



# ERIC J. RICHEY

## WHATCOM COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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James P. Grifo  
164 Dougherty Lane, Cabin  
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Mr. Grifo:

Thank you for submitting your clients' concerns regarding Whatcom County employee Matt Mahaffie. Whatcom County takes allegations of this kind very seriously. Upon receiving your letter, the County promptly engaged with outside counsel who retained an independent investigator, Kathleen Haggard, to investigate the allegations.

After thoroughly investigating the allegations, Ms. Haggard found that a preponderance of the evidence did not support allegations that Mr. Mahaffie inappropriately used his position and/or access to confidential information to increase his profits in personal business ventures.

Attached are Ms. Haggard's findings. I hope that they are able to provide some reassurance to your clients that any appearance of inappropriate action was just an appearance.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Eric J. Richey", is written over a horizontal line.