not -- and not opening an administrative case on his brother.

Well, that's not the standard operating procedure. We are above reprisal. We -- we have an obligation to report violations of policy and procedure and to investigate that. And that's exactly what we did. I don't think professional courtesy is something that you do. Once you do that, you've stepped across the line.

MS. CASE: Can I go back for just a second?

MR. LAND: Sure.

MS. CASE: On the -- you said you were initially assigned to the task force before Jeff Beasley became the inspector general. Who assigned you and what was the purpose of this task force?

MR. LAND: And I -- that's what I'm saying is,
after Mr. Beasley took office, he made it more formal. Most task forces are formed by working men and women in law enforcement. And they come together for the common good of investigating criminal activity.

What we had was -- when I first come on -- or come in -- into the OIG, we had a tremendous amount of tax fraud that was taking place. And this had occurred for 20 plus years. Nobody had ever been successful at investigating one of these cases and getting it prosecuted.

We had a lot of problems between State law enforcement and Federal agencies, IRS. IRS cannot give us the documents that we would need to go out and properly investigate this. And everybody looked at it as a Federal issue that we had no jurisdiction over.

My opinion, and the opinion of Ed King and Scott Padgett, was that we still had violations of State law that we could -- that we could go out and investigate and put some closure to some of this. And that's what we started doing.

We come together, we formed this unit, and we were successful in prosecuting the first case of that nature in the State of Florida. And we just continued to work on other things of special interest of that nature.

And then when Mr. Beasley came, the request was made directly to him to assign me to FDLE and to the postal inspection service task force. And we were still out doing similar type investigations.

If there -- the three of us have kind of some background in doing financial crimes, following the money on criminal activity, money laundering, which supports the payment to corrupt staff.

So, that's kind of how the task force formed up. And that's kind of what we were doing at the time.

MS. CASE: Okay. Do you know who asked Jeff --

MR. LAND: Ed King, I know for sure, was the first one that went forward and said, look, you know, we need A.P. assigned to this unit. And that's -- that's how it was formalized.

MS. CASE: Okay. All right. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt.

MR. LAND: I believe that we had kind of concluded what had occurred in the Champion case. And our next case was -- was a Wakulla correctional officer who was receiving elicit packages in the U.S. Mail, was being paid to introduce contraband into the Wakulla Correctional Institution.

The U.S. Postal Service intercepted a package that contained elicit items. And from that, we were up and running on that case. The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office was also involved in that.

Myself and Ed King -- we filed portions of the charges against the officer. We kept everybody pretty well abreast. I mean, our report-writing system is I just -- we go in and we enter a report on everything that we do. Every interview, every time that we receive additional information -- that is all documented.

We got the arrest -- the arrest warrant -- there was a two-part arrest warrant; part of it came from the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, and the other part came from FDLE OIG.

We let them know that we were going to arrest this officer. I think he had already resigned or been fired or something prior to that. And our understanding, talking to Sheriff Creel down in Wakulla County, is that he was in contact with FDOC and FDLE on doing a press release.

Well, I'm sorry at that point in time the Sheriff was out there doing a press release. Aubrey Land of the OIG does not have the right to tell him he cannot do one. When the Sheriff is telling me that he's working with -- with our people within FDOC to do this press release --

MS. MIGUEL: You feel that?

MR. LAND: I do, too.

MS. MIGUEL: That's weird. Sorry. That doesn't normally happen up here.

MS. LEEKS: It's vibrating.

MS. CASE: What is that?

MS. LEEKS: It's vibrating.

MS. MIGUEL: It's the building maybe.

MR. LAND: Yeah.

(Laughter.)

MS. MIGUEL: That doesn't normally happen, so --

MS. CASE: I've never had that happen.

MS. MIGUEL: Huh-uh.

MS. LEEKS: It's still standing (laughter).

MS. CASE: I don't hear anything. I don't see anything.

MR. LAND: Too many people in the building today (laughter).
MS. MIGUEL: Yeah, maybe. Maybe they are just working extra.

Is it still going? It's okay. It's stopped.

MR. LAND: It's stopped. But --

MS. MIGUEL: That was weird.

MR. LAND: It was.

MS. MIGUEL: All right. Yeah.

MR. LAND: We -- we concluded. And I get called on the carpet by Sumpter that, you know, once again, blindsided Beasley; that he was totally and completely unaware, caught off guard that a press release was coming out; that the work had been done by the OIG's office. A correctional officer had been arrested. And there was nothing in my IIGS reports to support this, which was -- which was a lie, point-blank lie.

I printed off all my reports, scanned them, sent them to my boss man who had already approved them, David Clark. Sent it up from there that, you're absolutely incorrect, A.P. has done exactly what he was supposed to do. This is a press release for sure.

But you know, it's the criticism. It's the daily criticism. It doesn't matter how much you get out here and work, how good of a job that you do. They are going to find fault with it because -- I'm sorry. I'm not a yes-man. I'm not going to be. I have a job to do. I'm going to do it. I'm going to do it professionally. And I'm going to do it with integrity.

That was just kind of another example of the criticism. And that started to deteriorate working relationships with other agencies. And I can tell you, most everybody in FDLE, the actual agents of getting out and doing the work -- they don't want any part of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement -- or Corrections because they are not going to be criticized by Beasley any further.

Ed King has been criticized. Kenny Pinkard -- [sic] has been criticized. And the others that have worked with us -- they are not going to come over and help us anymore. And there's a lot of things that we don't have the specialties to work. We don't have the analytical help. We don't have the budget to get out there and do some of the things that need to be done.

These working relationships that have been established by the working men and women of the OIG's office and FDLE were done for a reason because we were trying to accomplish our objective.

And we work well together.

It's when you have somebody like Beasley that goes in there and starts destroying those relationships. And I don't know that we'll ever get them back. I wouldn't if I were them. Why come over and take the criticism of trying to help someone who is ungrateful, who is a bully.

That's exactly where we are at. I mean, this is just like being on some school campus where you've got the big boy walking around as the bully. And I'm tired of it. And I'm not going to be bullied any longer.

That moves us into another realm. I start working pretty closely with John Ulm. And John is sharing some information with me about things that are going on up in District 3, specifically intelligence that's coming in from Wakulla -- I mean, from Franklin Correctional Institution.

