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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Sanford Police Investigator, CHRISTOPHER SERINO, work phone number 407-417-7866, personal cell [REDACTED] was interviewed at Sanford Police Station on March 3, 2012 at approximately 11:00 am. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents, SA Elizabeth C Alexander and SA Matthew Oliver, and the nature of the interview, he provided the following information:

Investigator Serino reviewed his police report dated 03/12/2012 in which he wrote, "The encounter between GEORGE ZIMMERMAN and TRAYVON MARTIN was ultimately avoidable by ZIMMERMAN, if ZIMMERMAN had remained in his vehicle and awaited the arrival of law enforcement, or conversely if he had identified himself to MARTIN as a concerned citizen and initiated dialog in an effort to dispel each party's concern. There is no indication that Trayvon MARTIN was involved in any criminal activity at the time of the encounter. ZIMMERMAN, by his statements made to the call taker and recorded for review, and his statements made to investigators following the shooting death of MARTIN, make it clear that he had already reached a faulty conclusion as to MARTIN's purpose for being in the neighborhood."

Agents asked SERINO about the above statement and he replied that just the act of following him (MARTIN) was the instigation (of ZIMMERMAN) and nothing else. SERINO believed that ZIMMERMAN's actions were not based on MARTIN's skin color rather based on his attire, the total circumstances of the encounter and the previous burglary suspects in the community.

Serino explained to agents that the local gangs, referred to in the community as "GOONS", typically dressed in black and wore hoodies. Serino believes that when ZIMMERMAN saw MARTIN in a hoody, ZIMMERMAN took it upon himself to view MARTIN as acting suspicious. Serino described ZIMMERMAN as overzealous and as having a "little hero complex", but not as a racist. Serino explained that on numerous occasions he asked ZIMMERMAN specifically if he followed MARTIN based on his skin color and ZIMMERMAN never admitted to this fact.

Serino told agents that he has talked to ZIMMERMAN on numerous occasions and feels like he knows him fairly well. Serino thinks that ZIMMERMAN does not want to be a cop because cops have a bad reputation and are bullies, but he wants to be a judge. Serino described ZIMMERMAN as being a "soft guy". Serino believed that ZIMMERMAN's story

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appeared "scripted" as in ZIMMERMAN knew the right things to say to the police. For example, he said he feared for his life, claimed self defense, etc.

Serino reached out to several sources in the white supremacist community and no one had ever heard of ZIMMERMAN. Serino thought that there had been approximately five burglaries in the Retreat at Twin Lakes within the last year and a half.

Serino is concerned that many of the leaks in this case are coming from within the Sanford Police Department. He listed Sgt AUTHOR BARNES, REBECCA VILLENOVE (phonetic), and TREKELL PERKINS as all pressuring him to file charges against ZIMMERMAN after the incident. Serino did not believe he had enough evidence at the time to file charges. Serino also stated that Barnes is friendly with TRACY MARTIN and Barnes asked Serino for Martin's phone number but ended up getting the phone number from another source. Serino believed that after his conversation with Tracy Martin regarding the death of his son, Tracy Martin left the police station understanding why charges against ZIMMERMAN had not been filed. Serino was not sure why or when Tracy Martin changed his views and Martin now believes the shooting was racially motivated.