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April 13, 2009
Anne Kirkpatrick,
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RE: Letter of Resignation

Dear Chief Kirkpatrick,

Please accept this letter as my resignation from the Spokane Police Department effective close of business today. As you know, I was scheduled for a Loudermill hearing this morning and, at the request of Guild Attorney Chris Vick, we agreed to continue the hearing so that I could consider both the charges and my response.

After much reflection, I have concluded that I cannot continue as a police officer for the City of Spokane. While I was off duty at the time the events occurred that caused the Department to initiate the internal investigation against me and while, at no time, did I exercise my police powers on the evening of February 26, 2007, it is clear to me that some of my actions that night did not reflect well on either myself or the Spokane Police Department. I should not have taken a firearm to a place where I would be drinking and, even though the force I used that night was justified, I should have immediately called either 911 or the Department so that resources could have been immediately marshaled to both investigate the shooting and to apprehend the suspect who placed me in fear of my life and who, I believed, was armed with a gun.

I testified as to my personal concerns about reporting the shooting to Sergeant Fertakis, and while they were of great concern to me personally, I now realize that the safety of my fellow officers as well as the public should have taken precedence over my personal concerns. I did not report the incident as I should have and for that I am sorry. By the same token, I should have been forthright and explained my avoidance of Sergeant Fertakis on the evening of the incident to the major crimes detectives. I am humiliated to have been outed in the manner that I was and that alone would have made it difficult for me to continue on here as a police officer. But I know that my duty as a police officer was more important than my personal feelings or the concerns about my career.

While I did not fully appreciate that my attempt to discuss the timing of my case schedule directly with Judge Clark was improper at the time I did it and while I did not intend to portray myself as a police officer to Judge Clark's clerk, I can see, in retrospect, that she

could easily have interpreted my having displayed my drivers license to her in the manner that I did, as having conveyed the impression that I was acting as a police officer. To the extent that this incident caused the Department to have to discuss things with either the Court or the prosecutor's office, I am sorry.

At the end of the day, I think that I owe it to my fellow officers as well as the City that has been my employer for eighteen years to not prolong this matter any longer and to resign so that we all can move on with our lives.

Respectfully,

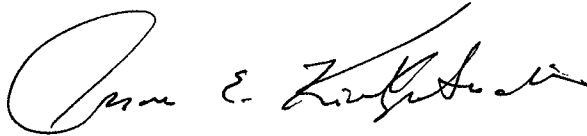


Handwritten signature of Jay Olsen, dated 4-13-09.

Jay Olsen

cc: Christopher Vick
Robert Cossey
Ernie Wuthrich

accepted 4/13/09



Handwritten signature of Paul E. Kutz.