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To: Assembly
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Subject: Investigation Request

Dear Mayor and Assembly members:

I am asking for an investigation of the Petersburg Borough's involvement and the way the fatal crash that killed Molly Parks and Marie Giesbrecht on July 4, 2016 was handled.

I believe the following to be true:

That the Borough hired Christopher Allen to lifeguard and drive while knowing he had an ongoing seizure disorder. Allen's doctor, Dr. Kristofer Sargent advised him to not drive after he'd had a seizure in April, 2016. Additionally, Dr. Jennifer Hyer called the Parks and Rec Director and advised him that Allen should not drive because of his ongoing seizures. The Parks and Rec Director ignored Dr. Hyer's advice and Allen was allowed to continue working as a lifeguard and driving Borough vehicles.

On the morning of July 4, 2016 Molly and Catherine Cardenas offered to drive the City vehicle but their supervisor said no. Allen drove said vehicle, had a seizure, and the resulting crash killed Molly and Marie.

There needs to be accountability in this case. Avoidance of accountability and denial of any negligence by any supervisors or department head could likely result in future injury or death of Borough employees. I believe an investigation will result in setting in place guidelines and protocols to insure the health and safety of Borough employees.

Very Sincerely,

Jack Slaght

Sent from my iPhone