

DECLARATION OF LINNETTE PERALTA HAYNES

Linnette Peralta Haynes declares as follows:

I served as campaign manager for Ross Mirkarimi's successful campaign for Sheriff during the fall 2011 election. Through Ross, I met his wife Eliana Lopez.

On January 4, 2012, Eliana Lopez contacted me and I had several phone conversations with her regarding a domestic violence related incident that had occurred with her husband Ross Mirkarimi. I have had training regarding domestic violence, and my primary concern was to assess the situation and determine if Eliana was in any danger. After speaking with her, I was satisfied that she was not in danger.

At some point in the afternoon on January 4, 2012, I called Eliana back to follow up on our conversation and to explore if she needed any additional support from me or any referrals. Towards the end of our phone conversation, I could hear Eliana speaking to someone else. Eliana quickly became distraught and I heard her cry out "Help me, help me, help me," as she handed the phone to an unknown female. In a brief conversation with this woman, I inquired as to what was happening. Once the woman informed me that she had been talking to Eliana for several days about the incident and had called the police, I asked whether she had contacted any domestic violence agencies, or attempted to connect Eliana with any domestic violence agencies for support. The woman responded no and became agitated. She then asked me several times if I was telling her she had made a mistake and that she should not make a report to the police or to speak with them. I informed the woman that I was not telling her to do anything of the sort. I pointed out to her that I was concerned for Eliana's wellbeing and safety. I could hear Eliana was distraught and extremely upset in the background. I suggested that she talk to Eliana.

I have never spoken to Ross Mirkarimi about the content of my conversations with Eliana Lopez or the woman. I respect Eliana Lopez's confidentiality and was fully present for Eliana regardless of my previous professional relationship with Ross Mirkarimi. Later that day, I called Ross Mirkarimi because Eliana Lopez urged me to contact Ross to let him know that she had not been able to contact him, she was trying to locate him to meet him in person. At no time did I dissuade any witness from talking with the police or cooperating in an investigation. And at no time did Ross Mirkarimi ask or suggest that I dissuade any witness from talking with the police or cooperating in an investigation.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct as to those matters of which I have personal knowledge, and as to all other matters that I believe them to be true on information and belief. Signed this 8th day of June, 2012, in the City and County of San Francisco, California.


Linnette Peralta Haynes