My forte is being able to go in and help people in situations like this. And we did -- we started -- we started -- just to give you an idea, doing what we did at Franklin Correctional Institution, we went in there and took everything we had and threw it against the wall and seen what stuck. And we started picking it apart.

And that's when we started finding all the different things that were going on down there. And we -- we were -- we were talking to a ton of people.

We -- we got on to Cassidy Hill. And Cassidy Hill was a young lady that was involved in a sexual relationship with an inmate. As I described in the Frank -- in the Champion case, the inmate that we're talking to sits down, and he draws us a picture of a tattoo that's underneath her clothing.

There that thing goes moving.

MS. MIGUEL: I know. I feel it.

(Laughter.)

MR. LAND: So, we get sworn testimony from him. We go forth. We get a search warrant. We have female staff members search Cassidy Hill's body unclothed. Sure enough, there is the tattoo that he's describing. That's photographed. That evidence is taken. We do -- we -- we follow up with a court order.

And what a lot of people don't understand -- I'm getting a little off guard here, okay, but we had probable cause to support going forward with an application for a search warrant. What a lot of people don't understand about a search warrant is I
apply for it. Okay? And as the affiant, I'm going
to apply for that search warrant.

The search warrant is the judge's document.
That is his order back to me. He has reviewed my
request. And he has now issued me a direct court
order to go forth and search the body of that
person for the evidence that is sought.

Well, Beasley's idea is that we have violated
some policy and superseded the authority to search
this person. Well, when a circuit judge gives me
an order, I don't care what your policy is. That
means I have ten days to comply with what that
judge has ordered me to do. And no policy -- law
dictates policy. Policy does not dictate the law.
And I think he's a little bit confused about that
one.

And I'm not sure even what policy he's talking
about that we would have violated because we
conduct unclothed searches all the time. You know,
there is a policy out there for conducting
unclothed searches, which is a volunteer search, of
staff members when they enter our institutions. If
we believe they have contraband on them, we can ask
them to submit to that. If they don't, then they
can go home. They don't need to work for us any

If you're -- you know, if you're a micromanager
like he is, surely he should be reading his e-mails
and micromanaging that portion of it as well.
So, I am saying yes, that we put them on
notice of here is an operational plan and that this
is about to happen.

MS. CASE: Do you know when the search warrant
took place?

MR. LAND: June 26th, I believe. That's just
off of memory.

MS. CASE: Okay. Of 2000 --

MR. LAND: It would be the last week of June.

I know that.

MS. CASE: 2013?


MS. CASE: And when did you first hear from
Mr. Beasley that you --

MR. LAND: Within days. Within days. I would
say no more than ten days after that search warrant
had been served because we also interviewed her
that same night. And she resigned.

I've not gone back and listened to that
interview and re-familiarized myself with it to
tell you everything that she said that night
because it's a very lengthy interview. But she

But I had a court order from a judge --

MS. CASE: Can you take me back just a little
bit -- at the time you applied for the court order.

MR. LAND: Uh-huh.

MS. CASE: Had you briefed your chain of
command? I mean, did it -- did everybody in the
chain of command up to the inspector general -- did
they know you were doing this? Or are there so
many going on on any given day that --

MR. LAND: You would probably have to ask John
Ulm that question. I was there to assist.

MS. CASE: Okay.

MR. LAND: And I assisted in writing the
search warrant. Our policy says that any search
warrant conducted -- that there will be a
supervisor there. Doug Glisson was the supervisor.

Doug Glisson was on scene while that search
warrant was being executed so -- now, did the
assistant chief know? Did they send it up -- I'm
saying yes because -- and Doug can -- Doug will be
in this afternoon. Doug can verify this.

But my belief is that an operational plan was

admitted to wrongdoing.

One of the questions that she imposed on me
toward the end was what was going to happen to her.
And I told her I couldn't explain that to her. I
didn't know. That was going to be an
administrative decision there.

And she asked me -- she says, well, what would
you do. I said, I can only tell you what I -- I
would do if I were the Court. She said, well, what
would you -- because I had a good rapport with her.
I played the good cop because we did -- I mean,
kind of right off the bat, me and her developed
some communication back and to. And I could tell
that she was kind of -- you know, she kind of felt
comfortable with me. So, John is the bad cop. And
that's how it worked out all night.

She was looking to me for some answers and
some support. And I told her point blank, I said,
if I was the warden, I'd fire you. She said, well,
what about resigning. I said, I'll provide you the
necessary writing materials. And I gave her a pad
of paper. And she resigned. We treated her fairly
but firmly.

MS. CASE: So, within days or no more than ten
days, how did you -- how did you receive
communication?

MR. LAND: John told me he had told me that he was making copies of the interview and that she complained that we were rude to her. And I think -- I stand corrected on this, but that she was claiming that we forced her to resign. And then I think later on, she came back and she amended that to some degree because I know that there is another chain of events that follows that.

But her complaint starts shortly after that search warrant, within ten days of that. The next thing I hear is that, you know, she's -- she's made some type of EEO complaint that, you know, she's been treated different than other members of Franklin Correctional Institution who are currently on administrative leave down there for criminal wrongdoing.

She's also been arrested because James Padgett was the case agent on that investigation. And James filed criminal charges against her for having sexual -- for sexual misconduct with an inmate, so -- and then, the next thing that I hear is that, you know, my supervisor has got a copy of the interview that began this whole thing. Inmate Whidden. And they want my supervisor to review it under investigation under 14.1102.

I'm sure that they would have served it on me that day, but like I say, I'm out in the field making arrest; and then the following day, I'm up here to work on this Franklin case again. And the stress of everything going on, I wound up in the darn hospital for a couple of days, chest pains and other stuff of that nature. And they actually served me on the 18th, I think it is. That --

MS. CASE: This note -- does that tell you --

MR. LAND: Yeah, that would be the 18th.

So, you know, that in itself -- I don't understand how you do that. I mean, there is a complaint filed in June and you wait until January -- or February to assign a case. You're outside of the 180 days of 112. You can't do that.

I don't have a problem being investigated because I did nothing wrong. The only thing I've done is uncovered criminal wrongdoing at Franklin Correctional Institution.

I'm losing my train of thought here and my place.

(Laughter.)

Excuse me.

MS. CASE: It's all right. Take your time.

and determine if I was inappropriate in my questioning or in the way that I questioned the inmate.

