



City of Corpus Christi

Municipal Court

TO: Judge Joe A. Garza

FROM: Sally Garza, Secretary

DATE: November 5, 1986

SUBJECT: -TELEPHONE CALLS-

As to several frequent conversations held with H. Hernandez pertaining to the above, Alethea Knight and I again held another conversation concerning the same on November 5, 1986.

The below stated is one incident among many more that has occurred. On November 3, 1986, Monday morning, we had swamped courts with NO prosecutors present. The phones were ringing as well. As busy as we were, CCPD personnel, citizens wanting to file complaints and so forth were requesting to see Chief Pros or a Pros. M. Cano from Legal Dept. was later notified to come in and take care of business.

I didn't know M. Cano was handling court business. He normally comes down and spends long visits with the Prosecutors, I figured he was here for that.

As calls were coming in, I asked M. Cano for H. Hernandez and of the other prosecutors, he sarcastically told me "He didn't know"; I then asked him if any prosecutors were coming in, he sarcastically walked off to coffee leaving the Court, calls, and citizens unattended and told me "he didn't know".

This was discussed with H. Hernandez. I indicated that it was necessary that he notify or provide this office with a prosecutors schedule and that M. Cano's attitude was on called for. I informed H. Hernandez that cooperation on our part was being made by attending to their calls and visitors and that I had never experienced lack of cooperation and communication from the Legal Dept. until he took office as Chief Prosecutor. I expressed that many problems may be avoided if we all worked in conformity. I also told him that the only prosecutor that would notify this office of her whereabouts was Elizabeth Wynne, former Chief Prosecutor.

Discussing this issue with H. Hernandez in my office, remarks from A. Marshall were made out in the lobby area: "She's not my boss, she doesn't need to know". In addition, M. Cano flashed into my office and in a loud tone remarked: "I don't have to report when I leave or come into City Hall, neither do they".

I directed myself to M. Cano which had no business in the conversation and informed him that the Legal Dept. had suggested a sign in and out sheet and that it was very effective in thier department.

In solution to this problem I stressed to H. Hernandez that if I did not have the Legal Departments cooperation in this matter I would simply not attend to their business or personal calls.

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