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**MEDIA OUTLET:** Sun Sentinel

**HEADLINE:** Ex-Hollywood cop gets \$155,000 in whistleblower lawsuit

**BYLINE:** Susannah Bryan

**LINK:** <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/hollywood/fl-sb-cop-hollywood-whistleblower-lawsuit-20170607-story.html>

**STORY:** A former Hollywood police detective has settled a whistleblower lawsuit against the city for \$155,000.

Cheri Stabile, then a detective assigned to the Special Victim's Unit, accused supervisors of retaliation after she complained in 2013 that her unit was moved from a private location to an open area inside the agency's detective bureau.

Stabile argued that sex crime victims, both children and adults, should be interviewed in a secure room to safeguard their privacy.

After the detective complained to her supervisors and the police union, she was ignored by her bosses, prohibited from taking advanced training courses and intimidated by a sergeant, her lawsuit says. Eventually, she was demoted to road patrol.

"She reported it to the union because she didn't think it was appropriate [for sensitive cases to be handled in the open]. And she was demoted for that," said her attorney, Tonja Haddad Coleman.

Hollywood police officials say Stabile's move to road patrol was not a demotion, but acknowledge it resulted in a 5 percent pay cut.

Police Chief Tomas Sanchez would not comment on the case, but said he considers the agency's Detective Bureau to be a secure location. The Special Victims Unit remains there today, he said.

Hollywood commissioners approved the settlement Wednesday.

Stabile now works for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

**MEDIA OUTLET:** Sun Sentinel

**HEADLINE:** Two more suspects deny they were involved in slaying of Broward deputy Brian Tephford

**BYLINE:** Rafael Olmeda

**LINK:** <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/fl-sb-tephford-trial-opening-resumes-20170607-story.html>

**STORY:** Defense lawyers on Wednesday finished lifting the curtain on a murder trial that's been more than a decade in the making, telling a jury that their clients did not participate in the fatal 2006 shooting of Broward Sheriff's Deputy Brian Tephford or the wounding of Deputy Corey Carbocci.

Jurors heard on Tuesday from Broward State Attorney Mike Satz, who told them he intended to prove the murder was carried out by Eloyn Ingraham, Andre Delancy and Bernard Forbes after Tephford stopped a car that was being driven by Ingraham's girlfriend in the Versailles Gardens apartment complex in Tamarac late on Nov. 11, 2006.

Jurors also heard Tuesday from defense lawyer H. Dohn Williams, who conceded that his client, Delancy, participated in some related activities after the shooting but was not a participant before or during.

Trial opens in 2006 murder of Broward Deputy Brian Tephford

Attorneys for Ingraham and Forbes had their turn to deliver opening statements Wednesday, making it clear to jurors that while each defendant is denying a role in the shooting, none of the accused will be vouching for the innocence of the other two.

Hilliard Moldof, who represents Forbes, called his client's presence at several key events after the shooting "a coincidence" giving rise to a "circumstantial case." Ingraham was the one who looked nervous and excited to witnesses who will be called to the stand, Moldof said. "Forbes did not appear nervous at all," he said.

Moldof also questioned the value of DNA evidence that is sure to be introduced during the trial. The evidence proves Forbes wore clothing that was found in what prosecutors are calling a getaway vehicle, Moldof said, but it does not prove Forbes knew about or participated in a shooting.

Ingraham's lawyer, Daniel Aaronson, said he expects the evidence to show that his client could not possibly have been one of the shooters. Carbocci would have been in a position to observe Ingraham during the relevant part of the traffic stop, Aaronson said. The shooting itself, the lawyer said, lasted between five and seven seconds.

Afterward, Aaronson said, Ingraham was seen getting out of the car and yelling at someone, "What the f--- did you do?"

"He was not part of any conspiracy to commit murder," Aaronson said.

Testimony in the case is scheduled to begin Thursday morning. Broward Circuit Judge Paul Backman told jurors while they were being chosen for the case that the trial would last about six months. More than 300 potential witnesses have been listed, though only a fraction are likely to be asked to testify.

**MEDIA OUTLET:** Sun Sentinel

**HEADLINE:** Fort Lauderdale airport aftermath messy, avoidable

**BYLINE:** Sun Sentinel Editorial Board

**LINK:** <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/opinion/editorials/fl-op-editorial-airport-shooting-aftermath-20170607-story.html>

**STORY:** The chaotic scene reads like a script for a disaster film. Passengers and airport employees running for their lives without direction or cause. Two thousand law enforcement officials descending on Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport creating even more disorder. A faulty radio system communicating false alarms of active shooters. Undercover officers running around in ski masks, easily confused for assailants.

But this was no movie. It was all too real. And after reading the Broward Sheriff's Office after-action report on the Jan. 6 airport shooting — which ended with five people dead and six injured — you come away feeling lucky more people weren't hurt that day.

You've also got to wonder why Broward County commissioners aren't asking more questions about the lack of preparation, coordination and direction by those who manage the airport and provide public safety.

We live in an age of terrorism, after all. And this event, caused by just one man, created 12 hours of mayhem.