MS. CASE: Were you under investigation at that point?

MR. LAND: I'm saying yes because I feel like I've been under investigation since early July just from what I know. You know, we have -- we have fully expected any day to receive the formal -- the formal letter that we are under investigation. And it didn't come. It didn't come. It didn't come, but I know that the complaint had been made.

And then I think mine was February 18th. Looking at -- if I may -- if I may see this right here just --


MR. LAND: I was out doing arrest in Hamilton County on the 18th. And I think -- looking back on this here -- that's not what I was looking for. I didn't print that out. This is on the back of it here.

Okay. It would have been February 12th that Marilyn Henderson -- where it starts off with Ed Rawls to Marilyn Henderson, Marilyn Henderson to Dave Clark about my February 11th letter that I am

MR. LAND: We've kind of gone through what has transpired with Cassidy Hill. And that opened up a lot of doors for the people that we're talking to about other actions taking place.

We've got inmates down there that are getting their throats cut on a regular basis. Their faces slashed, beat down with locks and socks; tremendous amount of contraband on our compound; allegations that staff is ordering this and bringing in the contraband and being paid and other things. And everybody that we're talking to is saying, you know they killed that kid. You know they killed that kid. Well, who the Devil did they kill?

So, finally I had heard it enough. And I said, go back and start looking at all of the deaths. Nobody could ever give me a name. And I find Randall Jordan-Aparo and start looking at the Randall Jordan-Aparo case. And immediately, bells and whistles start going off. This thing ain't pretty.

That kid -- if I -- I'm almost certain the date is right, September 15th, 2010 -- starts having medical problems. He's going back and to medical. They are sending him back to -- back to his housing, falls out. They have to come down

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there and get him out with a wheelchair. And they take him to medical and put him in the medical infirmary.

Doctor ordered him to be housed in medical infirmary. This kid is sick. I mean, he is really sick. He didn't need to be in the medical infirmary. He needed to be in the hospital. He is begging them, please get me out of here. Call an ambulance. Get me out of here. Won't do it.

He tells them I'm going to sue you if you don't get my ass out of here and take me to a hospital. I'm going to sue y'all. So, a captain goes down there and takes him out of the medical infirmary and puts him in confinement.

**MS. MIGUEL:** Who was the captain? Do you remember?

**MR. LAND:** Captain Brown, I believe. I think he's now a major or a colonel.

**MS. LEEKS:** Did you say Brown?

**MR. LAND:** Brown, I believe, is correct. I don't have the full case file.

**MS. MIGUEL:** This --

**MR. LAND:** Well, the next day, the next captain comes down there and gasses him, and gasses him, and gasses him. The kid can't breathe already.

get fresh air and begging somebody to come help me. And he laid there for five hours. And he died.

And I've got people in my own shop -- one of which is now investigating me -- that was there. She was the highest ranking official in the OIG that was on scene the night that Randall Jordan-Aparo died.

She had an obligation to go down there and look at what went on and to report this, and to talk to the investigator from FDLE that does this investigation. And ain't one thing been done.

I've got people in my own shop that screwed up. I have told Jeff Beasley that they have screwed up. I have told him that we have problems with Randall Jordan-Aparo. That kid is as dead as a wedge. He is never going to be able to come tell his story. There is one person that can tell that story the way that it is. And that's me.

Nobody ever sat down and talked to Mike Devaney and says look here, you've got problems with this case. You were never told things that you should have been told. Mike Devaney says the medical. They don't want to -- I mean, it's just minor stuff. So, why are we going to prosecute

He's got lesions inside of his lungs.

The medical documentation says that he has no pre-existing condition that would be exacerbated by the effects of chemical agents, which is a lie. There is documented proof that this kid is sick. And they gas him, and they gas him, and they gas him. I've done this for 30 years. My skin don't crawl very often. They killed that damn kid. He laid there for five hours begging for help.

Policy and procedure says that you decontaminate an inmate after he has been exposed to chemical agents. Well, if you've -- if he's been decontaminated, why is all this chemical agent all -- still all over him. Why is it still all over his cell, all up against the wall.

This kid was doing nothing wrong. See right there? That's where he's sitting on his bed when they spray him. He ain't up running around that cell showing his butt and deserving to be exposed to chemical agents. They gassed him just because they could.

And he lays right here. And that is the door. And that crack under the door is the only place that clean air comes into that room. And that kid laid with his nose up against that door trying to

that.

That ain't the problem. This ain't a medical issue. It is, but it goes a whole lot further. They had no business spraying this kid with chemical agents. They sprayed him with CN, CS. There were three applications.

Look at the chemical agents that are still in that room. If that's a proper decon -- decontaminated cell, I can fly. And I've brought this to light.

And I'm going to tell you, I am asking for whistleblower protection. And I deserve whistleblower protection because I'm not going to be bullied over this. I'm not going to be run over. And I'm not going to hide it. And I'm going to tell the Jordan-Aparo story.

**MS. CASE:** When did you -- you said you told Jeff Beasley this. When did you tell him and specifically who was there?

**MR. LAND:** Me, John Ulm, James Padgett told him that -- Debbie Arrant was there. Eddie White was there. We have told him that, out of that confinement unit, that there has been requests and letters sent out telling what happened to him and that got referred back to management.
We sent those complaints back down to the administration at Franklin Correctional Institution to resolve the problem instead of sending them to the investigator that’s conducting the criminal investigation here.

MS. CASE: You said Eddie White?
MR. LAND: Eddie White.
MS. CASE: Who was he?
MR. LAND: He was a senior inspector. He was assigned the liaison with FDLE. Debbie Arrant was the lead senior inspector that was on scene that night. She had the ultimate responsibility of overseeing everything and being down there in identifying these problems and seeing what happened to that kid. And I don't think she ever went.

