

room. After Linda left, she called Patrick and told him he needed to tell Dave (Stichter) about what happened and she wanted Dave to call her. Linda was so upset and Yuliya felt so bad that they just dropped it and did not discuss the incident. They wanted to end the night on a good note.

Officer Pfaff Statement

Officer Pfaff said that he was in the roll call room on the computer; also present were Officer Indehar and Officer Reuben when Linda Cushing brought two students for a tour. Officer Pfaff said he was about 4-5 feet away from Officer Reuben facing his back when Officer Reuben was interacting with the two female students. Officer Reuben was in full MPD uniform.

Officer Pfaff did not see or hear Officer Reuben eject a live round from the chamber of his gun at any time. He did not see or hear Officer Reuben remove the magazine from his gun at any time. He did not see Officer Reuben leave the room to clear his weapon. He did not see Officer Reuben at any time unload his service weapon.

Officer Pfaff did not see the female exchange student holding Officer Reuben's gun. He saw Linda, her husband and the exchange students leave the roll call room abruptly.

Officer Pfaff said he heard Linda yelling "Oh my God" in the office before they all left so he asked Officer Reuben what had happened. Officer Reuben told him that he showed his weapon to the foreign exchange student and she pointed up towards her head and was laughing. He said that Officer Reuben told him he would tell a supervisor about the incident.

Officer Indehar Statement

Officer Indehar said he was in the Traffic Office with Officer Pfaff and Officer Reuben when Linda Cushing came in with two female exchange students. Officer Indehar said he left the office a few minutes later. About a week later, he heard about an incident where one of the foreign exchange students had put a gun to her head in their office. He was not present when the event happened.

Officer Indehar said prior to the incident Officer Reuben was in uniform and he did not see Officer Reuben unload his weapon.

Sgt. Stichter Statement

Sgt. Stichter said he was out on patrol when the incident happened. He was arriving back at the office around 1800 hours when he saw Officers leaving for patrol. At approximately 2300 hours that evening, Officer Reuben stopped by his office and told him about the gun-pointing incident.

Sgt. Stichter said that had Linda not been so adamant that Patrick report the incident to him, he did not know if he would have otherwise. He questioned Officer Reuben on why he waited many hours to report the incident and he said he was scared.

Sgt. Stichter said that Officer Reuben reported to him that he handed his weapon to a juvenile foreign exchange student and that she pointed it at her head. Officer Reuben told him that he immediately grabbed the gun back and Linda had yelled at him to put it away. Sgt. Stichter said he asked Officer Reuben specifically if his gun was unloaded and he responded yes so he did not go any further with that.

Sgt. Stichter said that Officer Reuben was in full uniform that night; he also said he has never seen Officer Reuben unload his gun at work for any reason.

Yuliya Yegerova Statement

Yuliya Yegerova said she toured the Traffic Unit Office on March 23, 2011 and met Officer Patrick Reuben. Yuliya said that Officer Reuben handcuffed her after Linda made the request and pictures were taken and that was fun. While handcuffed, Yuliya said that Officer Reuben said, "I should probably do like the movies and search you." This made Yuliya uncomfortable, but Officer Reuben did not search her or touch her.

After the handcuffing Yuliya said, she saw Officer Reuben's gun in his holster and asked what it was. Officer Reuben said it was his gun, asked her if she wanted to see it and when she said yes, he took it out of his holster and with it in the palm of his hand he handed it to her. Yuliya said she then looked at it and held it up next to her head with it pointed up. Yuliya said that everyone freaked out and Officer Reuben took his gun away.

Yuliya has never seen a real gun and she had no idea if it was loaded or not. Yuliya is not familiar with guns and Officer Reuben did not show her if it was unloaded or not. Yuliya said they left the office shortly after the incident.

Officer Reuben's First Statement

Officer Reuben stated he was working in full uniform on March 23, 2011 and was in the Traffic Unit Office at approximately 1800 hours along with Officer Pfaff, Linda Cushing her husband and two foreign exchange students. Officer Reuben said he learned

that they were high school students, one was from Russia, and one was from Finland. He asked how old they were and joked with them a little bit.

