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May 11, 2022

Response to May 4, 2022 Correspondence

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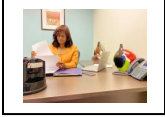
**RE: Case Style: Bigsby Family v. Hampton
Firm Case #: 180022022**

Dear Attorney Ivery:

I am in recent of your correspondence dated May 4, 2022.

I will address your responses in order:

1. Chief Talbot's statements did not amount to "updates" to the public. Chief Talbot's statements were false and accusatory in nature. Some members of the community reacted in a way that any reasonable person, especially the Chief "Public Safety" Officer, would expect them to react – by attacking Codi Bigsby's family. (*Did you view the video I submitted?*);
2. Since You Provided a 2-Part Response, I Will Provide a 2-Part Reply:
 - a. The false and accusatory statements made by Chief Talbot **absolutely** had an impact on some Hampton, Virginia community members (as you witnessed in the video). These community members are indeed the jury pool!
 - b. Chief Talbot has NOT "at all times sought to find Codi" – in fact, he stifled search efforts by limiting the number of people he asked to participate in the search, did not timely follow-up on tips from the community and "closed-up shop" after 5-days. ***Kindly provide me with proof of the official request you stated HPD made to the Virginia State Police along with their alleged denial.***



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- 3. Since You Provided a 2-Part Response, I Will Provide a 2-Part Reply:
 - a. The City’s defense of Chief Mark Talbot, in this letter, demonstrates that the City does, indeed, condone harassment and/or threats – or at least behavior / statements that provoke harassment and threats from others.
 - b. Your request that the Codi Bigsby family contact law enforcement immediately, if they are being harassed, quite frankly **is an insult!** Additionally, the fact that you have not offered any alternative to the family, other than **report the attacks to the agency that provoked it,** demonstrates your lack of concern and the Mayor’s lack of concern for his constituents. *(We have asked that Attorney General to get involved, that is a more logical course of action in light of the circumstances).*

4. Wow!

I look forward to *receiving a copy of the alleged request for the Amber Alert, along with all of the supplemental information HPD provided to the Virginia State Police pertaining to their alleged request, and the alleged denial by the Virginia State Police.*

Sincerely,

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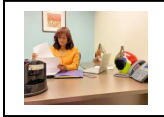
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Enclosures: Response from City of Hampton Dated May 4, 2022
Formal Request to Internal Affairs to Investigate Chief Talbot

cc: Codi Bigsby’s Family

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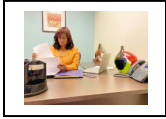
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