MS. MIGUEL: When did you tell Jeff about those individuals being involved?
MR. LAND: I don't have an exact date.
MS. MIGUEL: Just approximately, maybe month and...
MR. LAND: Late September, early October 2013.
MS. MIGUEL: Okay. What was his reaction or response to the information that you provided?
MR. LAND: Not much of one. As a matter of fact, about the same time that I was promoted to be promoted? Who --
MR. LAND: They told -- they told my supervisor, David Clark, that I had a choice.
MS. MIGUEL: Okay.
MR. LAND: And David says here's your choices; you can either come back over here as a senior --
MS. MIGUEL: Come back over where?
MR. LAND: To District 4.
MS. MIGUEL: Okay.
MR. LAND: Or you can stay on this case, but you're not going to get promoted. And they were going to put Debbie Arrant Carter on this investigation.
MS. MIGUEL: On this investigation that she should have investigated back in 2010.
MR. LAND: Uh-huh.
MS. MIGUEL: Okay. And you say "they" -- they were going to assign her. Who was "they"?
MR. LAND: Beasley.
MS. MIGUEL: Okay.
MR. LAND: And Doug Glisson says you can't do this.
MS. MIGUEL: Uh-huh.
MR. LAND: I told Jeff Beasley that Debbie Arrant Carter and others within our own shop were senior over in District 4 -- and within just a few days, they are going to be replacing me off of this investigation because that was -- that was part of the agreement for me to give up this investigation to get the senior promotion.

MS. MIGUEL: Excuse me? Say -- say that again.
MR. LAND: I had a choice of either staying on this investigation --
MS. MIGUEL: Uh-huh.
MR. LAND: -- as a regular inform -- as regular --
MS. MIGUEL: Uh-huh.
MR. LAND: -- inspector or receive a promotion to senior inspector. And I had to give this case up.
MS. MIGUEL: Okay. When did that promotion occur?
MR. LAND: Middle of September, early October. I forget exactly.
MS. MIGUEL: After you reported the wrongdoing?
MR. LAND: Oh, yeah.
MS. MIGUEL: Okay. And then who did you make the agreement that you would give this case up and going to have to answer some very difficult questions about what happened to Randall Jordan-Apelo the day that he died. He knew that she's either the subject of a coverup or she was a witness. But either way, she's going to -- she's going to get hammered. She's going to get asked some very tough questions.

This is now a Federal probe. This investigation -- we never went to Jeff Beasley and asked him, can we get the FBI and the FDLE involved in this because when I started finding out the things that I did about Randall Jordan-Apelo, I reached across the line and called Ed King. And I said, man, you ain't going to believe what I just found.

I started talking about this. And he said hold on a minute, buddy. He said, I think that Mike Devaney investigated that case. So, he reached out and calls Mike. And Mike calls me. And Mike's, like, dude -- he says, I've had heartburn over this case since day one. He said, but I never got any of this here. So, we sit down and we go over it. And I start showing him. And he's, like, dude, I had no clue. Nobody ever come -- nobody ever gave me any of this.
I watched hours of this kid's video, the last hours of his life. When they sprayed him -- these windows in those confinement cells are way smaller than that window there, but they are long, elongated. There is enough light coming in there that I can see shadows. I may not be able to see bodies, but I can see shadows of movement. I'm seeing shadows in everybody else's cell in that area. There is no shadows moving.

This kid is sick. This kid has been begging for help. The only thing that he done wrong is he asked, please help me. He doesn’t have the ability to pick up the phone and call 911 and get an ambulance out there.

The security staff is responsible for his wellbeing. And they neglected him. And then they went down and gassed the hell out of him. And they killed him. Just as sure as if we're sitting in this room, their neglect killed that kid.

If they had carried him to the hospital and done the right thing for him, Randall Jordan-Aparo may be alive today. But he's dead.

MS. MIGUEL: September of 2010 you said is when he passed away or was killed?
MR. LAND: September 19th, 2010, if I'm not badly mistaken was the day that Randall Jordan-Aparo died.

MS. MIGUEL: Who was the inspector general at that time?
MR. LAND: That would have been -- would have been prior to Beasley.
MS. MIGUEL: Okay.
MR. LAND: That would have been under the Crist administration. It would have been -- we went through a lot of inspectors. Mr. Hatcher, I believe.
MS. MIGUEL: Okay.
MS. CASE: All of this information -- when you called Ed King -- you said it's now a Federal probe. Tell me how that happened.
MR. LAND: We sat down with Mike Devaney and started discussing this. Mike reaches out to FBI. We meet on the case and we talk about this case and the case that John Ulm is the lead inspector for the OIG on.

We went over to the U.S. Attorney's office. And myself and John and Mike and others briefed the U.S. Attorney on what we found at Franklin Correctional Institution. And they launched a Federal probe.

DOJ is looking at this death investigation and the other issues down there. We even interviewed a lot of different people on this. Fully expect it to go to indictment.

MS. CASE: When you say indictment -- the correctional officers or security officers on duty that night who were involved in the gassing?
MR. LAND: That day and that night, yeah.
MS. CASE: Okay. Are they looking at the OIG employees?
MR. LAND: I don't know. We ain't talked to them yet. But I can tell you this, there's going to be some dag-blabg tough questions to answer when you've got an inmate that's sending a letter out saying, mama, they killed this kid back here in the confinement cell.

The kid was sick for days, and they gassed him, and they gassed him, and they gassed him. And he begged for his life, and he begged for help and nobody ever came. And they let him lay there and die. Mama, they had killed him.

And that letter gets intercepted. And we've -- we RM it, refer it back to management. And we do nothing. We don't send it over to the investigators. We don't contact Mike Devaney, who we know is investigating the death. Mike, you might want to look at this here. This -- this just might be a little something that you would be interested in.

MS. CASE: Who referred it back to management?
MR. LAND: Kelly Martin, if I'm not badly mistaken. The IG supervisor at that time was Debbie Arrant.

MS. CASE: She was over Kelly?
MR. LAND: I may stand corrected on that one.
MS. CASE: The videos that you spoke about -- the documentation that you were finding -- all of that's now in the hands of the Federal probe?
MR. LAND: That it is.
MS. CASE: Okay. When you all went back to Ed King and talked to Mike Devaney, was that done with the knowledge of the chain of command in the OIG's office? Or is that just something that y'all do because you work cases and --
MR. LAND: It started off just agents talking to agents. And then there is a meeting. And then -- I don't remember if it was the first meeting or the second meeting we had, formal meeting that Beasley shows up to.

But you know, got this little cocky attitude
about him. And you know, we're talking about that
this is a longevity case. And he spouts off about,
well, A.P. and John have been hanging around these
guys with FDLE too long. They think everything is
a longevity case.

