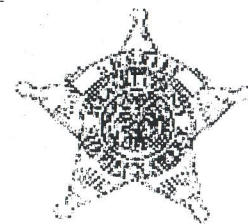




## PULASKI COUNTY SHERIFF'S CASE SUMMARY

for case # 2010-18829



On August 30, 2010 the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office received a video DVD, an audio CD and a letter from Pulaski County Special School District board member, Mildred Tatum. The DVD, CD and letter purport to show school board member Gwendolyn Williams engaged in accepting a bribe from an unknown black male at her home in McAlmont. The letter purports to be written by Ricky Weathers, who describes himself as a masonry specialist attempting to obtain a construction contract with PCSSD. The writer alleges that Gwen Williams demanded payment of a bribe from him for her assistance in winning the contract. Identical DVD, CD and letter packages were delivered anonymously to every other school board member except Gwen Williams.

Through investigation, the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office learned the identities of both the black male in the video, Ervin Bennett, and the person who shot the video, a private investigator named Craig Tissue.

During an interview with Craig Tissue, Tissue described being retained and paid by a man named "Mike" to shoot the video. Tissue said he was led to believe that the video pertained to questionable construction contracts. He said he had no idea that the video was of a school district board member. Tissue positively identified "Mike" as Michael Nellums, principal of Mills High School from a photo line-up.

During a sworn statement given by Ervin Bennett, Bennett described being part of a month long conspiracy to frame Gwen Williams by creating the false video evidence in order to force Ms. Williams off the school board. Bennett said he was enlisted to portray "Ricky Weathers" in the video by his longtime friend, Michael Nellums and by school district board president, Tim Clark. Bennett said his brother, Tracy Bunting, was used by Nellums and Clark to transfer monies involved in the conspiracy and to deliver the DVD/CD/Letter packages to board members. Bunting verified Bennett's story.

Cellular telephone records of all participants were obtained and corroborate Bennett's account.

During an interview with Gwen Williams, Ms. Williams denied taking bribes. No evidence was obtained during this investigation to substantiate an allegation of bribery against Ms. Williams.

Officials with the Pulaski Association of Classroom Teachers, Marty Nix and Sandra Roy, were interviewed and describe being asked by Tim Clark in 2009 to join him in hiring a private investigator to follow and videotape board member Mildred Tatum in order to try and obtain negative information on Ms. Tatum.