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North Miami Beach Procurement Director Phillip Ford

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Thu, Jan 19, 2023 at 6:11 PM

To: "stephanie.kienzle@gmail.com" <stephanie.kienzle@gmail.com>

Stephanie,

Thank you for your note and concern.

1. We do not comment or give opinions on active complaints/reviews/investigations that we are not involved with.
2. Mr. Ford does not have an active certification with UPPCC. If you find that Mr. Ford is using the CPPO and/or the CPPB designation, please contact us immediately and provide documentation.

Please keep me informed as to the status of this situation as it evolves. Thank you.

Regards,

Derrick Strand

Executive Director - UPPCC

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From: Stephanie Kienzle <stephanie.kienzle@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 3:45 PM

To: Info <info@uppcc.org>

Subject: North Miami Beach Procurement Director Phillip Ford

Attention: UPPCC Executive Director

Dear Sir or Madam,

Mr. Phillip Ford is the Procurement Director at the City of North Miami Beach. It is my understanding that he is licensed with your agency.

Per the below emails, I had made a Public Records Request for copies of invoices made by Commissioner Daniela Jean on her City-issued Procurement Card (P Card). Mr. Ford is the person who ultimately approves purchases made on the City's P Cards for payment.

I have attached the City's Procurement Card Policy for your review.

When I asked Mr. Ford for detailed invoices on two purchases that were made via PayPal, per the attached screenshots provided by the City, he only provided copies of screenshots of the PayPal receipts, but no itemized invoices. I sent an email (below) to the City Clerk asking for an itemized invoice, copying Mr. Ford as well. As you can see, he advised that these were the only items in his possession.

The public still has no idea what Commissioner Jean purchased. I researched these two vendors and discovered that "Alfrena Moosa" is an artist who has a gallery, and "Ashchvath Dalilen" is a performer of some sort.

While it's possible that "Ashchvath Dalilen" conducted a performance of some sort at the event hosted by Commissioner Jean, there should at least have been a detailed invoice for this purchase.

As for "Alfrena Moosa," the public has no way of knowing whether or not Ms. Jean purchased a painting by this artist that could be hanging on the wall in her house, courtesy of North Miami Beach taxpayers.

Mr. Ford should never have approved these purchases on the City-issued, taxpayer-funded Procurement Card without having itemized invoices, and I believe an investigation of his practices is warranted.

Please review this matter and advise whether or not you believe Mr. Ford has violated the public trust or the Code of Ethics and Professional Standards of Universal Public Procurement Certification Council. If so, please consider this as my formal complaint.

Thank you,

Stephanie Kienzle

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From: **Stephanie Kienzle** <stephanie.kienzle@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jan 11, 2023 at 1:48 PM

Subject: Re: Public Records Matter

To: Ford, Phillip <Phillip.Ford@citynmb.com>

Cc: Bernard, Andrise <Andrise.Bernard@citynmb.com>, Bids <Bids@citynmb.com>, Arrojo, Jose (COE) <jose.arrojo@miamidade.gov>, Defillipo, Anthony <Anthony.Defillipo@citynmb.com>

Thank you for your response, Mr. Ford.

It is my understanding that as Procurement Director it is your responsibility to approve all P Card expenditures. Is it your practice to approve transactions without knowledge of the description of the goods or services charged on the P Cards? Please advise.

Please also provide copies of all the Purchasing Card Agreement signed by the Mayor and Commissioners, including former Commissioner Paule Villard.

Thank you,

Stephanie Kienzle

On Wed, Jan 11, 2023 at 1:08 PM Ford, Phillip <Phillip.Ford@citynmb.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The documents previously provided were the only documents in my department's custody.

Phillip Ford

Chief Procurement Officer

City of North Miami Beach

Procurement Management Division

T (305) 948-2946



From: Stephanie Kienzle <stephanie.kienzle@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 8:54 PM
To: Ford, Phillip <Phillip.Ford@citynmb.com>
Cc: Bernard, Andrise <Andrise.Bernard@citynmb.com>; Bids <Bids@citynmb.com>; Arrojo, Jose (COE) <jose.arrojo@miamidade.gov>; Defillipo, Anthony <Anthony.Defillipo@citynmb.com>
Subject: Re: Public Records Matter

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Dear Mr. Ford,

Thank you for responding.

I do have a question regarding the \$300.00 payment to Alfrena Moosa Art, whose [website](#) no longer exists. I'd like to know exactly what product or service she provided for this event. It is my understanding that she is a canvas artist, but not a performance artist. Can you please provide an itemized invoice for the payment of the \$300.00?

Thank you for your assistance.

Stephanie Kienzle

On Tue, Jan 10, 2023 at 4:41 PM Ford, Phillip <Phillip.Ford@citynmb.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The requests for payments are attached. Kindly advise if I can be of further assistance.

Phillip Ford

Chief Procurement Officer

City of North Miami Beach

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From: Stephanie Kienzle <stephanie.kienzle@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 3:06 PM
To: Bernard, Andrise <Andrise.Bernard@citynmb.com>
Cc: Bids <Bids@citynmb.com>; Arrojo, Jose (COE) <jose.arrojo@miamidade.gov>; Defillipo, Anthony <Anthony.Defillipo@citynmb.com>
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Dear Madam Clerk,

Thank you for finally fulfilling my Public Records Request [PRR-2022-499](#).

There are two items provided that are merely screenshots of PayPal charges, which are attached hereto, made by Daniela Jean, as follows:

- 02/08/22 Paypal ASCHVATH for \$75.00
- 02/09/22 Paypal ALFRENAMOOS for \$300.00

I specifically requested itemized invoices for these charges. A screenshot of a PayPal acknowledgement does not state what item or service was purchased.

It is the responsibility of Chief Procurement Officer Philip Ford to review all purchases on the taxpayer-funded Procurement Cards (P Cards), then attach the itemized invoices to the statements before approving the statement for payment. Therefore, he is being copied with this email.

Please respond, or have Mr. Ford respond, by providing the itemized invoices for these two charges by Daniela Jean.

Thank you for your assistance.

Stephanie Kienzle

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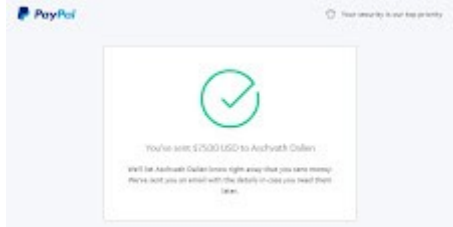
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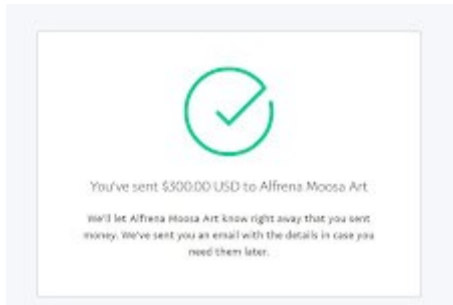
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6 attachments



Ava Dalien Payment Receipt via PayPal.JPG
49K



Alfrena Art Paypal Receipt.JPG
39K

 **NMB Procurement Card Policy and Procedures Form.pdf**
259K

 **Night of Excellence.pdf**
5263K

 **Aschvath Dalien Invoice.pdf**
87K

 **Alfrena Moosa Invoice.pdf**
85K