Well, my buddy Ed King that I've worked with
for a long time, he's -- he's pretty outspoken.
And Ed looked at him. He told him -- he said, son,
you ain't in Atmore, Alabama, no more. He said, we
don't just walk by and kick a rock every now and
then. We turn them over to see what's under them
around here. Mr. Beasley shut up and go on then.

But you know, I'm a rogue investigator,
according to him, going over to FDLE and throwing
everybody under the bus. Instead of standing up
and saying we're going to do what's right, let's
just criticize these investigators and make them
look bad to the law enforcement community.

You know, I'm just -- I'm just mad because I'm
under investigation. Hell, I'm in the hospital
down there for two weeks pains and
running all kinds of different tests and everything
else.

And you've got the deputy IG over there. They
are doing my Workers' Comp claim. And HR is down
there talking to him. And he says oh, there
probably ain't nothing wrong with him. He's
probably just upset because he's under
investigation. I didn't even know I was under
investigation at that time.

That's a 112 violation. That's a criminal 112
violation by the deputy IG of the Department of
Corrections by exposing the fact that I'm under
investigation.

MS. CASE: To HR?
MR. LAND: To HR. HR ain't got no business
knowing that I'm under administrative
investigation. They are human resources. Turn
around and deny my Workers' Comp claim. I'm on
duty when I start having chest pains.

MS. LEEKS: And who divulged that information
specifically to HR?
MR. LAND: Who -- who di--
MS. LEEKS: Who--
MR. LAND: Divulged that?
MS. LEEKS: Yeah. Who--
MR. LAND: Ken Sumpter, deputy IG.
MS. LEEKS: Because he was the one who was
processing the Workers' Comp with HR?
MR. LAND: No. No. HR was processing the

Workers' Comp claim. And somehow or another, it
got mentioned, my name. And he just spouts out of
his mouth, well, he's -- probably nothing to it.
He's just not wanting to come to work because he's
under investigation.

MS. CASE: How do you know that was said?
MR. LAND: Because she picked up the phone and
called my supervisor's office.

MS. CASE: Who is "she"?
MR. LAND: Delores Acorn.

MS. CASE: And do you remember about the time
when you were having tests run that just--
MR. LAND: I went in on the 13th and was there
on the 14th.

MS. CASE: Of--
MR. LAND: It would have been somewhere
around -- I didn't even know I was under
investigation. If -- I'm almost certain it was the
same day that I got served because David Clark
called me. And he said look here, dude, you're
under investigation. I've got to give you this
letter.

MS. CASE: So, you're talking February.
MR. LAND: I'm talking about February 18th.
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<td>either the right thing to do or it's the legal thing to do, or it's both because you've got this Federal probe over here that's got important issues that's going on, but you've got this administrative case against you. You've got to tell the people. Well, that started a firestorm at FDLE. And now Beasley is over there -- you know, we're rogue investigators. You know, Kenny Pinkerton [sic] and them has called in claiming they are in some type of a conspiracy to get Jeff Beasley removed from office with John Ulm. Y'all need to talk -- I'm telling you, you need to talk to some of these people. You need to talk to Ed King. You need to talk to Kenny Pinkerton. But you need to offer them protection when they do that because I'm going to tell you, that's a schoolyard bully right over there. And he's going to bully anybody that stands up to him. Kenny Pinkerton got his butt handed to him over there at FDLE just a few days ago by Beasley because of all this stuff. You know, they send word down to Doug Glisson yesterday, you know, we know what you're up to. That is nothing -- that is telling you to do nothing but sit down, son, and shut your mouth.</td>
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| questions, that was after the Federal probe had started. MS. MIGUEL: Okay. Tell us about what happened in November when you actually were removed from that investigation, and then it was reassigned to inspector -- MR. LAND: Meaney -- MS. CASE: She's got to leave in a little bit. MR. LAND: Okay. Meaney, who was a junior investigator -- he came from FHP. He's not a criminal investigator, homicide investigator or anything else. He was assigned to relieve me. I don't think Meaney has done very much on the case since he's been in there. And I'm not sitting here trying to criticize the young man. I think Meaney is probably a pretty good kid. But you know, you're assigned to this investigation. This should be your primary, the death of that kid. Well, within the month of him being assigned to that investigation, he is now investigating John Ulm, who is his co-chair in the OIG. MS. CASE: What's he investigating Ulm for? MR. LAND: The complaint -- the Hill file. MS. CASE: I thought you said Arrant was assigned that one. MR. LAND: She is. They split it up. It's two different cases. MS. CASE: Okay. MR. LAND: They've opened a 2014 case on this. I don't know why in the Devil you would do it, but they did it. They also got the EEO complaint going against John. It's supposed to be done in 20 days. It ain't done yet. Mike Meaney is doing that one. Now, let me -- let me throw something in the whole mix here. What does that do to Federal prosecution. What does it do to Federal prosecution and all of the cases -- Hill is not -- Hill is a State case. But all the rest of them are State -- or Federal cases. Now, you've got your investigators investing -- investigating wrongdoing, Debbie Arrant being one of them potential of wrongdoing. You turn around and you assign Debbie Arrant to investigate your investigators that investigated the death of Randall Jordan-Aparo and the beatings and the stabblings and the cuttings and the gang activities and all of the other stuff that's going on at Franklin Correctional Institution. How convoluted do you think that's going to be in a...
MR. LAND: Point blank that the things that happened inside that cell was never reported to FDLE.

MS. CASE: Okay.

MR. LAND: There was a duty and an obligation of the inspectors that was there that night, especially Debbie Arrant being there, the senior lead senior inspector down there. She had obligations of making sure that certain things were done. Eddie White had an obligation as well. They didn't do their job.

Now, they have -- they had a junior inspector -- and it even gets more convoluted. We do uses-of-force. Okay? So, we've got this use-of-force on Jordan-Aparo here. Nobody ever watched the use-of-force tape. Nobody even put in the inspector's comment that Inmate Randall Jordan-Aparo died five hours after being exposed to chemical agents. That use-of-force is sent to the use-of-force unit at the Florida Department of Corrections and cleared within 14 days. How does that happen?

It's not the use-of-force unit's fault. They don't know. All they know is they've got a regular chemical-agent use-of-force here. They're not going to go back and watch all five hours of this here. They are going to look at a short period of time in there. They are going to -- they are going to run their normal course. It's not obvious what happened. It's when you take the longevity look and you see everything that happened.