For the moment, commissioners say they don't want to point fingers or place blame. Though unhappy with the report's criticisms of airport management, they first want to see the report of an independent consultant, which is due next month. Plus, things are complicated because they have little control over BSO, except for approving its ever-growing budget.

But time is a luxury when you see holes in a dam. What if something horrible happens tomorrow? Is the airport prepared? How do they know?

Neither have we heard from Broward Sheriff Scott Israel, who took charge that dark January day, but whose name isn't mentioned in his agency's internal review. The last we heard from him, Israel said the law enforcement response went "excellently."

Before he comments, a spokeswoman said Israel first wants to see the "official" report. Sorry, but that's not good enough. The sheriff knew this controversial "draft" report was coming and that Sun Sentinel reporters were awaiting it. Keeping his voice on mute is a failure of leadership.

Plus, it's ironic, given the many complaints that day about poor communications. Israel should be over-communicating and sharing his personal takeaways in an authentic and forthright manner.

This community wants to not only hear that lessons have been learned, but that five long months later, we've taken action steps to address the troubling issues outlined in this report.

For while the reviewers applaud the quick capture of Esteban Santiago, who dropped his gun when confronted by deputies, what happened next was unacceptable. The report describes a lack of

leadership in containing the scene, creating a centralized command and providing direction in a way that would keep events from spinning out of control.

Among many recommendations, the report says BSO and airport staff should train in disaster drills. You'd have thought that was already happening. However, the report says only the SWAT team was prepared for an airport disaster.

It also says a protocol should be created that puts a single person in command of law enforcement, fire rescue and emergency services once an emergency is declared. Again, you'd have thought such a plan was already in place.

And the report says airport officials refused to give BSO the blueprints to the terminals, something airport officials deny. In a memo to commissioners, spokesman Greg Meyer said the Sheriff's Office did not interview or discuss any aspect of its review with airport officials.

If true, it's an incredible revelation that undercuts the report's veracity. How could investigators fully investigate an incident without talking to the people involved? No wonder Broward Mayor Barbara Sharief responded as she did, calling out BSO for issuing lies and untruths. For credibility's sake, Israel needs to address this matter today.

The report makes clear that a full review of the airport's emergency plan is a necessity, including a better way to more quickly shuttle travelers away.

But after reading this report and hearing the muted response of our leaders, we rest no better assured today that our county is prepared for the unforeseen events of tomorrow.

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**MEDIA OUTLET:** Miami Herald

**HEADLINE:** Miami slams county's last-minute police deal for David Beckham soccer stadium

**BYLINE:** Douglas Hanks

**LINK:** <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/article154960954.html>

**STORY:** Miami is pushing back on a last-minute requirement that David Beckham's soccer stadium only hire county police officers to patrol inside the facility while city officers are left with traffic control and other duties outside.

County Commissioner José "Pepe" Diaz demanded the requirement Tuesday in exchange for his vote to sell the Beckham partnership a county truck depot in Miami's Overtown neighborhood for the planned 25,000-seat stadium. The Beckham partnership agreed on the spot, clearing the way for the \$9 million land deal. It quickly sparked the kind of political spat that has plagued the stadium quest for much of the last four years.

"It concerns me that the County Commission would do that," Miami Mayor Tomás Regalado said Wednesday. "That was crazy."

The flap over police shifts at a planned stadium still awaiting zoning approval for a 2020 opening may pale compared to other fights Beckham has faced in Miami. But the harsh words from Regalado about the county's just-concluded stadium deal come as the Beckham squad wants to project harmony and political momentum to Major League Soccer as it formally requests a franchise expansion in the coming weeks.

MLS commissioner Don Garber has warned Beckham's investors they have until the end of the year to secure a Miami stadium site, and the team needs city approval for zoning changes and a planned street closing around the nine-acre stadium site north of the Miami River.

"The approval of Major League Soccer is by no means a given," Beckham partner Tim Leiweke said during a Wednesday press conference after Diaz joined eight other county commissioners to approve the land deal. "This a major step today. We are closer than ever for an MLS franchise. We're excited. We're dedicated."

Miami-Dade has imposed similar restrictions on county-owned facilities within city limits, including Marlins Park and the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts. County officers and firefighters pick up the off-duty assignments required inside the gates of large venues, while their city counterparts work the streets outside.

And while Miami's police chief said the arrangement "works well," he would prefer to have an all-city police force assigned to major events in Miami. That makes it easier for residents to know who to contact with reports or complaints, and allows city leaders to have better oversight of public safety at the stadium, Chief Rodolfo "Rudy" Llanes said.

"If there is a crime there, if there is a disruption issue, the people are not going to call the county. They're going to call us," Llanes said. "For us, the issue is accountability."

County officials and a Beckham representative defended the arrangement as a legitimate benefit that Miami-Dade secured from the buyer of a county facility currently operated by the Water and Sewer Department. In exchange for buying land in a no-bid process, Miami Beckham United agreed to create 50 full-time jobs at the site, give extra consideration to local vendors and provide other economic benefits for the surrounding neighborhood.

