

May 26, 2011

Chief Michael Lashbrook
MASON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
78 South Georgia
Mason City, Iowa 50401

Chief Lashbrook,

On 4/28/2011 I supplied the MCPD with a detailed complaint related to the unsolved Jodi Huisentrut case. I subsequently received a letter from Captain Mike McKelvey dated 4/29/2011 that stated in part, "You may be contacted for additional information in the near future." At no point was I contacted for further information, nor was any officer dispatched to me to inquire about or to take into evidence the material that I possess.

The complaint consisted of a detailed letter and a two (2) page timeline narrative, factually based, and unbiased. This complaint currently is and has always been unrelated to the legal action that I initiated against the City of Mason City. I received a letter from you dated May 12, 2011 that stated, "your complaint is not founded." This three sentence, one paragraph response is woefully insufficient in light of the seriousness of the matter at hand. Arriving at the conclusion that a complaint of this magnitude is unfounded simply because an officer did not work on a certain day is improper. We have currently requested from Qwest Communications a full record of phone calls placed to the MCPD for June, July, and August of 2007. I feel it necessary to remind you once again that even after my most recent contact with the MCPD, at no point was I ever contacted for further information, nor was any officer dispatched to me to inquire about or to take into evidence the material that I possess.

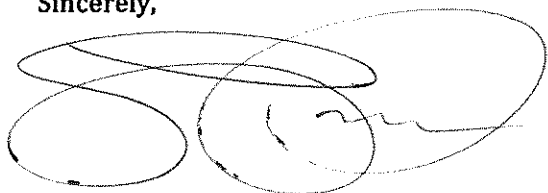
In my original complaint dated April 28, 2011, I wrote, *"In summary, the information that was supplied to me was in regard to the Jodi Huisentrut death and/or disappearance, a case that is still unsolved. I forwarded this information to multiple officers within the MCPD in July 2007. As a result of unrelated litigation against the City, I now have proof that this information was ignored, discarded, lost, or suppressed. I have worked hard and been diligent to guarantee that this information was handled properly."* This is a serious statement, which, if true, would demand serious consequences following a thorough investigation. Why are you, as Chief of Police, not interested in this proof?

Let me make clear what the real issue is here. Why is the Mason City Police Department not retrieving and investigating the evidence or leads that I have in regard to the Jodi Huisentrut case? Why was this evidence not handled properly and professionally by the MCPD in 2007? Why is this evidence not being handled properly and professionally by the MCPD today? Why is there no record of any of this at the MCPD? Have the officers referenced in the complaint denied that they spoke with me in 2007? Why are you, Chief Lashbrook, so blatantly, intentionally and obviously skirting around and dismissing an issue of this degree? Will you and these officers be willing, as I am, to submit to polygraphs to attest to the truthfulness of our statements? I believe the answers to these questions are well deserved, both for the integrity of the police force and also for the trust of those who employ you.

The bottom of the Mason City Police Department letterhead reads as follows: *"The mission of the Mason City Police Department is to partner with our citizens to ensure that Mason City remains a peaceful and friendly place where families can raise their children and citizens can earn a living while feeling safe and secure, and everyone feels welcome and respected."*

Sir, either intentionally or unintentionally, you and the Mason City Police Department have failed in your mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Michael Lashbrook", written over a series of large, overlapping loops.

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cc/ Melissa C. Hasso, Attorney - Sherinian, LeGrant & Hasso Law Firm
cc/ Agent Larry Hedlund - Department of Criminal Investigation
cc/ Federal Bureau of Investigation - Omaha Division
cc/ Brent Trout - City Administrator
cc/ Tom Meyer - City Attorney
cc/ Eric Bookmeyer - Mayor
cc/ Max Weaver - At-Large Councilperson
cc/ Scott Tornquist - At-Large Councilperson
cc/ Jeff Marsters - First Ward Councilperson
cc/ Travis Hickey - Second Ward Councilperson
cc/ Don Nelson - Third Ward Councilperson
cc/ Janet Solberg - Fourth Ward Councilperson