Debbie Arrant Carter and Eddie White had a responsibility to sit down and watch the same video that I've watched and to document the problems that went on there. And they didn't do it. I can't answer why they didn't do it. They are going to have to.

MS. CASE: Okay.

MR. LAND: And Jeff Beasley knows that. And he's lying when he says that he ain't been told because I told him.

MS. CASE: In the presence of two other individuals.

MR. LAND: In the presence of two other individuals.

MS. CASE: Okay. I want to get back to that time when you all told him. What did -- what should he have done different in your mind if you told him, but he also knew there is a Federal probe that's looking into that piece of it? What should he have done? What part of that do you have a concern with or an issue with or -- and who is he lying to when he says nobody told him?

MR. LAND: He went to FDLE and says he ain't never been told this. He's never -- nobody has ever told him that there was any indication of wrongdoing from within the OIG staff themselves.

MS. CASE: Okay. And when was that?

MR. LAND: That was in the last month.

MS. CASE: Do you know who he said that to?

And how do you know that?

MR. LAND: John Ulm would be the one that could tell you that. You can -- Kenny Pinkard -- Kenny Pinkerton -- Teresa Gustafson possibly. I don't know if she'll talk to you. She's Federal. She ain't got to.

MS. CASE: Okay.

MR. LAND: Her husband, who is the ASAC over at --

MS. MIGUEL: Don Ladner.

MR. LAND: Yeah, Don Ladner; Tonja Bryant, FDLE.

MS. CASE: Uh-huh.

MS. MIGUEL: So, he, Jeff Beasley, went to FDLE within the last month and said to the team,
John Ulm, Kenny, Teresa, Don Ladner, Tonja Bryant, that he never knew the DOC IG staff were implicated in the death investigation?

MR. LAND: I don't think John was there. John was made aware of it.

MS. MIGUEL: Okay.

MR. LAND: I've since been made aware of it.

MS. MIGUEL: But that's what he went to FDLE and said?

MR. LAND: And that there was a coup to get him removed and all this kind of stuff.

MS. MIGUEL: Okay.

MR. LAND: And he was put on notice by John when John received his 112 letter that he was under investigation --

MS. MIGUEL: Uh-huh.

MR. LAND: -- that you can't have her on there with -- you know, she's part of this, told again -- she's still on it today.

And I can tell you something else on that investigation there, I'll bet you my old, dirty hat as good as it wears there ain't a mention one that Aubrey Land done anything wrong. If it is, I want to see it.

MS. MIGUEL: You've received notice that you're under investigation in the --

MR. LAND: Yes, ma'am.

MS. MIGUEL: Okay.

MR. LAND: It's on the back of the --

MS. MIGUEL: Okay. Gotcha.

MR. LAND: -- one I provided you.

MS. MIGUEL: Okay. And that's the February 18th notification that you're referring to.

MR. LAND: Correct.

MS. MIGUEL: Who advised you that you were under investigation on February 18th? It was in the notification --

MR. LAND: It would have been given to me -- to me by my supervisor.

MS. MIGUEL: Okay.

MR. LAND: David Clark.

MS. MIGUEL: Okay.

MR. LAND: It had been sent up through the chain from Ed Rawls and Debbie Arrant.

MS. MIGUEL: Gotcha. Okay.

MS. CASE: Sorry. I see all your background now. I just hadn't had a chance to read it. But thanks for putting that in there.

MR. LAND: But you know, the funny thing is,

you go back and compare, there was never a problem with the search warrant on Champion. Beasley knew all about that. He's right up the middle of that on a daily basis. He knows that we -- we photographed every inch that boy's body.

But there is a problem with Cassidy Hill. Supposedly Beasley and Cassidy Hill's attorney had issue with it. Well, one, I don't know why in the Devil he's talking to a defense attorney. If the defense attorney has got a problem with something, there's called a motion to suppress. And you take it before the Court, okay, and you ask the Court to suppress it.

You ain't going to find no suppressible issues with the search warrant. I wrote it. I know. I've written hundreds of them.

MS. CASE: How do you know -- how do you know that Beasley talked to the attorney?

MR. LAND: I don't.

MS. CASE: Okay.

MR. LAND: I don't know. He may be lying about that, too.

MS. CASE: Did he say he talked --

MR. LAND: He said -- my -- I'm talking behind somebody else now. Okay? This is John Ulm and Doug Glisson -- that at the Christmas party that he's talking -- I think that's correct. And it's in here that, at the Christmas party, that Jeff was saying that we F-ed up; that him and Hill's attorney has a problem with this; and that Ms. Parker is going to be writing a big, fat check because of how we F-ed up.

MS. CASE: Did you hear him make those --

MR. LAND: I did not hear it.

MS. CASE: Okay.

MR. LAND: But John Ulm can testify to that. James Padgett may be able to. I can't tell you for sure on that one. And Doug Glisson.

MS. CASE: Okay.

MR. LAND: But all I can say is if he is stupid enough to be talking to defense attorneys about an ongoing criminal case -- that's just unbelievable. You don't do that.

MS. CASE: Is it possible, if a complaint was filed by Ms. Hill, that the attorneys who were in that complaint had said the attorney has an issue with it and that -- I mean...

MR. LAND: I don't know.

MS. CASE: You don't know. Okay.

MR. LAND: I have asked to see the evidence
against me and they have denied me. I have had my
attorney reach out to them and ask them. They have
denied me. I have sent it up to the secretary,
deputy secretary, and to chief counsel. And it's
being reviewed now as to whether or not -- I don't
think that they can provide it because I don't
think it exists. That's my opinion. I can't prove
that one. But you are CIG. You can ask for it.
Maybe they won't deny you (laughter).

MS. MIGUEL: I'm trying to make sure we go on
to the next piece. We left off about in February
when you received the notification from your
supervisor that you were under investigation. And
that letter of notification -- what does it say
you're under investigation for?

MR. LAND: "A complaint against you has been
alleged for improper conduct."

MS. MIGUEL: Okay. It does not elaborate any
further other than improper conduct?

MR. LAND: Huh-uh.

MS. MIGUEL: Okay. Is that standard SOP for
DOC?

MR. LAND: That would be -- that would be
standard that once you're placed under 112
investigation --

can't get it to pull up on my phone right now.