Officer Reuben said the girls wanted to see his handcuffs and was reluctant to at first but then he showed them to them and then Linda took a photo. Officer Reuben said he has taken photos in the past with other exchange students that had been with Linda and they had rode with him so he was okay with having a photo taken.

Officer Reuben said that someone then took the handcuffs off but he was not sure if it was the girls, Mike Pfaff or Linda that took the handcuffs off. Officer Reuben thought Linda did it.

Officer Reuben said that Yuliya said, "Can I see your gun" and he said, "I don't know if I said sure or no or I don't know if I just said no at first and then I said sure, but I did show her my gun." Officer Reuben said he took it out and had it in the palm of his hand and told her that she had to point it away from people and to treat every weapon like it is loaded. Officer Reuben said that Yuliya grabbed it, put her hand around the grip and pointed it at the wall and then was laughing and pointed the gun at her head and she said, "look at me, look at me." Officer Reuben said that he then grabbed the gun back and told her she cannot do that. Linda then said something similar to that it is not funny and then everyone left.

Officer Reuben said his gun was not loaded when Yuliya was holding it. Officer Reuben said the night before right after his shift, he took off his gun belt and unloaded it, and then he put everything in his locker.

I asked Officer Reuben if he had been an hour into his shift in full uniform with an unloaded gun and he said yes. He had his magazine in his pocket and his extra round

in a pocket. He said he loaded his gun once he was out in the squad and that is what he generally does. He said that nobody saw him load his gun.

The incident happened at approximately 1800 hours, at approximately 1930 hours Officer Reuben used vacation time **13.43 - Personnel Data** until approximately 2300 hours when he returned to work the remainder of his shift. At approximately 2300 hours, Officer Reuben told Sgt. Stichter about the gun incident with Yuliya. When asked why he waited 5 hours to report the incident he said, I looked up the statute for handguns or firearms and so I didn't think it was, I really didn't think much about that. Um, then I got a call from Linda and she was upset. I think I got a phone call and a text from her. I really didn't think much about it why she was calling me but anyways I called her. And she was like crying or she was crying. Then I asked her what was going on and she said that Tom is like some kind of head guy for foreign exchange students or I'm not really sure or something...I think he's kind of the head guy. She said that she didn't want him to lose that position or job and then um, she also said that she told the kids not to tell anyone about it and right away my response was you can't tell a kid not to say something like that to a parent or guardian. So right after that I went back and talked to Sgt. Stichter. I told him I said I did something really stupid and this is what happened."

Officer Reuben's Second Statement

Officer Reuben said that during the day on March 23, 2011 he went to court in full MPD uniform and was wearing his gun belt with a loaded gun. I reminded Officer Reuben in his prior interview he mentioned that he unloaded his gun after work the night before on March 22, 2011, and put it in his locker and it remained unloaded until after the

gun-pointing incident on March 23, 2011 at which time he loaded it in his squad. Officer Reuben said, "That was not correct or that wasn't my intent to say that." I asked him what was the correct position on his gun and he said, "When I went back to court I had loaded or I put on my uniform, my duty belt, put on my belt keepers and walked out with my gun and my magazine, ah loaded it in the Haaf garage then went to court." Officer Reuben said that after court he returned to the Haaf Garage, unloaded his weapon, took off his uniform, and thought about getting something to eat or catching a movie. He then decided to just work and he put his uniform back on, loaded his weapon, and contacted a supervisor about working. He said he started at 5pm.

I pointed out to Officer Reuben that according to Work Force Director he had 15 minutes between when Court ended and his shift started. I asked how he could get back from court, unload his weapon, take his uniform off, put on civilian clothes, and eventually put his uniform back on in that short of time. He said was not sure of what time he actually got to the office.

Officer Reuben said he unloads his weapon every night and has been doing this for a year and half. He said a family counselor told him he should be unloading his weapons every night so he gets used to it because of his kids. Officer Reuben said he leaves the weapon at work. I asked if his kids come to work and have access to his gun and he said, "No." I asked Officer Reuben which one of his co-workers have ever witnessed him unload his gun in the last year and half. Officer Reuben said nobody has seen it because he does not normally do it in front of people.