

## **APPENDIX B:**

### **Questions for the City of Grand Rapids Investigation Into Complaint Regarding Jilmar Ramos-Gomez**

#### **Policies and Procedures:**

- Under what circumstances may GRPD officers contact ICE? Are there any written policies or training materials instructing GRPD officers about when contacts with ICE are or are not permitted?
- Who do GRPD officers typically reach out to when domestic terrorism is suspected?
- Is there a protocol/procedure for potential terrorism investigations? If yes, was it followed by Captain VanderKooi? If not followed, why did he depart from the procedure?
- Under what circumstances are contacts with federal authorities by GRPD officers (including but not limited to Department of Homeland Security) documented in writing, and where is this information recorded? Under what circumstances must supervisors, including the Police Chief, be notified when federal authorities are contacted?
- What policies or procedures does the GRPD have to protect individuals with mental health issues or mental disabilities during investigations?

#### **Outstanding Factual Questions:**

- When and how did Captain VanderKooi first become aware that the other officers had interviewed Mr. Ramos-Gomez and concluded that the incident was not likely to be terrorism? When did he first speak with them and read their reports? If he did not speak to them or read their report before contacting ICE, why not? If he spoke with them or read their reports after contacting ICE, did he follow up with ICE thereafter?
- After Captain VanderKooi was informed by ICE that they believe Mr. Ramos-Gomez was a foreign national, did Captain VanderKooi ever inform ICE that Mr. Ramos-Gomez is a U.S. citizen? If not, why not?
- Has Captain VanderKooi ever worked on an investigation, partnership, or task force that involved the FBI? It appears that he spent time at the FBI National Training Academy. Given that, what was it that made him want to contact someone from Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Enforcement and Removal Operations Division, instead of someone from the FBI regarding his terrorism concerns? Does Captain VanderKooi have any professional contacts in the FBI?
- Captain VanderKooi apparently indicated that he saw the situation as time sensitive. Did Captain VanderKooi follow up with ICE about Mr. Ramos-Gomez's "status" when ICE did not immediately respond? If not, why not?

- Did Captain VanderKooi or the GRPD do any additional investigation into terrorism? Did VanderKooi talk to anyone or follow up with anyone about having checked with ICE or in any way coordinate with a possible ongoing investigation by the GRPD? Does he normally rely solely on ICE to investigate pressing terrorism cases where time is of the essence?
- Did Captain VanderKooi respond to Matthew Lopez's email regarding Mr. Ramos-Gomez's immigration status? Did Captain VanderKooi share the email from Matthew Lopez to anyone else?
- Does Captain VanderKooi have access to police incident reports from his home?
- Did Captain VanderKooi ever look at the items gathered during the investigation, including the passport?
- What role, if any, did Captain VanderKooi have in the investigation of Mr. Ramoz-Gomez? Was he a supervisor of or responsible for the officers who arrested and interviewed Mr. Ramoz-Gomez? Was Captain VanderKooi in charge of the investigation? If he was not part of the investigation, on what authority did he insert himself into an investigation without contacting any other members of the GRPD before or after? Is there anyone to whom he should have reported his contact with ICE to?
- What communications did Captain VanderKooi or other GRPD officer have with ICE after it came to light that Mr. Ramos-Gomez is a U.S. citizen?

### **Past History**

- When were the last five times that the GRPD contacted ICE for possible terrorist related activity? What was the basis for contacting ICE for each such incident and what was the race/ethnicity and nationality of the person suspected?
- In what other contexts has Captain VanderKooi contacted ICE? Has he ever requested that his ICE contact check on someone's "status"? How often? What were the last 15 contacts prior to this incident where Captain VanderKooi contacted ICE?
- The other times that Mr. Ramos-Gomez was arrested by the GRPD and not turned over to ICE, did Captain VanderKooi have any involvement or knowledge of those incidents?
- Have there been any complaints made against Captain VanderKooi of racial bias in policing? If yes, how many?
- Have there been any prior internal or external investigations into racial or national origin bias regarding Captain VanderKooi? If so, how many? What were the outcomes of the investigations? Has he ever been determined to have engaged in racially/nationally origin biased policing? Have any civil lawsuits been filed against Captain Vanderkooi for any racial/national origin based biased policing?