

**Interrogatories for Dianne Keisel, Annette Kreitzer, Janice Mason, Nicki Neal,
Michael Nizich, Kris Perry, and Brad Thompson**

The purpose of this investigation is to look into the events and circumstances surrounding the termination of former Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monegan.

You have indicated that you wish to cooperate with the investigation. You are being asked to answer a series of questions. Your answers must be in writing. Your answers must be accompanied by a certification that your answers have been given under oath, and under penalty of perjury.

You may be asked to answer follow-up questions.

The questions ask for information about your actions and communications, as well as the actions and communications of others.

1. What positions have you held in the Palin administration? Describe the date your employment began and the dates of each position.

Director of Personnel and Labor Relations from: Beginning prior to this administration and continuing until August 15, 2007.

Deputy Director of Personnel and Labor Relations from: August 16, 2007 to present.

The next series of questions ask about 'communications,' which is defined here in its normal sense: the exchange of thoughts, messages, or information, as by speech, signals, or writing. Communications include, but are not limited to, information either sent by you or received by you, whether in person, by telephone, or via e-mail or other electronic means such as texting. The term also includes any written document. The term also includes communication through or from third parties. For example, "Tell the Governor that Walt Monegan is doing a good job," is a communication both to the person to whom you were speaking, or e-mailing, or texting, etc., and it is also a communication to the Governor.

For each communication, describe the content of the communication, and the context, i.e., the date, time and place of the communication. Also describe others who may have been present or included in the communication. For example, describe whether the communication was delivered or received in a meeting, or through an e-mail sent to several recipients.

2. What communications have you had with Governor Sarah Palin regarding Walt Monegan? *As far as I can recall there were no communications.*
3. What communications have you had with Governor Sarah Palin regarding Mike Wooten? *As far as I can recall there were no communications.*

4. What communications have you had with Todd Palin regarding Walt Monegan?
As far as I can recall there were no communications.
5. What communications have you had with Todd Palin regarding Mike Wooten?
As far as I can recall there were no communications.
6. What communications have you had with Mike Tibbles regarding Walt Monegan?
As far as I can recall there were no communications.
7. What communications have you had with Mike Tibbles regarding Mike Wooten?
Mike Tibbles called me sometime in January/February 2007 to report that he had information that an employee of the Department of Public Safety (DPS), Mr. Wooten, was on workers compensation and had been seen out on a snow machine up the Susitna River. He asked me to look into the situation. We communicated several times after that conversation (I don't recall for certain how many times) in regard to the status of Mr. Wooten and his ability to work. These discussions took place at various times and dates. To the best of my knowledge all of these conversations were telephonic with the exception of one in person meeting at which Mr. Tibbles reviewed Mr. Wooten's personnel file. To the best of my recollection the only meeting where others were in attendance was a meeting on November 19, 2007, I was on teleconference from Anchorage and Mike Tibbles, Kevin Brooks and Nicki Neal were present in Juneau. I discussed where we were with Mr. Wooten in regard to his "light duty" status, that we had sent him to a physician of our choice for a second opinion in regard to his ability to perform the essential functions of his position. I had no further contact with Mr. Tibbles in regard to the Wooten matter after that meeting.
8. What communications have you had with Annette Kreitzer regarding Walt Monegan?
As far as I can recall there were no communications in regard to this issue. I do recall sharing my concern that the DPS was not amenable to advice from the Division of Personnel and that we needed to discuss the appropriate processes for Human Resource issues within the DPS during various general updates meetings with both Commissioner Kreitzer and Deputy Commissioner, Kevin Brooks.
9. What communications have you had with Annette Kreitzer regarding Mike Wooten?
To the best of my knowledge I did not communicate with Commissioner Kreitzer in regard to Mr. Wooten. My communication was with my direct supervisor Deputy Commissioner, Kevin Brooks. In relation to my communication with Mr. Brooks, I updated him as I received information in regard to Mr. Wooten, it was not any specific meeting set to discuss Mr. Wooten, it was general updates from the Division that I routinely provided to Mr. Brooks. I do not have specific dates and times that we may have discussed the Wooten case with the exception of a meeting on November 19, 2007 when I briefed Mr. Brooks, Mr. Tibbles and Nicki Neal. This meeting occurred due to me moving to Anchorage and resigning from the Division of Personnel and Labor Relations Director's position. The meeting was held at Mike Tibbles office and I was on teleconference.

