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To Whom It May Concern:

The Federal Way Police Department became aware of the listed article regarding Longview council candidates, due to the inflammatory and grossly inaccurate nature of Ms. Megan Richie's statements. As Ms. Richie has decided to place herself into the political arena in Longview, Washington; I would expect the people of Longview would demand honesty and transparency.

Ms. Megan Richie (Graham) was stopped on May 27, 2013 in Federal Way, for cellphone use while driving. During the contact with the (one) Police Officer, she became uncooperative and began to walk away from the officer and her vehicle. The Officer informed her she was not free to leave, she became extremely agitated and a second officer was called to the location of the stop for back up. After repeated verbal attempts to get Ms. Richie (Graham) to comply, she was advised that she was under arrest. When the officer attempted to take her into custody she attacked the officer, causing injury to his neck. The second Officer intervened, delivering one strike to her face to gain compliance, stop the resistance, and prevent further injury to the officer(s) on scene and herself. She was taken into custody without further incident and booked into SCORE jail. While at SCORE jail, she wasn't held for 3 days without process. She was booked, and later released. Richie (Graham) later pled guilty to the misdemeanor crime of Obstructing a Law Enforcement Officer and received a deferred sentence because she had no criminal history.

Ms. Megan Richie (Graham) filed a federal lawsuit against the City of Federal Way Police Department, which was concluded September 2016.

The court dismissed her claims about being held illegally as a matter of law because it was pure fiction. The only thing that went to trial was whether excessive force was used to bring her into custody. The federal jury returned with a unanimous jury verdict in favor of the City of Federal Way Police Department.

There was no settlement, or concession of any kind from our department. Our officers are highly trained and part of a nationally accredited agency. No remedial training was necessary because, the officers acted appropriately in response to Richie's (Graham's) attack.

Also, there was never any evidence that she had a "dislocated jaw." She suffered a black eye. From a single punch. There was never an allegation or evidence that an officer solicited her for sex. That is complete fiction. She is a very troubled woman with a lifetime of mental health issues with a documented propensity to exaggerate things to manipulate those around her.

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