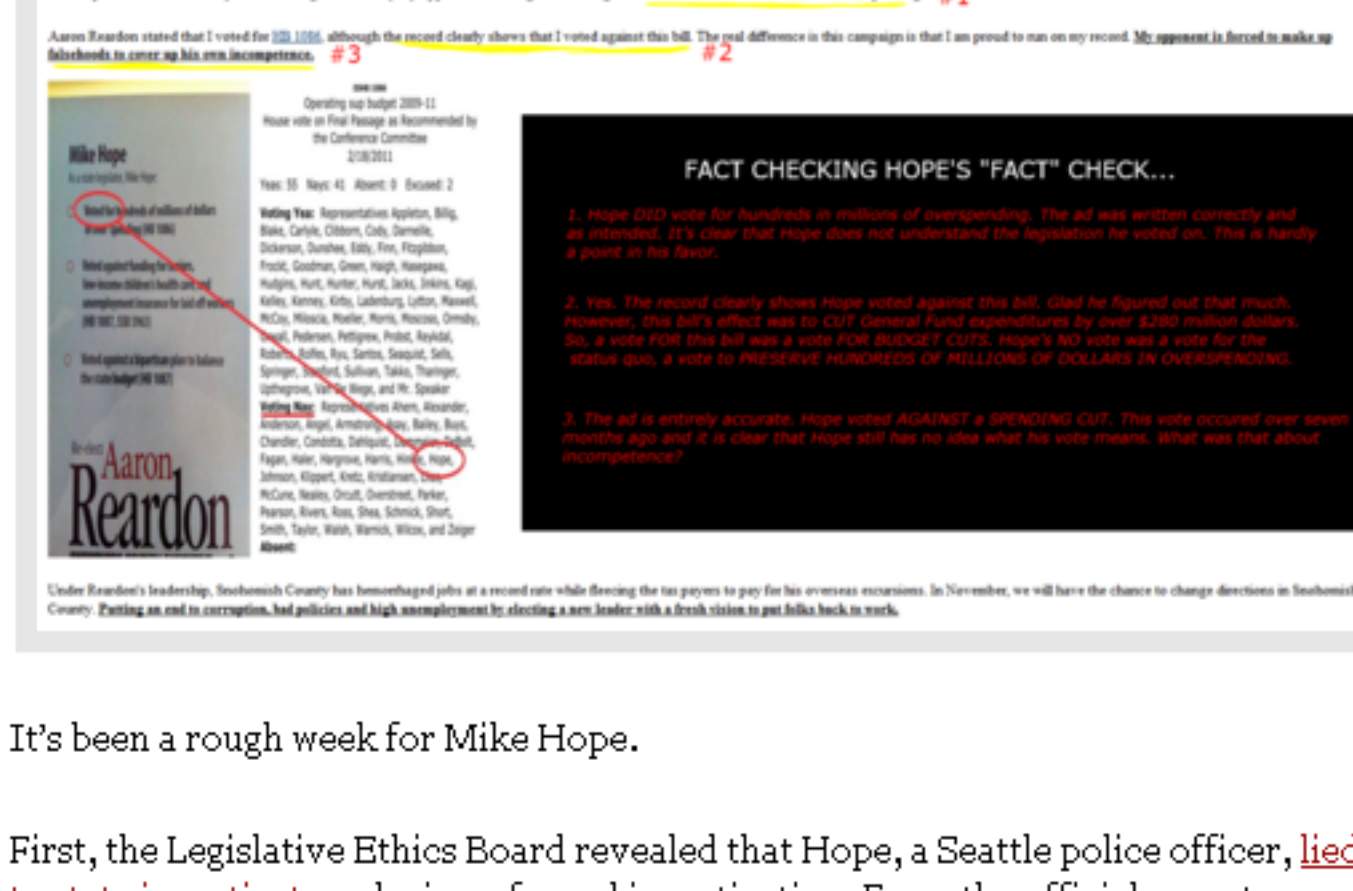




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It's been a rough week for Mike Hope.

