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Dear Deputy Public Defender,

Recently obtained dashcam video from District Heights is raising concerns about Sergeant Ronald Govan. He is the District Heights Police Department's fleet manager and evidence custodian. Sources tell DBlastMedia that the sergeant arranged for his cousin to inspect a police truck's faulty emergency lights. It took his cousin less than five minutes to locate a misconnected wire and restore the lights. That was not welcomed news to Govan who told the man to unfix the lights. Govan remarked, I want to get you money. His cousin can be seen on video disabling the lights, which sidelined the truck. Sergeant Govan lied to his superior about the truck's status and had his cousin return later that week to charge for a pricey repair. No action has been taken against him so far. A link to the video is included in my email.

You are receiving this letter because the situation casts doubt on the evidence custodian's credibility which may affect individuals represented by the public defender's office.

Respectfully,



Steve Thompson