MS. MIGUEL: That's okay. Somewhere around
the 20th of February?

MR. LAND: I would --

MS. MIGUEL: Okay. This year.

MR. LAND: I would think so.

MS. MIGUEL: Okay. Right below that, this
bullet here where it says, based upon the above-
described events, including other incidents related
to this investigation, you believe that the case
has been severely compromised for strong appearance
of sabotage including misfeasance by Beasley and
others.

MR. LAND: Yes, ma'am.

MS. MIGUEL: The case that you're talking
about -- you're talking about the death case; is
that correct?

MR. LAND: I'm talking about the death of
Randall Jordan-Aparo, and I'm talking about the
other issues where inmates were beaten down, gang-
related activities directed by -- by staff members
and other things of that nature.

MS. MIGUEL: Okay. This is the same case
that -- the one that is being led by the Federal
probe, you call it, correct?
MR. LAND: Because I'm going to have to sit up there and I'm going to have to explain how my own agency, the inspector general of my own agency -- knowing that I'm out here investigating this stuff, knowing that I'm looking at people within our own agency -- that you will allow them to assign that case against me. It should have been told at best.

MS. MIGUEL: Okay. Thank you.

MR. LAND: This is all going to be -- I know we don't have discovery in the Federal system because it's trial by ambush. But what we do have is we have the Sunshine Laws where all they've got to do is go and pull my entire personnel record. You can see everything I've ever been involved in; any shootings, any uses-of-force, any other things that you want to see -- it's all there.

And now, then, you're going to see Debbie Arrant Carter investigating Aubrey Land in February 2013 [sic], but yet, Aubrey Land found possible wrongdoing by her in July, August, September of last year. If that -- if that ain't messed up this case, a Federal prosecutor is going to cringe when he hears that.

MS. MIGUEL: So, by the management of this case, setting up who investigates whom and all of that, creating this kind of difficult situation at best -- you say it gives you a stronger appearance of sabotage including misfeasance by Beasley and others. Who are the others that you're referring to? Just in the chain of command, the management that --

MR. LAND: Yes, ma'am.

MS. MIGUEL: Okay. I assume you mean Ken Sumpter?

MR. LAND: And then you've got Ken Sumpter sitting down there running his big mouth about me being under investigation.

MS. MIGUEL: Okay.

MR. LAND: You know, how much further do you want to damage your investigators?

MS. MIGUEL: Right. Okay.

MR. LAND: And I can tell you right now, I -- I want that investigated. That's a 112 violation of the law.

MS. MIGUEL: Do you have reason -- or any proof of any kind to demonstrate that Beasley has done this because he doesn't want something looked into? Or is this simply just he's over his head or he's just mismanaged it? Do you have -- what are your thoughts on that? And tell me what proof you may specifically have that supports your thoughts.

MR. LAND: Good question because Jeff Beasley is so far over his head as the inspector general of the Florida Department of Corrections, it ain't funny.

And I made a mistake the other day and said something and I'm going to say it again. He was running around his driveway on a big wheeler making woo-woo noises when I was putting people in jail. Okay. That don't make me better than him. But I'll put my investigative experience up against his any day of the week. And I don't believe that he can go out there and do the things that men like myself and John Ulm and others do.

And I've got some dag-blang good people out there. Jeff Beasley can't walk in our shoes. I don't know if that makes him jealous. I don't know what that does to Jeff Beasley, but he can't reach out across the aisle to his people and tell them you've done a good job.

He goes behind your back and finds fault with everything that you do. He's proved to me by the Tony Champion case that he thinks that I'm supposed to give professional courtesy.

He thinks that I'm supposed to overlook wrongdoing. And now, then, you've got Debbie Arrant sitting right there. She's one of his inner circle. And she's got problems. And I'm catching hell.

So, I'll let you decide which one you think it is; if it's incompetence or if it's just flat-out corrupt. But either way, he's got about as much business being the IG in the Department of Corrections as I've got flying the space shuttle. And they've retired that thing.

MS. CASE: A couple of questions. And like I said, it's a lot -- we're going to have to read this, go back through it. And I'm sure we're going to have to talk with you again, if that's okay.

MR. LAND: You can call me any time.

MS. CASE: The -- the issue -- you very specifically state that you believe Jeff Beasley criminally violated the Bill of Rights.

MR. LAND: Sure.

MS. CASE: So, that's -- you're alleging a crime --

MR. LAND: I am.

MS. CASE: -- against the inspector general. Okay.

MR. LAND: And -- and --
MS. CASE: And Sumpter.
MR. LAND: Sumpter as well.
MS. CASE: Okay. When I flip to the next page and you're specifically talking about the whistleblower statute, you're stating that you believe Beasley and others created and have presented a substantial and specific danger to the public health, safety, welfare.
Tell me specifically what Beasley did in that prong; what you're thinking there so I understand which points.
MR. LAND: You go back and you look at what happened in Franklin Correctional Institution. We had inmates getting their throats cut, their faces sliced open. We had inmates being beat down. We had staff members reportedly ordering these hits by inmate on inmate.
You destroy that case and you put those people back inside that correctional facility down there, and if that doesn't meet that right there --
MS. CASE: I'm with you, but I don't understand how Jeff did something to get there.
Because you all have been investigating --
MR. LAND: We have.
MS. CASE: You're doing your job. So, what is it that he did specifically to prevent that?
MR. LAND: You destroy this case, you sabotage this case, these people are right back on that job doing the same thing tomorrow.
MS. CASE: Okay. And he's destroyed it by putting Debbie Arrant on a case and going to FDLE --
MR. LAND: I think -- I think that he has come so close to destroying that case that it ain't funny.
MS. CASE: Okay.
MR. LAND: And I think it's going to take some very good investigative work. And it's going to take, one, him no longer either being there for us to say that he messed this up and for me to sit up on that stand and say, yes, I was -- I was probed by my own people for doing this, but I stood the test of time and I'm here to tell you that Jordan-Aparo story.
MS. CASE: Okay.
MR. LAND: But I don't think we can do that with Jeff Beasley as the inspector general of the Department of Corrections.
MS. CASE: Okay. I'm going to ask you another question. This one is a little bit tougher. Okay?