First, the Legislative Ethics Board revealed that Hope, a Seattle police officer, [lied to state investigators](#) during a formal investigation. From the official report:

We have received copies of emails which suggest the Respondent made some use of legislative staff and legislative computers to recruit and organize the 100Ideas advisory board. In (his response) to the complaint, Respondent stated no state resources had been used to organize the corporation.

Then, [the Seattle Times revealed the major premise in Hope's new attack ad to be completely false](#).

And in today's bizarre confession-of-ignorance-masquerading-as-an-attack ad, Hope has again revealed a penchant for misinformation and a shocking propensity for opening mouth and inserting foot.

In an email sent earlier, Hope accused Reardon of misrepresenting a position on a vote Hope took earlier this year during the Legislative session. Hope takes Reardon to task for "circulating a blatantly false ad that accuses me of voting for hundreds of millions of dollars in overspending."

Unfortunately for Hope, even a cursory glance at the bill in question reveals that Hope is ironically guilty of both not understanding his vote on a major piece of legislation AND carrying out the same kind of baseless falsehood that he recklessly accuses Reardon of.

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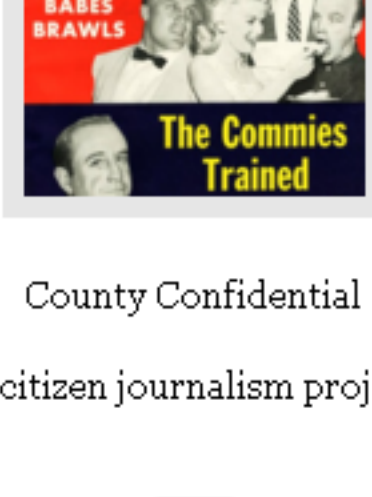
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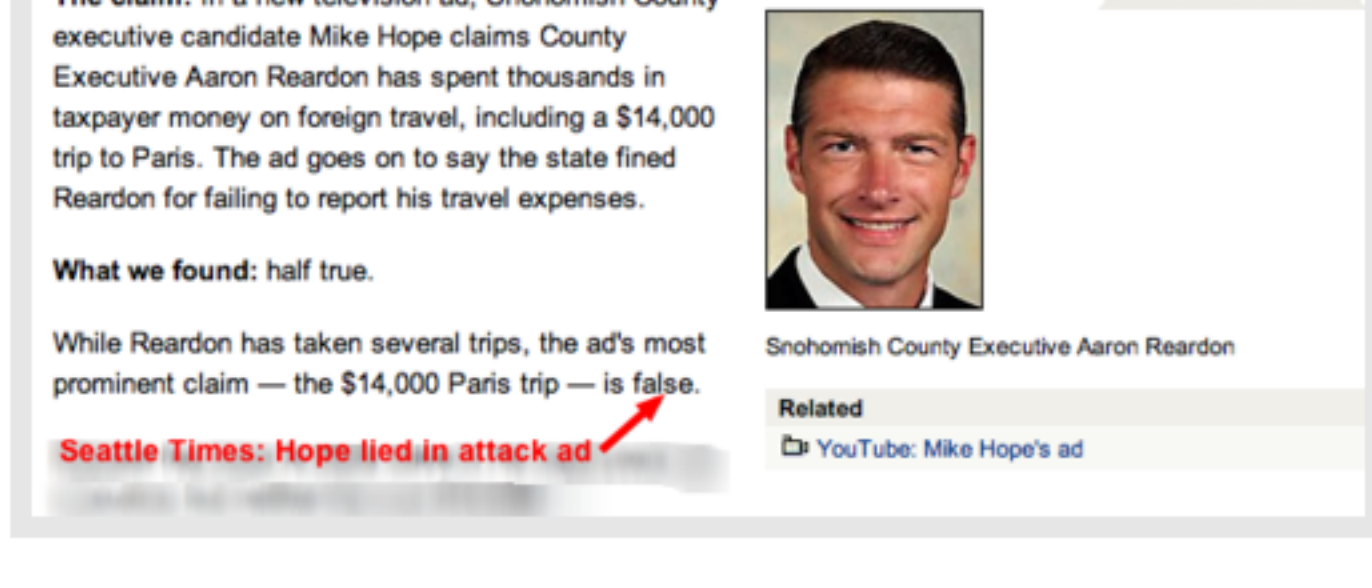
A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on.

