



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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# press release

May 17, 1990

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On January 30, 1990, Ethics Commission Staff Attorney Lisa Doyle Moran filed a complaint (Docket No. 90-1) (copy of Amended Complaint attached) against Frank Cannatelli, a corrections officer for the Department of Corrections and an attorney in private practice. The complaint alleged that Mr. Cannatelli had violated the Code of Ethics by accepting as clients inmates under the jurisdiction of his employer, the Department of Corrections.

On May 10, 1990, the Ethics Commission held a confidential probable cause hearing on the matter. As a result of the hearing, the Commission found that there exists probable cause to believe that Mr. Cannatelli has accepted outside employment which would impair his independence of judgment. A copy of the Notice of Termination of Preliminary Investigation and Results Thereof is attached.

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DOCKET NUMBER 90-1 ) STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
IN THE MATTER OF A ) 97 ELM STREET (REAR)  
COMPLAINT AGAINST ) HARTFORD, CONN. 06106  
MR. FRANK CANNATELLI ) JUNE 7, 1990

STIPULATION AND ORDER

1. The Commission finds that the Respondent, Mr. Frank Cannatelli, violated Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-84(b) as alleged in the Amendment to Complaint, dated May 7, 1990.

2. For purposes of settling this matter, the Respondent does not contest the Commission's findings. Respondent states his actions were unintentional in that he, in good faith, believed that he could accept Department of Corrections inmates as clients without impairing his independence of judgment as a prison guard.

3. The Respondent waives any rights he may have under Conn. Gen. Stat. §§1-80, 1-82 and 1-82a, and agrees with the State Ethics Commission to an informal disposition of this matter as authorized by Conn. Gen. Stat. §4-177(c).

WHEREFORE, the State Ethics Commission enters, and Mr. Frank Cannatelli agrees to, these orders: In lieu of any other action it is authorized to take with respect to this matter, the Commission orders the Respondent to (1) cease and desist from compensated representation of any inmates under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections while he is employed by the

Department; (2) refrain from accepting or retaining any fee or other payment earned or received in connection with said prohibited representation; and (3) henceforth, comply with the requirements of Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-84(b), and any other pertinent section of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials.

Frank Cannatelli  
Respondent, Frank Cannatelli  
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Rabbi Michael Mantoff  
Chairperson  
State Ethics Commission

July 9, 1990  
Dated

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MR. FRANK CANNATELLI ) MAY 15, 1990

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PRELIMINARY  
INVESTIGATION AND RESULTS THEREOF

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-82a, the State Ethics Commission hereby declares that on May 10, 1990 it terminated the preliminary investigation conducted in regard to Docket Number 90-1.

As a result of this investigation:

1) The Commission finds probable cause to believe that the allegations in paragraphs 1-5 of the May 7, 1990 Amendment to Complaint (copy attached) are true.

2) As a result of the findings set forth in Paragraph One, above, the Commission further finds that there exists probable cause to believe that the Respondent has accepted outside employment which is in inherent conflict with his state employment, resulting in impairment of independence of judgment.

3) The Commission therefore finds that there exists

probable cause to believe that the Respondent has committed four violations of the Code of Ethics, as alleged in the May 7, 1990 Amendment to Complaint.

All of the Commission's findings were by unanimous vote.

By order of the Commission,

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Acting Clerk of the Commission

I certify that a copy of the foregoing "Notice of Termination of Preliminary Investigation and Results Thereof" was mailed, by certified mail, to the Attorney for the Respondent, Randy Chapnick, Esq., on May 15, 1990.

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AMENDMENT TO COMPLAINT

The complaint against Mr. Frank Cannatelli is hereby amended as follows:

1.) Frank Cannatelli (hereinafter the "Respondent") is a correctional officer at the Union Avenue Detention Center in New Haven, a state correctional facility.

2.) By virtue of the Respondent's position, he is a "state employee" as that term is defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-79(m).

3.) Respondent is an attorney admitted to practice in Connecticut.

4.) Respondent is representing two inmates of the Manson Youth Institution in a civil rights action filed in federal district court in which the Commissioner and several other employees of the Department of Corrections are named as defendants.

5.) Respondent is also representing two other inmates under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections, Mr. John Boxley and Mr. Richard Tyrrell.

6.) Respondent's actions described in paragraphs four and five constitute acceptance of other employment which will impair his independence of judgment as to his official duties in violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-84(b).

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