If someone asks us -- and I'm just wanting to know what your answer is. It doesn't matter to us in terms of doing a whistleblower determination. We're going to do it based on what you've disclosed. That's what the statute says.
The issue regarding this inmate -- and I -- I mean, your -- your passion, your frustration -- it's very, very clear. I mean, I don't know what you're going through having to have looked at all this stuff that you found.
Why did you wait until now, after a complaint against you, and not back in the fall when this was really starting to come out? Tell me -- tell me why you're just now coming to us.
MR. LAND: Back in the fall, I was out doing this investigation. I was finding the Jordan-Aparo story. I was talking to people. And I was building my case. It was not until they started trying to destroy that case that I needed to be protected or that I needed the story protected.
MS. CASE: Okay. You are no longer on the task force?
MR. LAND: I am no longer on that task force. I'm still having to do reports because the one that they put over haven't done any.
then --

MR. LAND: And I want to say that I really appreciate y' all taking the time.

MS. MIGUEL: Of course. That's what we're here for.

MR. LAND: This -- this has been hard for me.

MS. MIGUEL: I can only imagine.

MR. LAND: 30 years -- I take a lot of pride in what I do.

MS. MIGUEL: Sure.

MR. LAND: I've helped a lot of people who needed help themselves.

Jeff Beasleys of this world ain't going to bully me. I will stand behind no man. I stand out front. I do that with pride. But I've had all of him I'm going to take. And if it means giving my badge and my gun, I'll give it up. I'll go to the house (unintelligible). But I'll be damned if I'll serve a self-centered bully like that man right there any further.

MS. MIGUEL: Okay. If you were the inspector general, hypothetically speaking, what would you do?

MR. LAND: I would fire myself right now.

MS. MIGUEL: (Laughter.) What else would you blame me. If a mistake was made, I made it.

It ain't the quality of the person, but you've got to cross the street over there. I was misinformed. Somebody didn't tell me everything. Somebody else's fault.

Make inquiry of Mr. Folsom over there.

Mr. Folsom is a good man. They blamed everything on him and it wasn't him. That was Ken Sumpter and that was Jeff Beasley trying to save face.

Mr. Crews caught their hands on it.

That's why he don't want Mr. Crews and his chain of command -- I believe Mr. Crews is fixing to do the right thing because it's the right thing to do everyday. He thinks he can weasel his way around and hide and get away.

He don't want us coming up here. He doesn't -- I don't think he knows I'm here. He knows I've been over there at Mr. Crews's office, but I don't think he knows that I'm here.

And he's going to do every bit of damage control that he can. And he'll try and minimize everything that he can. And he's going to lie to you. And you have to ask yourself this: Do I want a man of that integrity as one of my I.Gs.

MS. MIGUEL: Do you think that the FBI, FDLE do to get this or preserve this invest-- -- these investigations? What would you do to ensure that the A.P. Lands and others get a fair internal investigation --

MR. LAND: You're talking about the inspector general of the Department of Corrections?

MS. MIGUEL: Yes, or if you were --

MR. LAND: If I were in your shoes -- it would be some very difficult questions. I think if I were you, I think I would go across that street there and I would sit down with a man of extreme integrity, and that being Mike Crews.

And I would play this whole thing out to him, if I could and say, do you have the confidence in the man continuing to serve under you. And I would be asking myself this: Can everybody be wrong?

I won't lie to you. As far as I'm concerned, I -- I -- I wish y'all had put me under oath for this because I take great pride in walking into a courtroom or any other procedure and raising my right hand and telling the truth. It may not always be popular for me. Okay?

I've had to look at juries and tell them hard things. Somebody screwed up out there. And I was commander of that unit. You don't blame them; you case on to the deaths, the contraband, the gang activity, et cetera, can be salvaged moving forward from here today?

MR. LAND: Without Jeff Beasley at the helm, yeah, it can.

MS. MIGUEL: Okay.

MR. LAND: I tell you what you do is you go in there and you tell the story. You tell the story and you tell it with compassion. You can't make up compassion. Compassion comes from your heart. You can't act. If I come in here and try to act and tell you the story, I'd have looked fake. I know that kid. I know he deserved better.

MS. MIGUEL: What about the case where Debbie Arrant is investigating allegations of wrongdoing inside the I.G's office? What would you do with that?

MR. LAND: It started -- okay. You can't stop it because it looks like a coverup. That would be the worst thing that could possibly happen now is that the case against me and John Ulm and whoever else is stopped. It's got to go forward.

Otherwise, the public-records request -- it just further hurts that criminal case.

I'll tell you right now, I ain't scared of no
investigation. I ain't done nothing wrong. That bunch over there will make it look like I did, though. That's what I'm scared of.

MS. MIGUEL: Uh-huh.

MR. LAND: I'm scared that -- Amy is probably -- and I don't know Amy. Probably a very good person. Probably -- and from what I hear, great integrity. But you know, when you are around something too long -- we all play in the mud, we all get muddy. You may be standing close by and get some slug on you. I don't think Amy would take the mud well. But she hears all this stuff.

Start it there. Start it there. Put somebody on it. Find out when the first case -- when the first complaint in this case was made. Simple thing is that whoever took the first complaint should have followed through. If there is more to it, it should have been looked at. It should have been looked at within the 180 days of 112.

I don't think that you can supersede that and go into 2014, open a new case and expect that to survive. I think that's what you're going to find.

I think it's all going to stem from -- from the initial complaint.

And like I said a while ago, I don't believe you're going to find my name in there doing anything wrong. John didn't do nothing wrong that night either.

Supposedly, we took dirty pictures from our cellphones, rumor. Ain't nobody done that. Pictures were taken. They exist. Pictures were taken on a regular digital camera. I've seen one of them. I can't remember that I've seen any others. I'll stand up and see what happens.

John Ulm is a man of integrity, too. He'll tell the truth. Anybody else that was there that night is going to tell the truth, the truth whether you're riding or walking.

MS. MIGUEL: Any other follow-ups that you can think of?

MS. CASE: Not right now. Not right now.

MR. LAND: If y'all need anything, call me.

MS. MIGUEL: We will.

MS. CASE: We will.

MS. MIGUEL: We appreciate it. Thank you for coming by.

MR. LAND: Very nice to meet y'all.

MS. MIGUEL: Very nice to meet you.

MS. CASE: Very nice to meet you.

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