

## Summary of Form Inquiry.

### Lieutenant J. O. Holmes

Lieutenant Holmes advised he started at Executive Protection in 1996 and left in 2003. He worked for Governor Hunt and then Governor Easley. Lt. Holmes advised there was no form used other than the HP-1 when he was working E.P. He advised a request would come in that the Gov. was traveling somewhere and they would take him. When members were off they would call in and see if the Gov. was traveling and then they would know if an HP-1 would need to be completed the next day and the location.

Lt. Holmes when shown a copy of the Events form and Flight Itinerary advised he thought Captain Melvin designed them after he left, but was not sure. He advised he never used those forms when he was at the mansion. Lt. Holmes had no knowledge of any trips by Gov. Easley in 05' or 07'. He advised he left E.P. in 2003. While assigned to E.P. he advised Ms. Debra Tingen was the secretary for E.P.

### Captain J. A. Melvin

Captain Melvin was in charge of E.P. from 03' until 07'. Captain Melvin advised he designed the Events Form and the Itinerary Form he was shown. He explained he used the same Itinerary form that Commerce used and took their name off of it, and modified an existing patrol form into the Events Form. He stated he did this to be better organized and to help the men on the E.P. unit. The new designed form has all the information needed with phone numbers and contacts that the members needed and they could fold it up and put it in their pocket and pull it out if needed. The form worked great according to Captain Melvin. He advised back then in 03' the Governor was traveling a lot since it was a campaign year and he needed something to help keep the guys organized. He advised Debra Tingen was the secretary until sometime in 05' and then Ms. Diane Bumgardner was hired February 2005.

Captain Melvin explained that the notification of the Governor's travel comes from many different sources. The Chief of Staff, Press Secretary, Scheduler, Democratic Party, and the Governor's Calendar all would be sources along with others that advised E.P. that the Gov. would be traveling. The request would come in the assignment made according to who was scheduled to work. Sometimes months or weeks notices other times a day or hours notice. The packet of papers would be given to the trooper and he would handle the detail. When the member returned he would shred or give paperwork to the secretary and she would shred it. The only thing filed was the HP-1 and maybe some of the forms if they were attached. He advised an electronic copy was kept on the computer.

Captain Melvin advised he remembers going to Florida with the First Lady, Richard Moore's wife, Judy Easley, and some of the Kenan family in 2005. He does not remember if it was a private plane or the Commerce plane. He thought it was dealing

with art museum. He doesn't know about any private flight in 07' since he was gone from the E.P. in the fall of 07'.

Captain Melvin advised the only way to tell if it was a private flight was if the new form he modified was used rather than a commerce form. He advised there were a bunch of private flights back in the fall of 03'. He stated private flights are not filed any differently than the other flights and that they are all filed electronically.

Captain Melvin admits that he carried a computer hard drive in a box to former Governor Easley's residence while off duty and out of uniform on his fathers car. He denies sharing any patrol documents or information with the former Governor and that it was a personal hard drive. Captain Melvin also advised that the date in question was the only time he has ever been to the new personal residence of ex-Governor Easley.

### **First Sergeant C. J. Stephens**

First Sergeant Stephens was assigned to E.P. from 93' until September 07'. He was in charge of E.P. for the last six months he was there. First Sergeant Stephens advised that Captain Melvin designed the Events Assignment Sheet and that the Itinerary form is a modified Commerce form. He was not sure what happened to the sheets after the trooper's assignment but he felt they were shredded and a copy was maintained on Ms. Diane's computer. He advised private flights were not kept any different than the other flights other than the form would have private on it. He stated Ms. Diane would set-up packet for assigned troopers for the Governor's event.

First Sergeant Stephens does not remember a trip to Fort Lauderdale and doesn't remember a trip to New York in the fall of 07'. He stated the Gov. went to Florida a lot. He advised the Gov. did not fly private often, maybe one or two times every six months.

### **Sergeant D. P. Wainright**

Sergeant Wainright has been assigned to E.P. since August of 04' and has been in charge of the detail since September 07' to the present day. Sergeant Wainright advised that the notice of the Governor's plans to travel come from various sources and there is no set person each time that makes the notification. He advised it is ever changing as to if the Gov. is going to travel or not. Some times it is a last minute thing. He advised he thinks Captain Melvin or Ms. Diane designed the Events Assignment form that is used, but it was there before he got there and isn't sure who designed it. He advised Captain Melvin Modified the Commerce Flight Itinerary and used it for private flights. Sergeant Wainright advised he has never used the private flights itinerary form. He stated the private flight that has taken place since he was there was set up by someone else.

Sergeant Wainright explained that if E.P. knows in advance about travel they will fill out an event form with all information. They use the events form as an in house form as a way to disseminate information. It is given to the trooper as here is the location, time, how you get there, and needed phone numbers. He advised the form has worked for them as long as he has been there.

Sergeant Wainright advised the only thing he may have to document a private flight would be the private flight form. He advised if a third party sets up the flight and they don't send him an Itinerary then he won't have one at all. He would hand trooper sheet with be at RDU at the assigned time with the Governor.

Sergeant Wainwright advised all available information is given to the assigned trooper of the event. He describes it as a packet. The events sheet, maps, anything pertaining to the assignment. When the trooper gets back he usually puts it in Ms. Diane's basket and she shreds it. Ms. Diane keeps a copy of everything associated with that event on the computer. The HP-1 is the only form we file. He advised there are no other records kept concerning the Governor's travel by them except what is on Ms. Diane's computer. He advised Ms. Diane designed a spread sheet to keep up with campaign travel that allows them to get reimbursed for travel mileage.

Sergeant Wainright had no knowledge of a trip to Florida in 05' and stated that was before he was in charge, and he did not go on a trip. Sergeant Wainright could not recall a trip to New York in November of 07'. Sergeant Wainright advised since he has been in charge there have been only two private flights that he is aware of, one was a helicopter in Brunswick County and one was a flight to Florida on Hendricks plane.

#### **Diane Bumgardner**

Ms Bumgardner has worked as the secretary at the E.P. since February 2005. She advised she completes the packets that are given to the troopers when she receives the information. She advised no flight itineraries are created by Governor's Security, and that they are received from the Dept. of Commerce if it is the State's plane. She advised if a folder does not have a flight itinerary in then they did not get one. She advised in the past Captain Melvin always made the flight itineraries. She advised private events can be state aircraft used. She only remembers one private flight in last 18 months and it was in B-5, and flown by McQueen Campbell.

Ms. Bumgardner advised she has two folders set up in her computer for Governor's travel. One named Campaign Events and one named State Events. Then in each folder she has the year and it is broken down into four quarters. Ms. Bumgardner says nothing has been deleted from her computer pertaining to any governor's events or private flights to her knowledge.

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Ms. Bumgardner when asked at a later date by telephone, what happened to the 2003, 2004, and 2005 files for Governor Events, advised that when they returned to the Governor's mansion in February 2006 Captain Melvin told her to download those records on a Disk in order to free up space on the computer. She downloaded those records on a disk and gave it to Captain Melvin.

**Lieutenant A. H. Batchelor**