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From: Cox, Steve
Sent: 02 November 2021 08:18
To: Simon Setters
Subject: RE: Road Traffic Accident

Dear Mr Setter

For the purpose of the committee hearing, any details of who the statement was from would remain confidential, though I would want to see who its from.

Regarding the parents report, then yes if you feel that is the best way to address the issues, do it line by line.

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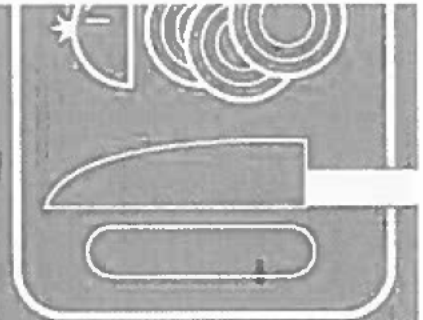
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From: Simon Setters [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 November 2021 08:14
To: Cox, Steve <Steve.Cox@torbay.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Road Traffic Accident

I shall have the statement from the hospital worker in question in the next few days. But I need it to be confirmed that this will be confidential and her name won't be spread around? She's high up in the Oncology department so she's concerned about this?

Regarding the statement made by one of the parents... How do you want me to respond? Would a police report help? And do you want me to go through every point the parent made detailing how false the claims are?

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Mon, 1 Nov 2021 at 8:45 pm, Cox, Steve

<Steve.Cox@torbay.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Setter

The plan is for me to draft a report this week, which won't be published until next week at the earliest, so if you are able to let me have a response this week, that would be useful. Maybe you could update me by Friday and then I can review and decide on a committee date.

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From: Simon Setters [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 October 2021 11:51
To: Cox, Steve <Steve.Cox@torbay.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Road Traffic Accident

I am so genuinely shocked and angry at this parents total fabrication of a statement that I'm going to await legal advice before responding. I'll be getting advice this week and will respond when ready. Is that OK with you?

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On Mon, 25 Oct 2021 at 9:08 am, Cox, Steve

<Steve.Cox@torbay.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Setters

Send any further information or statements to me at this email address.

As for the statement from one of your passengers, this is their email, which again you can respond to me via this email. I am now off until next Monday, so I will collate the information then and send you links to the committee report when written.

To confirm events for you, as has been told to me by XX:

My daughter and her friends picked up this taxi from the waterfront in Torquay perhaps around 12.30am Weds morning, I expect she may be able to give a clearer time in due course. It wasn't a straight forward journey back to the holiday cottage as the taxi didn't know where it was and they did get lost. They eventually made it to almost their destination, they were travelling down the lane

[REDACTED] this is a narrow typical Devon rural farm lane. The driver was driving too fast in my daughter's opinion for the road (National speed limits may apply however we all know you can not drive safely at speed down these lanes). She passed her driving test herself just a month ago and so is acutely aware at the moment of the drivers driving style and of speeds. My daughter was sat in the middle of the back seat. All four of them had their seat belts on.

My daughter said she knew he was going too fast and told him there was a bend coming up, feeling worried. He didn't slow down and I guess almost immediately then crashed, rolling the vehicle due to the speed travelled at. The car came to a stop on its roof, which was a glass roof and smashed in but held together so to speak so it didn't shatter on them. My daughter and her three friends were all able to get their seat belts off, albeit falling onto their heads and bracing themselves within the vehicle, and climb out of one of the back doors of the car.

The driver also got out. It's all naturally quite a blur for XXXX. She recalls the engine was still on and tyres still rotating around at speed. There was smoke coming from the car which frightened her as she thought it may go up so she seemingly climbed back into the car herself to switch off the engine thinking on the spot that this was the right thing to do to prevent the car catching fire. The time was around 1.15am.

The driver asked if they were all ok, they were alive and in shock but I think the natural thing to say is yes. He requested them to leave the scene telling them he would be in trouble and could lose his livelihood, he stated to them the car had malfunctioned. I believe his statements to them were seemingly to cover himself.

I am assuming the car is a write off, but if not, then you need to arrange for it to be inspected by my colleague, Jon Edwards, before you continue to use it. Otherwise you needs to transfer the plate across to another vehicle. If you can liaise with Jon about this please.

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From: Simon Setters [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 October 2021 10:21
To: Cox, Steve <Steve.Cox@torbay.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Road Traffic Accident

Good morning.

The statement from the nurse in question, do I get her to email that to you at this address?

Regarding the views of the parents of one of the passengers involved in the accident, obviously this is fresh information to me. As mentioned the police absolved me from any blame whatsoever, so if I'm able to get a report from them as well, where would I get them to send that?

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Fri, 22 Oct 2021 at 8:05 pm, Cox, Steve

<Steve.Cox@torbay.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Setter

Thank you for your reply to my previous email.

I am writing to inform you that it is my plan to include the following matters in a committee report for presentation to Licensing Committee at a future date, though I would anticipate this to be the 18th or 25th November 2021. These are

The 12 points that will be added to your licence

The allegation of that you were undertaking a sexual act which was witnessed by minors

The road traffic incident near Ipplepen

The purpose of advising you of this, is to advise you that I will be including information from one of the parents of the young people involved in the accident, which provides a differing view to your explanation, and a statement from the gentleman who witnessed you in the car, and says you were naked. Clearly you have already kindly submitted your view of events in both cases, however this gives you the opportunity to submit any additional information for inclusion within that report, such as a statement from the nurse who was checking on the medical matter, as you advised us.

Can I stress anything you provide us with, will form part of the committee report and it will be for committee and committee alone to review what is presented to them and make a decision. Officers are there simply to present what has been provided to them during their enquiries, in in this case my enquiries.


I am on leave next week, 25th-29th Oct, but if you can let me have anything by **Sunday 31st October 2021** and I will include this on my return.

Once the report is written and published I will ensure you have sight of a copy or a link to our webpage.

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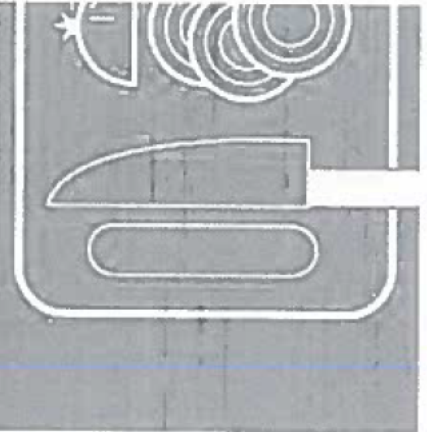
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