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Augusta Mayor - Complaint for open records violations on RCSO4 messages

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Mon, Oct 20, 2025 at 5:54 PM

To: mayorjohnson@augustaga.gov

Dear Mayor Johnson,

I am writing to file a formal complaint regarding the Richmond County Sheriff's Office's handling of an open records request I submitted on **September 15, 2025**, concerning **Internal Affairs Case 22-10-15**.

I requested "all interviews, audio or video, and body camera footage from all officers" related to that case. On **September 30, 2025**, I received two discs containing partial materials, including reports, transcripts, and recorded video chats. However, the **interview between Lt. Kimberly Lee and Deputy Diana Santiago**, conducted on **October 25, 2022**, was missing.

This interview is clearly referenced in Lt. Lee's notes, which state that the session was **audio recorded**, and that Deputy Santiago was advised of and signed a **Garrity Warning** prior to questioning. The Sheriff's Office later responded (via Ms. Michelle Franklin on **October 1, 2025**) that *"there was no audio/video available... and we are not responsible for items we do not have."* I will attach the referenced documents

The Garrity Warning

1. I, Diana Santiago, am being questioned as part of an investigation by this agency into potential violations of department rules and regulations, or for my fitness for duty. This investigation concerns:

2. No answer given by me, nor evidence derived from the answer, may be used against me in any criminal proceeding, except for perjury or false swearing.
3. I understand that I must now answer questions specifically, directly and narrowly related to the performance of my official duties or my fitness for office.
4. If I refuse to answer, I may be subject to discipline for that refusal which can result in my dismissal from this agency.
5. Anything I say may be used against me in any subsequent department charges.

Signature: Diana Santiago

Date: 10/25/2025 Time: 7:43 hours

Location: RCSO INTERNAL AFFAIRS 400 WALTON WAY

Witnessed by: Audio recorded

Witnessed by: _____

GARRITY RIGHTS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Garrity rule comes from the United States Supreme Court case of Garrity v. New Jersey. It is the right of a law enforcement officer to be free from compulsory self-incrimination. The basic thrust of the Garrity Rule is that a department member may be compelled to give statements under threat of discipline or discharge but those statements may not be used in the criminal prosecution of the individual officer. The courts have held that choosing to work in a police department does not give a person a "watered-down" version of their Fifth Amendment to right against self-incrimination.

Before a law enforcement agency can discipline an officer for refusing to answer questions, the agency must do the following:

- Order the officer to answer the questions under threat of disciplinary action,
- Ask questions that are specifically, directly and narrowly related to the officer's duties or the officer's fitness for duty, AND
- Advise the officer that the answers to the questions will not be used against the officer in criminal proceedings.

Under **O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70 et seq.** and the **Georgia Local Government Records Retention Schedule (LG-19-092)**, internal investigative materials, especially those with founded findings must be retained for **20 years after settlement**. If unfounded, they must be retained for **1 year after completion**. The Sheriff's Office has provided no evidence of destruction, no exemption citation, and no retention documentation for this record.

Reference link <https://www.georgiaarchives.org/records/localprint/44>

This situation raises serious concerns about **record retention compliance and transparency** within the Richmond County Sheriff's Office. A Garrity-protected interview cannot simply vanish without documentation.

I am requesting that your office:

1. Conduct an administrative inquiry into whether the **October 25, 2022 Santiago interview** was destroyed, misplaced, or improperly withheld.
2. Direct the Sheriff's Office to produce the record or certify its destruction with supporting documentation.
3. Remind the department of its statutory duty to maintain internal affairs records in accordance with **LG-19-**

092 and O.C.G.A. § 50-18-71(a).

If this matter cannot be resolved administratively, I intend to pursue judicial relief through the **Superior Court of Richmond County** under **O.C.G.A. § 50-18-73(a)**.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Transparency is essential to maintaining public trust, and I hope your office will ensure this issue receives the oversight it deserves.

Sincerely,
Billy Blume

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also sir,

I sent that email not knowing Santiago was arrested today. I encounter RCSO cops almost every day, it's usually a pleasant interaction and I go on about my day. This one was way different, let me share this story so you understand how this started, Playlist <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCm-o5GrcUA&list=PLh5lfsLorlpHs15LkebKA1xzWM6zMiZD>

Webpages with all of Santiagos paperwork

Text messages https://lamecops.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Santiago-Messages_Redacted.pdf
<https://lamecops.com/diana-santiago-a-cop-that-was-investigated-for-messing-with-inmates/>
<https://lamecops.com/cop-falls-in-love-with-an-inmate-and-gets-busted-but-it-was-covered-up/>

Now, with all that being said, understand I sent these videos to the GBI and the Georgia POST council when I received them. I still have over 2 hours I have not released to the public yet. The real questions are, what about the falsifying government documents? She signed the Green County Sheriff's Office visitation form as his wife, she met him at the mall May 2022, Brown was arrested in Greene County May 2022.

Second, sheriff Roundtree gave all of the direction on the IA case, LT Kimberly Lee (who I can prove is corrupt!) consulted with Roundtree. What is in the interview I am trying to get???

Is it that damn bad? Why was no action taken in 2022 when this all happened? A day suspension? Gang signs, lies, in her uniform in a patrol car video chatting with an inmate while violating the Georgia hands free law? Come on man, come on man!!!

Mayor, we need to uncover the coverup sir.

Thanks for taking the time
Billy

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Mayor Johnson <MayorJohnson@augustaga.gov>

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Mr. Blume,

Thank you for your email and I will make sure that it is forwarded to the appropriate agency for a thorough review of your claims.

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Thanks.

They're not claims. read the IA case file! And what agency are you referring to? This is a part of the follow up docuseries on this case so I am kindly asking for specifics so I can report on the facts. If it would be best I can schedule a time I can come and we can speak about the matter and the details. I think your perspective would be good for your re-election, I have tons of cameras as you seen in my videos.

Burt again, I want the interview, it really is that simple. You call them, ask where it is, they are also refusing the chain of custody on this.

YOU are the mayor ffs

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