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August 12, 2022

(Sent by email to jeffrey.barton@phoenix.gov)

Jeff Barton
City Manager
Phoenix City Hall
200 West Washington Street, 12th floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Dear Mr. Barton,

I watched the news Wednesday night and saw the story about the use of Signal by the City of Phoenix Police Department. I was alarmed that the City would publicly proclaim to the media that Phoenix Police Chief Jeri Williams deleted her Signal app in 2020 and urged her subordinates not to use the app for Department business. This claim is demonstrably false. In fact, Chief Williams used the Signal app regarding Department business well into 2021, as the attached examples unequivocally demonstrate.

The claim that Assistant Chief Kurtenbach used the Signal app only for personal matters is also false, as the attachments also prove. And for the record, during this time period, Kurtenbach did not have a City issued cell phone and routinely used his personal cell phone for Department business.

The pending DOJ investigation and various lawsuits against the City will make these facts public soon enough. In the meantime, the City is supposed to serve the people, and the people are not served by lies. The City should stop lying to the public.

Do you plan on correcting these false statements?

Et Facta Est Lux.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Montoya". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" and last name "Montoya" clearly legible.

Stephen Montoya

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cc: Mayor Kate Gallego at mayor.gallego@phoenix.gov;
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Just the Top

⌚ 30m



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8 members

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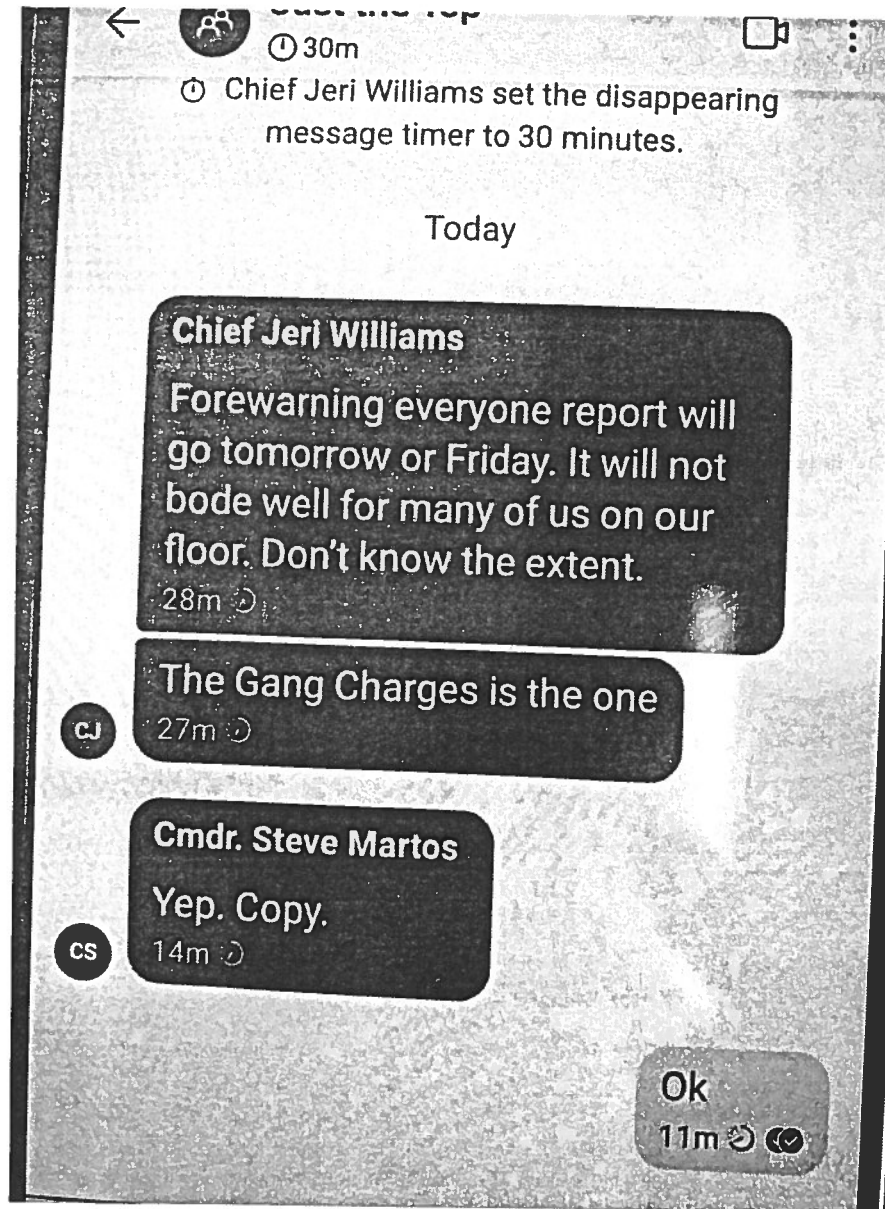
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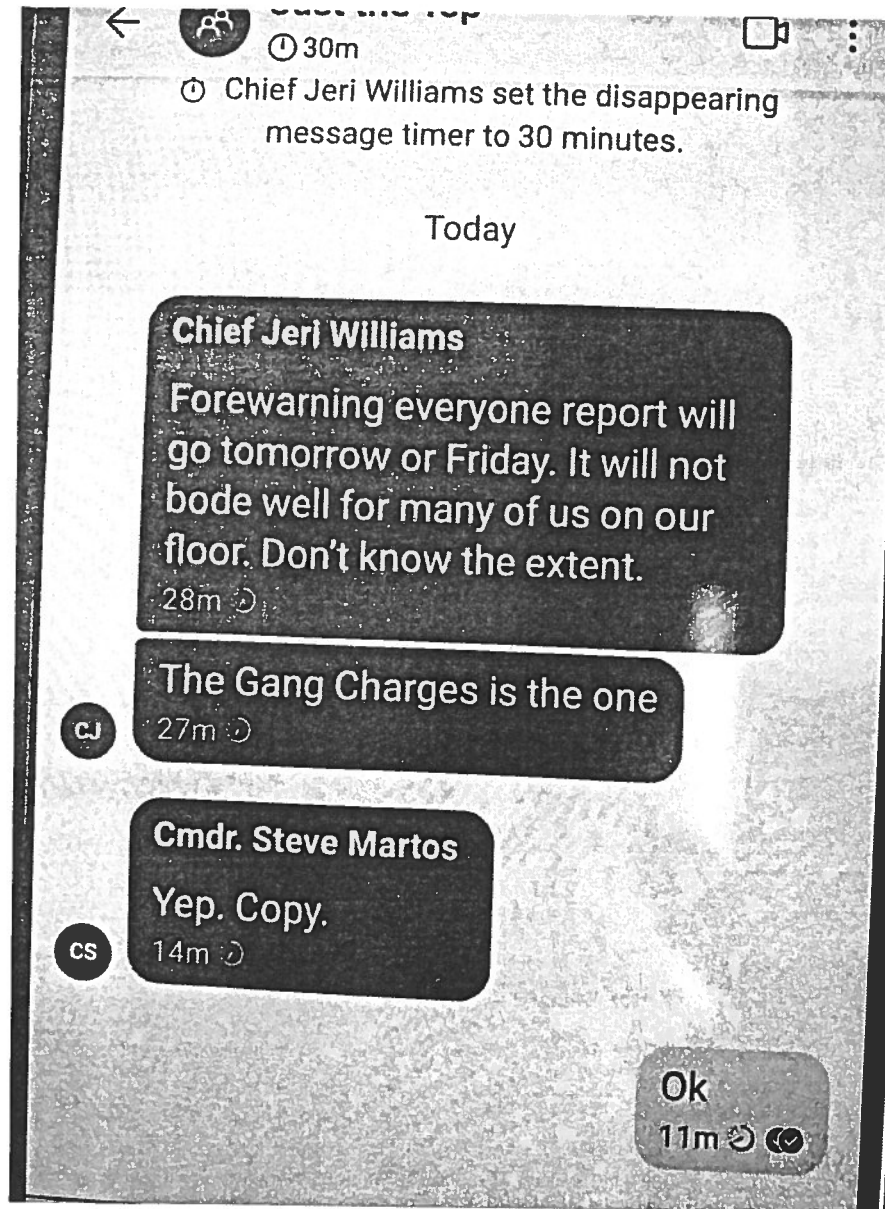
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