-Winston Churchill

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Hope makes fraudulent accusation, then accuses Reardon of fraud



The *Seattle Times* hammered the **Mike Hope** campaign yesterday, putting Hope's latest campaign ad through the Truth Needle ringer.

The verdict: Hope made up the central accusation he levies at Reardon. Either that or he doesn't understand math.

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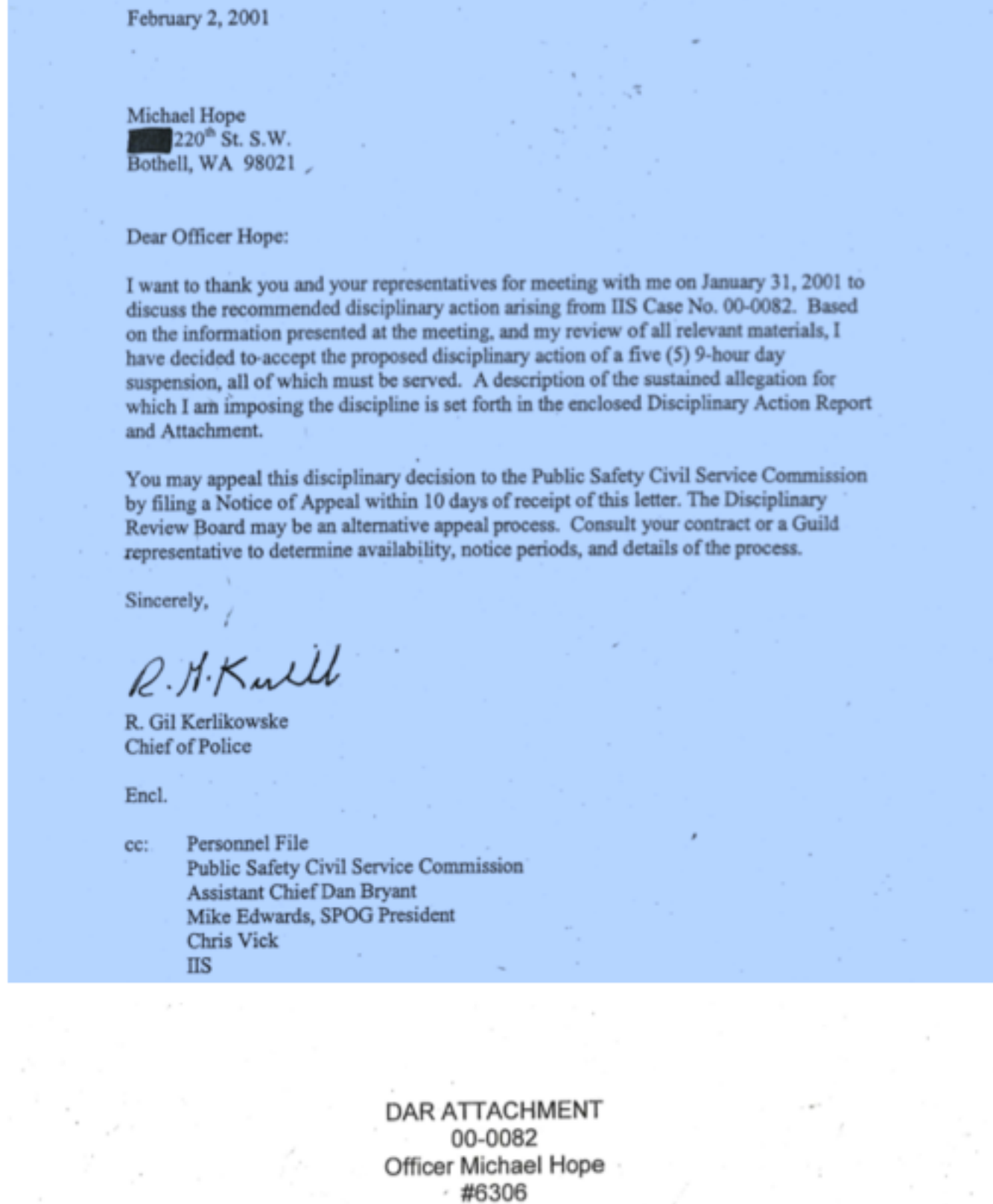
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Officer Michael Hope

