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From: Parker, Laura
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 1:52 PM
To: Udhiri, Alia
Subject: FW: Investigators questioning at the door

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Cc: MYu <MYu@doi.nyc.gov>; [REDACTED]; Williams, Sheronda <williamss@dss.nyc.gov>; Weiswasser, Amy <weiswassera@dss.nyc.gov>
Subject: Re: Investigators questioning at the door

Dear Ms. Parker,

Since the time you and I first met more than 7 years ago, I want to reiterate that your office has always taken all of my concerns very seriously and issued immediate replies even when you were out of the office or on Jury duty (as it happened last Wednesday).

I have been representing clients in front of your various offices for the last 10 years and all the time encountered extremely professional and courteous investigators and unit directors. (Even in this case, for example Mr. Steven Maloney was extremely professional and courteous. He was trying to work out some kind of settlement with me, but Mr. O'Donnell took over and this is the result of what happened).

Let's hope that this is an isolated event and thorough training of investigators would rectify the problem.

I am not looking for anyone to lose his/her job, I just want to make sure that I can represent my clients effectively without investigators speaking to my clients directly in the process.

Thank you very much again for your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
tel: [REDACTED]

fax: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On Mar 14, 2019, at 4:54 PM, Parker, Laura <parkerla@dss.nyc.gov> wrote:

Thank you, [REDACTED]

This is an important matter that will be thoroughly reviewed and the appropriate actions taken. So that a full and proper investigation can be conducted, please provide all video and audio footage. I will confer with DOI as to the next steps.

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To: Parker, Laura <parkerla@dss.nyc.gov>

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Subject: Fwd: Investigators questioning at the door

Dear Laura,

Thank you very much for your reply.

Let me address your email in details.

1. I contacted Ms. Weisswasser as I received a reply from you that you are not available and not in the office. I believe during our conference call you told me specifically to speak to Ms. Weisswasser should I have any concerns when you are not available. I will not do so in the future.

2. I appreciate your kind words and your offer to meet with all the parties involved, but I don't think there is a reason to do so. Mainly because the house where investigators came to has a video recording installed that recorded entire episode.
3. A "picture is worth" 1000 words and we have video and audio recording of the investigator's meeting with my client

Let me break down to you from a legal standpoint of what has happened:

1. Investigators never identified themselves to the client and said they came from the BFI's office. My client recently applied for Early intervention/Special needs services and was expecting 2 people to evaluate the kids. He briefly showed her his ID card but my client thought they were from the special Education office (IEI regarding her kids). As soon as she realise who they are, she she asked to call her lawyer.
2. Investigator Demirovic never stated that they are looking to speak to property landlord [REDACTED] (the property is a 1 family home rented to my client and landlords can not even possibly live there as my client occupies entire home with her 3 kids)
3. Investigator Demirovich did not just tell my client that he knows she is represented by an attorney, he said:
4. " I am violating attorney-client confidentiality by speaking to you directly"
5. He proceeded to ask my client if [REDACTED] lives there and how long.
6. He stated to my client that its "part of the process" to verify his residency.

This goes in direct conflict with what you wrote to me in your email and it means that investigators did not just violate the law by approaching and speaking to my client when she was represented, but that they also lied to their supervisor about their field visit and what has happened. As I have told you before, this is a very serious violation of my client's constitutional rights to be represented by an attorney and shows that agents are making false statements in their reports. As you can see from the video, My client never said anything about "scamming the system" - the "key words" your agents use to send cases to criminal investigation.

I am, unfortunately forced to forward this video and our prior communication to Inspector General Milton Yu as you have instructed me to do.

Please advise if you and I can speak about this after you had a chance to review the video.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

tel: [REDACTED]
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To: [REDACTED]

Attached lease find video recording of investigators at the door
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