

David Cavazos, city manager
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David,

I have been concerned about reports that Phoenix has not accurately portrayed the incidents of kidnappings in the city and that there may be retaliation against the officer who brought up the subject. I believe the answers to the following questions would shed the proper light on the situation and lead us to what really is the correct story.

There has been considerable disagreement over wording, what comes under what description and how it has been reported. There are differing views on what the kidnapping reality is in Phoenix. Answers to the questions below should tell us all what the true story is. I believe you, as city manager, would want answers to these questions so you can make up your own mind what really has transpired.

- What is the definition of kidnapping as it pertains to the police chief's testimony?
- Provide us the 368 Departmental Reports. (DRs).
- Provide the 368 case management reports connected with the DRs showing the case-carrying detective and the disposition of the report.
- Provide us the names and serial numbers of the detectives and supervisors assigned to the HIKE squad in 2007 and 2008.
- Highlight the kidnapping DRs that involve the demand for ransom referred to in kidnappings occurring "almost every night."
- Provide us all the communications between any of the statisticians, Crime Analysis Research Unit, HIKE, personnel, and IIMPACT personnel addressing the issue of accuracy of the statistics provided to support the kidnapping numbers presented by the police chief.
- Provide the criteria in police management's initial request for those kidnapping statistics. Clearly this message to the Senate was to portray the landscape of the crime of kidnapping in Phoenix with a direct connection to illegal immigration and/or home invasion.
- Do you believe the number of kidnapping statistics to be inaccurate or misleading considering the narrow context of the issue as it related to illegal immigration?

Thank you in advance for your efforts and prompt response.

Sincerely,

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