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On March 20, 2000 at 0210 hours you were the front seat passenger in a vehicle stopped for DUI by Mill Creek police officers. During the stop, you identified yourself as a Seattle Police Officer and asked that the officers not take enforcement action against the female driver as you were close to home.

When the officers declined your request, you swore and stated "ok small town" and "this is small town shit" as you walked toward your apartment complex.

Rather than leave the area, you and a civilian friend stood away from the scene and made derogatory comments towards the officers.

After the female driver was taken from the scene, you called the officers from a phone outside the precinct asking to be allowed entry. When your request was denied, you told the officer he was making a big mistake and commented that you hoped the officer did not come to Seattle or need help or a back up.

The above conduct constitutes Conduct Unbecoming an Officer and Misuse of Authority.

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Hope threatened arresting officers: "I hope you don't come to Seattle"

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Seattle — State Representative **Mike Hope** threatened fellow police officers during a two hour drunken outburst touched off when the Mill Creek Police Department officers refused to release Hope's girlfriend, who was arrested on DUI charges while driving Hope home from a local bar at 2:10 am.

Previous reports indicated that Hope was verbally abusive at the scene of the arrest — but additional documentation obtained via the Open Records Act show that Hope maintained an irrational state of rage for over 90 minutes, and engaged Mill Creek officers on three separate occasions between 2:10 am and 3:45 am.

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Small town shit: Hope becomes unglued after Mill Creek DUI stop

County Confidential Staff Report

Seattle — Internal documents released by the Seattle Police Department show that State Representative **Mike Hope** (R-4), was disciplined directly by former SPD Chief Gil Kerlikowskie for misuse of authority and conduct unbecoming and officer.

An SPD internal investigation began after Hope went on an booze-fueled rampage in Mill Creek touched off after his "girlfriend" was arrested for DUI.

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"This is some small town shit."

Officer **Mike Hope**, after Mill Creek Police Officers refused to let his girlfriend off during a DUI stop in which Hope identified himself as Seattle PD.

