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0:00 ...that I forgot to call you last Monday.

0:05 So I have looked into this and the mayor did in fact make a report to the council.

0:12 He, you know, I'm sure there's other reasons possibly, but the, the, first of all, he didn't have to have a reason.

0:20 You know, I could be, I mean, he does have to tell the council what his reasons were, which they did. He did, he did file it with them.

0:28 In fact, I have it, it basically, one of the problems is Judge Russo said that he was reasonably satisfied, which doesn't make the legal standard beyond a reasonable doubt.

0:42 And that was one of the grounds. I haven't read all of them, but I've seen the letter and it was followed. Not only was it filed with the council, but it was also filed with the city clerk.

0:56 So, you know, you can get a copy of that from the city clerk if you would like it. So that's, that's what happened.

1:07 Also, I told you that I would look in to find out why the recusals. I talked to both Ferris Taylor, who's the primary judge. He said that he did not know the defendant personally, but he recognized him, that he was somebody that hung out with Ferris's nephew when they were younger, and he just didn't feel comfortable doing it.

1:30 Chris Capps was, they asked Chris to do it. And at some point, I understand that Dustin represented the defendant in court, but initially he had appointed Holloway, and when Chris found that out, he would, you know, recused himself.

1:49 And I talked to both of those lawyers, and I trust what both of those lawyers said.

1:54 Also, Ferris told me that Dustin Fowler continued the case a few times, and they finally got David Rousseau from Hartford to handle it.

2:07 I know him, and I think that, you know, he said he was reasonably satisfied was a legal reason for it to be pardoned. I don't know if there were any other reasons, you know, whether he knew him personally, et cetera, but as far as the legal sufficiency of what was done, I've looked into it, and it was right, okay?

2:29 So that's it. I hope y'all, you know, everything is good for y'all, and have a good day.

2:38 [End of speech. Silence to end of file at 2:49.]