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Mr. John Naron, Interim City Manager City of Hearne Via facsimile: (979) 279-2431

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Re: Councilman Rodrick Jackson

Mr. Naron and Mr. Hyde:

I received the attached email from Dennis Phillips this afternoon, and I am not amused. I notified my client, Mr. Jackson, and he immediately called Chief Thomas Williams. Mr. Jackson told Chief Williams that Lt. Pat Armstrong had already said the complainant's story was not credible and no charges would be filed. According to Mr. Jackson, Chief Williams replied that his department had since come under "pressure" from the complainant's family to take action, so now a Class C charge will be filed.

Why is a newspaper publisher being told about forthcoming charges against my client before me or my client? The Hearne Police Department had already referred this case to District Attorney Coty Siegert, and Mr. Siegert asked the Texas Rangers to investigate the allegations against Mr. Jackson. Cindy Wallace, one of Mr. Siegert's staff members, told Mr. Jackson that the Rangers found no reason to file charges. So why has the somewhat less illustrious Hearne Police Department decided that it needs to take up the case again after referring it to another agency? Does somebody have an axe to grind? And does somebody want the case tried in municipal court, *i.e.*, in front of "Judge" Hazel Embra?

When (not "if") Mr. Jackson beats the charge before a jury, I intend to file suit for malicious prosecution, and you can rest assured that I'll be deposing Chief Williams, Lt. Armstrong, and maybe the entire department to find out who decided to play politics with this case. And I'll probably ask the Robertson County Grand Jury to indict some officers for official oppression.

Your officers might want to think long and hard before they pick this fight.

Sincerely,

Ty Clevenger