

“Public Comments That Make A False Impression”

The following are quotes and comments that have appeared in print and have been heard on television:

February 17, 2004, Dothan Eagle, Gary Griffin says,

“This will not be a witch hunt”

“This investigation will not be to exonerate or indict anybody”

“We’re not out to get anybody or to save anybody”

April 02, 2004, WTVY Television’s evening news, Mike Tew says,

“The Citizen’s Supervisory Committee wants the innocent cleared, the guilty charged”
(And some folks wonder why attorneys were retained by employees)

April 28, 2004, WDHN, 5,6 & 10pm news copy,

“Issues involving the Dothan Personnel Board’s investigation of Police Chief John White.....”

April 29, 2004, 5:00pm, WTVY News copy,

“A hearing that could prevent some Dothan police officers from testifying against Police Chief John White has been delayed”

(Implies that officers will testify against a wrongdoing Chief)

April 29, 2004, 6:00pm, WDHN News copy,

“Officials are waiting to see who will decide Chief John White’s fate”

(Projects that Chief White has been found guilty of wrongdoing and awaiting sentence)

April 30, 2004, Dothan Eagle, Gary Griffin says,

“We didn’t have any axes to grind when we came into this”

(This statement insinuates they’re grinding axes NOW)

“You know you can run, but you can’t hide, and we intend to get to the bottom of this”

“Should the personnel board continue to face problems with employees refusing to grant interviews, disciplinary action - including termination - would be recommended”