From his seat on the dais, Diaz requested another concession from the buyers: agreeing to provide county employees with the kind of off-duty assignments that help make firefighters and police some of the best-paid workers in local government.

“I thought it was important,” he said in an interview. Noting the Beckham plan for a stadium without garages, he said Miami will need to deploy even more officers in the surrounding neighborhoods on game days.

“They’re going to need a lot of police officers to protect the people out there,” Diaz said. “I think it’s a good thing when you have two great police departments working together.”

Both Regalado and Llanes said they’ve asked city lawyers to examine whether the hiring requirement violates any laws. Regalado said he doesn’t like the idea of Miami-Dade being able to impose police agreements on private landowners within city limits. Miami-Dade lawyers endorsed Diaz’s request for the agreement during Tuesday’s County Commission debate, writing it into a deal that gives Beckham’s group more than a year to close on the land.

Neisen Kasdin, the Beckham lawyer and lobbyist who addressed county commissioners Tuesday, said there was no legal prohibition to what he described as a “business” arrangement. He also doubted there would be any long-lasting friction over the division of labor.

“I’m certain that the police agencies will work this out reasonably if there are issues,” he said in an interview.

**MEDIA OUTLET:** CBS Miami (Channel 4)

**HEADLINE:** Hollywood Settles Former Police Detective's Whistleblower Suit

**BYLINE:** CBS Miami

**LINK:** <http://miami.cbslocal.com/2017/06/08/hollywood-settles-former-police-detectives-whistleblower-suit/>

**STORY:** HOLLYWOOD (CBSMiami/AP) — The City of Hollywood has settled a lawsuit brought by a former police detective who claims she was treated unfairly after making complaints about her department.

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Stabile argued that sex crimes victims should be interviewed in a secure room to protect their privacy. She accused her supervisors of retaliation, saying after complaining to the police union, she was ignored by bosses, prohibited from taking advanced training and intimidated by a sergeant.

The lawsuit says she was also demoted to road patrol. She ended up leaving the department and filing her suit.

On Wednesday, Hollywood city commissioners approved a \$155,000 settlement.

Stabile now works for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

**MEDIA OUTLET:** FOX Miami (Channel 7)

**HEADLINE:** 7News asks local leader for answers on recorded heated argument

**BYLINE:** Brian Entin

**LINK:** <http://wsvn.com/news/local/7news-asks-local-leader-for-answers-on-recorded-heated-argument/>

**STORY:** HALLANDALE BEACH, FLA. (WSVN) - Hallandale Beach Vice Mayor Keith London attempted to evade questions about using vulgar language that was recorded in a video, Wednesday.

7News crews asked London several questions after Wednesday's commission meeting in regard to the video where he could be heard using vulgar language in a conversation with a worker at the site of a new city fire station.

At first, London seemed like he was willing to speak with 7News until the questions started rolling out.

When asked if he regretted using vulgar language in the video, London replied, "Brian, it's really great to see you. I am concentrating on the city commission meeting that we are going into right now."

Last month, the vice mayor got into a heated argument with the worker.

"I'm taking a video of this clown," the worker could be heard saying. "London, London, the biggest clown in town."

The worker continued to antagonize London. "You piece of garbage," he said in the video.

The vice mayor had some words of his own. "How many times you go to prison? What was it?" London said. "Did you like it? Did you suck..."

The footage was stopped there because it is too crude to air on television.

When London was asked if he felt bad for what he said, London answered, "I would love to sit down and talk to you."

7News reporter Brian Entin then said, "I have been trying to talk to you since last week," but London said he's been focused on the meeting.

"Right, but right now I'm walking into a commission meeting," he said. "I got a lot of work to do. I've got people here. We have a long agenda, so you call me tomorrow and we'll make an appointment."

The circumstances surrounding the video are not clear, but London pointed to a press release that was sent out by the city manager this week.

It discussed changes that will be made to community programs as well as contractors, but does not reference the altercation.

Mayor Joy Cooper, a political adversary of London, told us she's alarmed. "You don't confront workers or employees working on a job site," she said. "That is inappropriate behavior."

There is a lot going on with this commission, including a Broward Sheriff's Office public corruption investigation. None of the commissioners wanted to comment on it.

**MEDIA OUTLET:** ABC Miami (Channel 10)

**HEADLINE:** Miami police officer taken to hospital after crash

**BYLINE:** Peter Burke

**LINK:** <https://www.local10.com/news/local/miami/miami-police-officer-taken-to-hospital-after-crash>

**STORY:** MIAMI - A Miami police officer was injured Thursday morning in a traffic crash.

The crash was reported at Southwest 22nd Avenue and Southwest 22nd Street.

Miami police said on Twitter that the officer was being taken to a hospital. They said he suffered a cut to his head and is expected to be fine.

No other injuries were reported.

Police said the officer was in an unmarked car.

They said four vehicles were involved, one of which stopped in the area, but not in the exact location of the crash.

Authorities said one of the drivers, who possibly caused the crash, fled the scene.

Southwest 22nd Street was closed between Southwest 22nd and Southwest 23rd avenues.

Police said searching for the fourth driver.