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Urbana Police Chief Finally Admits Misconduct in Aleyah Lewis Arrest

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Dear Urbana City Council,

I have written a supplementary article, with accompanying video, on the issue of misconduct in the arrest of Aleyah Lewis, and you may read it here:

<https://checkcu.org/urbana-police-chief-finally-admits-misconduct-in-aleyah-lewis-arrest/>

Given that the Council is now aware of multiple tiers of failure within the Urbana Police Department and the Mayor's Office in regards to very basic competence and accountability, I would like to know how you plan to address these failures so that we do not continue to repeat them.

I would also like to know if and when the City plans to release new public statements in regards to the UPD and Hillard Heintze reviews of this incident, which we now know were very clearly wrong.

I believe the City should also reach out to the various news organizations that issued articles on the Aleyah Lewis arrest, and on the resulting UPD and Hillard Heintze reviews, so that they may update those articles to indicate that the UPD and Hillard Heintze reviews were wrong, and that there was police misconduct.

Last, the residents of Urbana want our \$20,000 back that was wasted on the Hillard Heintze review. If Hillard Heintze will not return it based on the review being a failure, then my suggestion is that the Council pass a new ordinance that would remove the sum from Mayor Marlin's salary, since she independently made the decision to hire them.

Regards,
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