

Lisa Clausen

From: Cole, Carl [Carl.Cole@kingcounty.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 11:00 AM
To: robertallisón@juno.com
Cc: Lisa Clausen; Henry McLauchlan (Burien PD); Carl Cole - Burien PD
Subject: Speeding Police Car Unauthorized

Mr. Allison,

Thank you for your email to Burien City Council dated March 28, 2011. I have determined who the driver of the car was and that he was not engaged in police work that would normally call for fast driving at the time you reported your observations. I will direct his supervisor to talk to him about the negative impression his driving left on you as well as going over our driving policy with him to ensure that he knows safe driving within the law is our expectation. As you suggest, this incident will be documented in his personnel file to give us the ability to track these things. If his driving has similar impact on other citizens, future remedies may be more severe.

Under WA State law, speeding is an infraction and Notices of Infraction (commonly called citations) can only be issued by Certified Peace Officers and before they can issue them, they have to personally observe the violation. While I appreciate your willingness to participate in the process, issuing a ticket is not an option.

I apologize for any distress you experienced over this situation. Should you wish to discuss this further or have any questions, please call Sergeant Henry McLauchlan at 206/296-3351.

Thank you,

Captain Carl Cole

Burien Police Department
206/296-3341 (W)
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CFTR: 04/04/11

Lisa Clausen

From: Public Council Inbox
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 12:23 PM
To: 'ROBERT E ALLISON'
Subject: RE: Speeding Police Car Unauthorized

Thank you for your message to the Burien City Council. It will be provided to the Police Chief and City Manager and included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming Council meeting.

L. Clausen
City Manager's Office

From: ROBERT E ALLISON [<mailto:robertallison@juno.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 9:53 AM
To: Public Council Inbox
Subject: Speeding Police Car Unauthorized

ROBERT ALLISON
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March 28, 2011

Speeding Police Car: 3-27-2011

On Sunday Morning March 27, 2011 I had occasion to observe a Burien Police Car traveling at a high rate of speed. I first observed this occurrence Northbound I-5 at approximately the Interurban and approaching the Boeing Access RD or Empire Way if you will. The driver was in the HOV lanes approaching behind me, as I was in lane three. My speed was 60 MPH when I was passed by this high rate driver. Time was 4:45 AM. This vehicle was well marked and was not using any overhead lights while speeding. This person continued speeding up to and maintaining 76 MPH in a 60 zone. I followed this person and documented the speed several times as I did with the vehicle license plate number. During this episode we passed a State Patrol Car who had its overhead lights on that had made a stop from an apparent violator car on the right at Empire Way. Please do not say I have no evidence to support my allegations.

The subject continued North Bound as I backed off to 60 MPH. Since there was not much traffic that time of the morning I was able to see this person exit at James St. I cannot say for sure if this subject was male or female for it was dark and I was focusing on vehicle, license plate, and ID on the back of the car. Yes, it was fully identifiable.

License is WA 83370C

I am in the position of requesting a citation to written on this person and I will be available to sign and if necessary respond to court to show cause. I have a good idea this will not happen for this incident will be investigated but no citation will be given. I would like to remind all of you who are reading this to ask yourselves why does this person have the right to get away with this kind of behavior. We all are supposed to be responsible for our actions but obviously there is an exception to police employees.

I DO know how your system works. This subject will be called in to explain and it will go into his file. I also know if this has happened on several occasion's this person may be disciplined. If he or she is disciplined they will write a grievance to their union, free of charge, and the end result will be the grievance will be downgraded to something other than what it should be. Does the taxpayer get the same resource? No

This proves police employees get away with the very same bad driving behavior that they themselves are out there enforcing on the taxpayer. Please tell me where I am wrong.

If I can be of further assistance on this matter please contact me at my telephone number above or e-mail.

ROBERT ALLISON