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### **Cudahy Incident #18-1106 – Tampering with Public Notices**

Mayor Hohenfeldt

On 06/22/18, the City of Cudahy Director of Office Services, Carolyn Toms-Neary, notified the Cudahy Police Department about concerns regarding two official notices that were reported missing from the Cudahy Family Library. The advanced notices for meeting agendas had been issued by City of Cudahy Government and posted in a public location within the library. Toms-Neary, after speaking with library staff, confirmed the notices had been properly posted; however, a citizen was observed on surveillance video removing them from the bulletin board. The citizen was positively identified by library staff.

The missing notices were identified as:

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY, WI TO BE HELD AT THE CUDAHY MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5050 S. LAKE DRIVE, CUDAHY, WI, TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.

*It was confirmed the notice was properly posted on 06/01/18.*

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY, WI TO BE HELD AT THE CUDAHY MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5050 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE, CUDAHY, WI ON MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M

*It was confirmed that the notice was properly posted on 06/20/18.*

Wisconsin State Statute 946.72(2) adopted by Cudahy Municipal Court, outlines Tampering with Public Records and Notices as the following:

“Intentionally damages, alters, removes or conceals any public notice, posted as authorized by law, before the expiration of the time for which the notice was posted”

Based on the details of the initial complaint, further investigation was conducted.

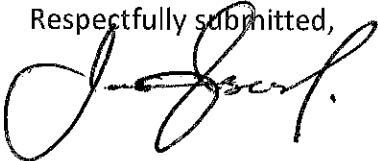
City Clerk Dennis Broderick provided documentation that the above referenced Notices had been properly posted in a timely manner. Furthermore, video surveillance was collected; video which showed the same citizen remove the suspected Notices from the Cudahy Family Library bulletin board on both occasions; dates of removal were 06/04/18 and 06/21/18. The "missing" Notices were never located after their removal.

The citizen was interviewed and acknowledged being at the library on the dates when the Notices went missing. The citizen further stated she removed the Notices from the bulletin board.

The investigation was subsequently concluded and forwarded to the Milwaukee County DA's Office. After taking into consideration the circumstances and the lack of any criminal record for the citizen, the Assistant District Attorney chose to refer the matter back to the Cudahy Police Department. It will be closed unless the citizen repeats similar behavior in the future, at which time the referral could be reopened.

Upon closing the investigation, the citizen was issued two municipal tickets for Tampering with Public Notices.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Zblewski", written in a cursive style.

Lieutenant Joseph Zblewski  
Cudahy Police Department