10. What communications have you had with Brad Thompson regarding Walt Monegan? *As far as I can recall there were no communications.*
11. What communications have you had with Brad Thompson regarding Mike Wooten? *After the initial call from Mike Tibbles I discussed potential workers compensation fraud and how to handle situations such as this. I also discussed returning Mr. Wooten to "light duty" with the department. These discussions took place at various times and dates as information was provided by the workers compensation adjustor and/or from the Department of Public Safety. A majority of these conversations were in person and took place in Mr. Thompson's office, with a couple of follow-up emails when new information was received. I do not recall the specific dates or times. I do believe there are several emails already provided that indicate most of the communication with Mr. Thompson. On at least two occasions Kim Peterson the Special Assistant to the DPS Commissioner was on the phone as we discussed assigning Mr. Wooten to light duty and what the essential functions of the job entailed. In addition there was at least one in-person meeting with Ms. Peterson, Mr. Thompson and myself in Mr. Thompson's office to review the documents from the adjustors in conjunction with Mr. Wooten's general duties.*
12. What communications have you had with Mike Nizich regarding Walt Monegan? *As far as I can recall there were no communications.*
13. What communications have you had with Mike Nizich regarding Mike Wooten? *As far as I can recall there were no communications.*
14. What communications have you had with Ivy Frye regarding Walt Monegan? *As far as I can recall there were no communications.*
15. What communications have you had with Ivy Frye regarding Mike Wooten? *As far as I can recall there were no communications.*
- What communications have you had with Frank Bailey regarding Walt Monegan? *As far as I can recall there were no communications.*
16. What communications have you had with Frank Bailey regarding Mike Wooten? *As far as I can recall there were no communications.*
17. What communications have you had with Randy Ruaro regarding Walt Monegan? *As far as I can recall there were no communications.*
18. What communications have you had with Randy Ruaro regarding Mike Wooten? *As far as I can recall there were no communications.*

19. What communications have you had with John Glass regarding Walt Monegan?
As far as I can recall there were no communications.
20. What communications have you had with John Glass regarding Mike Wooten?
As far as I can recall there were no communications.
21. What communications have you had with Audie Holloway regarding Walt Monegan?
As far as I can recall there were no communications.
22. What communications have you had with Audie Holloway regarding Mike Wooten?
As far as I can recall there were no communications.
23. What communications have you had with other members of the Department of Public Safety regarding Walt Monegan?
As far as I can recall there were no communications.
24. What communications have you had with other members of the Department of Public Safety regarding Mike Wooten?
Kim Peterson, former Special Assistant to the Commissioner of Public Safety, was my point of contact for Human Resource issues. I spoke directly with her in regard to returning Mr. Wooten to "light duty" and ensuring that he complied with the State's request for follow up information to determine the duration of limited duty. I spoke with Ms. Peterson after the initial contact from Mr. Tibbles and when any follow up or change of action required my attention, specifically if we received information on Mr. Wooten's recovery status, and the status of the appointment where he was scheduled to see a physician at the request of the State. It is nearly impossible to define the specifics (sometimes daily communication) regarding various personnel issues. Trying to determine what times that Mr. Wooten's situation was discussed or an update was provided would be a guess at best. Ms. Peterson and I did meet with Brad Thompson from Risk Management on at least three occasions regarding Mr. Wooten, his job status and where we were with the workers compensation issue.
25. What communications have you had with Kris Perry regarding Walt Monegan?
As far as I can recall there were no communications.
26. What communications have you had with Kris Perry regarding Mike Wooten?
As far as I can recall there were no communications.
27. What communications have you had with Nicki Neal regarding Walt Monegan?
I have spoken with Nicki Neal about numerous issues surrounding the Department of Public Safety (DPS). One of our primary concerns was regarding DPS not using the Human Resource services similar to all other Departments. To the best of my recollection I did not have discussions regarding Mr. Monegan's removal or his employment status.

28. What communications have you had with Nicki Neal regarding Mike Wooten? *I spoke with Nicki Neal regarding Mr. Wooten when he was placed on "light duty" and when I moved to Anchorage and I transferred the case to her. These conversations were at various dates and times and again it would be a guess at best to even try to determine dates, times and locations of these conversations. I do not believe that Ms. Neal and I ever set up a meeting specifically in regard to Mr. Wooten with the exception of the meeting scheduled on November 19, 2007, with Mr. Brooks and Mr. Tibbles.*

29. What communications have you had with Janice Mason regarding Walt Monegan? *As far as I can recall there were no communications.*

30. What communications have you had with Janice Mason regarding Mike Wooten? *As far as I can recall there were no communications.*


31. What communications have you had with any other member of the Palin Administration regarding Walt Monegan? *As far as I can recall any other conversations I may have had with anyone regarding Mr. Monegan was after his removal and would have been in regard to news reports.*

32. What communications have you had with any other member of the Palin Administration regarding Mike Wooten? *To the best of my recollection I have described them above, with the exception of conversations in regard to recent news reports. In addition, I communicated with the Department of Law, Bill Milks (and possibly Jan DeYoung but am not certain about that) in May 2007 regarding the release of medical records between medical providers and potential HIPPA issues.*

33. What actions did you take involving Walt Monegan or Mike Wooten? *I have no recollection of taking any official personnel action in relation to Mr. Monegan.*

In relation to Mr. Wooten I do not recall any specific official personnel actions taken after January 1, 2007. There have been other personnel actions taken with Mr. Wooten prior to this Administration taking office.

34. Are you in possession of any other information, including the actions and communications of others, regarding the events and circumstances surrounding the termination of Walt Monegan? If so, describe that information in detail. *To the best of my knowledge I do not have any other information regarding the events and circumstances surrounding the termination of Walt Monegan.*

Dated October , 2008, at Anchorage, Alaska.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true.

Branne Kiesel
(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me at Anchorage, Alaska on October 7th,
2008.

Amber Bowman
(Notary's Signature)

Notary Public

