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The Honorable John Kroger
Oregon Department of Justice
1162 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301-4096

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I write today to ask for an investigation into the city of Portland's handling of a police matter with serious implications for our community.

The Oregonian reported¹ on October 8, 2010 that the City of Portland's attorney had evidence in their possession that Portland police Capt. Mark Kruger was a Nazi sympathizer but that the information was withheld as the city defended Mr. Kruger during federal civil rights law suits filed against him for the use of excessive force.


If such evidence was withheld from attorney's for the plaintiff's, was a crime committed or did any violation of professional obligations occur?

Was the public's safety put at risk by the city of Portland as they allowed a known Nazi sympathizer with a history of excessive force complaints to remain on the force?

Did anyone other than the city attorney's office know of Mr. Kruger's activities and knowingly lie about them in their capacity as public officials?

This matter would seem to warrant an independent investigation by the Oregon Attorney General's office. A serious breach of trust now exists between Portlanders and their police.

Thank you for your consideration.



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cc: Mayor Sam Adams

¹ http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2010/10/portland_police_panel_finds_ca.html