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From: Pat Eadie [pdeadie@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2008 1:06 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Tony Ciampi
Subject: Joseph (Tony) Ciampi

To Mayor Klein and the City Council:

We are writing on behalf of our friend Tony Ciampi who was approached by the police on March 15, 2008 while sleeping in his van on Lincoln Ave. The subsequent stories of his arrest by Tony and by the Palo Alto Police Officers are quite different. In order to defend himself Tony has requested copies of the eight recording devices that are supposed to be used by the police when they use taser guns. There should be four audio tapes and four video tapes according to valid police procedures. Tony received only one video and it didn't contain any audio. Tony Ciampi needs these tapes to defend himself about exactly what happened that morning.

We have known Tony from chatting with him downtown on the bench in front of Chicos and in The Prolific Oven for about 15 years. We have never known Tony to be uncooperative or aggressive with anyone. He is a devout Christian who helps other people, has always had a quiet manner, and we have never heard him even raise his voice.

We have always been supportive of the police and still are, and have always tended to take the side of the police. In this particular case we feel Tony Ciampi is not being treated fairly by the Palo Alto Police Department. We would appreciate anything you can do to expedite the copies of these tapes to Tony and/or his attorney. We have been living in Palo Alto since 1955, and Ron has a BA '53 and MBA '57 from Stanford.

Sincerely,

Ron & Pat Eadie
877 Sharon Ct.
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From: surfer mike [yogawithsurfermike@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2008 1:48 PM
To: Council, City; pdrekmeier@earthlink.net; Kishimoto, Yoriko; Barton, John (Internal)
Subject: Palo Alto Police Video

To the Honorable City Council of Palo Alto,

My friend was involved in an altercation with the Palo Alto Police on March 15, 2008. Apparently there are four videos and four audios of the incident and the Police Department is withholding Three of the Videos and Three of the Audios from the District Attorney and my friend's Attorney. Could you please look into this matter and possibly urge the Police Department to honor my friend's request for this evidence, so this fellow gets the fair trail every citizen deserves.

My friend's name is Joseph Anthony Ciampi, Tony.

Peace,

Mike Kintz
A Concerned Citizen

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From: LaNell Mimmack [lmimmack@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2008 3:34 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Taser video/audio

Honorable Members of the Palo Alto City Council:

My good friend Tony (Joseph Anthony) Ciampi was "tasered" by the Palo Alto police, and the police department has accused him of felony crimes. Tony has engaged an attorney who has requested copies of video/audio tapes of the event. He says his attorney has received an incomplete video and no audio of the incident. Will you please intercede on Tony's behalf to see that he and his attorney get the information they have requested.

I have known Tony for several years and trust him completely. He is a good and honest person.

Thank you.

LaNell Mimmack
422 Palo Alto Ave.

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From: Joseph Shakes [joeshakes@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2008 12:17 PM
To: Johnson, Lynne
Cc: Council, City; Benest, Frank; Morariu, Kelly
Subject: Re: Videos

Thank you for your response, Chief Johnson – The account of the incident that I heard differs from yours but I appreciate that all the recorded material has now been released to the District Attorney's office.
Sincerely,
Joe Shakes

On Jun 2, 2008, at 2:48 PM, Johnson, Lynne wrote:

> Mr. Shakes,
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> When our officers made contact with Mr. Campi he was very uncooperative, threatening and actually assaulted two officers. Two tasers were activated because the first time, the probes did not strike him and as a result were ineffective. The second time the a taser was used in the drive stun mode on the his leg. The tasers were not aimed his face at any time. The tasers were activated in accordance with our policy after the officers were assaulted. He punched one officer in the face and kicked another officer in the chest. The Police Auditor has reviewed all the information as well and agrees that the use of the tasers was justified and according to policy. There are a total of 4 videos associated with the incident- two from the tasers and two from the car cameras (MAV). I have personally reviewed all four. The DA's office must release the videos via the discovery process to the defense attorney because charges have been filed. The DA requested the two MAV videos and they were provided to them in the early part of May. They have not been altered in any fashion. Originally, the DA filed misdemeanor charges but also added a felony charge after reviewing the videos. On one of the MAV videos, there is audio only as the car/camera were not in a position to capture the incident as it took place on the other side of the Mr. Campi's van. On the other MAV video, there was a malfunction of the microphone so was there is only video. We confirmed it was not a case of the officer not turning on the system as the video was very clear. The DA just requested the two taser videos today when we contacted them to see if they wanted those as well as they had not asked for copies previously. They will receive those first thing tomorrow morning.

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From: Johnson, Lynne
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2008 2:46 PM
To: 'yogawithsurfermike@gmail.com'
Cc: Benest, Frank; Council, City
Subject: Videos

Mr. Kintz

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