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## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager   
DATE: October 27, 2008  
SUBJECT: Mr. Stefan Ferentz Complaint from October 7, 2008 Commission Meeting

This Letter to the City Commission is to provide information regarding a complaint made by Mr. Stefan Ferentz at the October 7, 2008 Commission meeting. In response to this complaint, Captain Jim Hyde of the Internal Affairs Unit responded to the City Commission Chambers to interview Mr. Ferentz. The following is a synopsis of his findings.

Mr. Ferentz expressed to Captain Hyde his ideas about a perceived conspiracy theory to keep crime statistics low in the City of Miami Beach, which he believed had been perpetuated by the City and its Police Department. Mr. Ferentz went on to claim that he had attempted to report crimes to the Police Department and officers have refused to take his reports. In addition, Mr. Ferentz also discussed another perceived conspiracy by the Miami Beach City Commission to violate the rights of street performers. He stated he is frustrated with the City Commission and advised that he is planning to sue the City for violating his first amendment rights; by not allowing him to speak before the City Commission regarding alleged violations against street performers.

Captain Hyde researched the claims made by Mr. Ferentz regarding the Police Department's ongoing refusal to take reports of crime from him. Captain Hyde discovered that in the last eighteen years, Mr. Ferentz has generated thirty police reports. He has also initiated two Internal Affairs complaints but has not followed up on either complaint. During that same period, he was field interviewed three times and arrested four times by the Miami Beach Police Department. He was also arrested once by the Miami-Dade Police Department (see attached documentation).

At the time of this interview, Mr. Ferentz claimed to be living on Euclid Avenue at an unknown address. He was carrying only personal toiletries and did not have a door key to his residence. Captain Hyde spoke with Mr. Ferentz for approximately one and a half hours. During their dialogue, Captain Hyde described Mr. Ferentz' behavior as being erratic and his conversation was neither lucid nor logical.

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Attachment

**ARRESTS OF MR. STEFAN FERENTZ DOB: 1/19/1957**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Allegation</u>
1/20/95	MDPD 572784	Aggravated Battery, Plead to Simple Battery
4/19/99	MBPD 99-12766	Drug 893.13, Marijuana & Paraphernalia
2/12/02	MBPD 02-5224	Poss. of Marijuana & Poss. Drug Paraphernalia
3/11/05	MBPD 05-9052	Possession of Marijuana
8/11/07	MBPD 07-31342	Disorderly Conduct

**MIAMI BEACH REPORTS GENERATED BY MR. FRENTZ**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Allegation</u>	<u>Address</u>
7/9/90	90-29733	Reported an Attempted Armed Robbery	1238 Collins Av
5/17/92	92-5994	Reported he witnessed his friend assaulted	645 Washington Av
7/19/92	92-25018	Reported a theft of a \$20 radio	1238 Collins Av
11/26/92		Called for an investigation	1235 Washington Av
11/29/93	93-41984	Reported he was intimidated	1238 Collins Av
4/1/94	94-11461	Reported an Assault	1000 Collins Av
4/25/95	95-14641	Reported a Simple Battery	1235 Washington Av
10/28/95	95-38523	Reported a Theft	1400 Washington Av
10/28/97	97-28813	Asked for an investigation	1435 Collins Av
12/06/97	97-40939	Reported he was intimidated by cab driver	740 Alton Rd
6/28/98	98-21658	Reported an assault & property vandalized	218 Espanola Way
4/11/99	99-12477	Reported a Theft	15 <sup>th</sup> St & the Beach
6/19/99	99-23021	Reported a Theft of a scooter	1920 Collins Av
9/17/99	99-35962	Reported a Theft of a cell phone	218 Espanola Way
4/3/00	00-13782	Reported an argument w/ landlord	530 Meridian Av
3/17/03	03-8712	No Force burglary w/\$173 missing	711 5 <sup>th</sup> St #316
12/24/03	03-43362	Reported Theft of a Scooter	711 5 <sup>th</sup> St #316
2/5/04	04-5289	Information report for civil lawsuit	711 5 <sup>th</sup> St #316
2/27/07	04-9018	Reported Theft of a sweatshirt	711 5 <sup>th</sup> St #316
3/3/04	04-9931	No Force Burglary of clothing	711 5 <sup>th</sup> St #316
3/7/04	04-10656	No Force Burglary-nothing taken	711 5 <sup>th</sup> St #316
8/13/04	04-3312	Reported Theft of a guitar	218 Espanola Way
1/5/05	05-241	F.I.C.-Suspicious Person	1400 block Beach
3/3/05	05-7909	F.I.C.-Suspicious Person	6 <sup>th</sup> St & Beach
1/9/06	06-21335	F.I.C.-Trespass in concession area	1200 block Beach
10/21/06	06-38126	No Force Burglary w/\$100 taken	1343 Collins Av #121
1/28/07	07-3689	Reported Theft of a cell phone	13 <sup>th</sup> St & Washington
1/14/07	07-1780	F.I.C.-Sleeping in a homeless encampment w/ others	
4/28/07	07-16548	Reported Theft of a Guitar	1400 Washington Av
12/9/07	07-48906	Reported Strong Armed Robbery of \$17	
3/2/08	08-8129	Reported an Assault	1411 Washington Av
3/10/08	08-9359	F.I.C.-Loitering	13 <sup>th</sup> St & Beach
4/26/08	08-16122	Reported a dispute over a guitar string & threatened by a subject w/ a knife	1405 Washington Av
6/14/08	08-22920	Reported an Assault	