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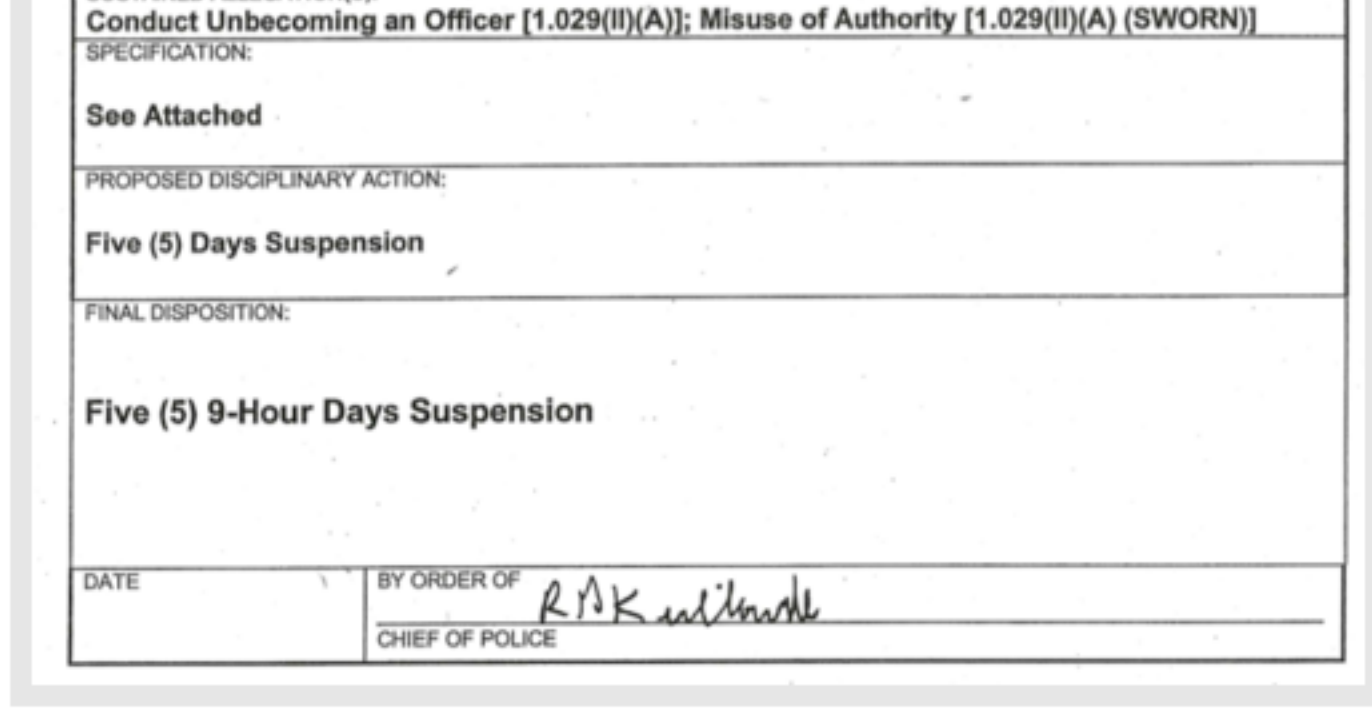
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SPD Docs: Hope suspended for conduct unbecoming, abuse of power



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Seattle — State Representative **Mike Hope's** Seattle Police Department personnel file indicates that he is the subject of multiple SPD internal investigations surrounding serious, sustained behavioral and ethical issues.

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Exclusive Download: Copies of the Hope Complaints

A link to the original charges and evidence behind the current cases

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Cop Turned Lawyer Hits Hope with Multiple Charges

The following Press Release was received at County Confidential moments ago, forwarded form a source in the big boy press:

Attached, please find source documentation detailing ongoing misconduct by Rep. Mike Hope.

07/06/2011 — Serious legal and ethical questions have come to light over state Rep. Mike Hope's involvement with the political corporation 100 Ideas for Washington's Future.

The Legislative Ethics Board (LEB) has confirmed they are investigating Mr. Hope's activities and the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has also been asked launch an investigation.

As the documents submitted to the PDC and LEB detail, Mr. Hope created a political corporation called 100 Ideas to illegally solicit and hide the source of contributions to his campaign for county executive.

Mr. Hope is using the resources of his political corporation such as press materials, commercials, and its website to promote his campaign for public office. All of this is documented and shows 100 Ideas to be a shadow campaign designed to subvert campaign finance and ethics laws.

Meanwhile, the public doesn't know who is funding this shadow campaign because Mr. Hope refuses follow state law and disclose his donors. Making matters worse, Mr. Hope was taking contributions while barred from raising money during the legislative session.

Mr. Hope's actions are making a mockery of our state's campaign finance laws. The idea that each politician could establish separate political corporations as a shadow campaign without any public disclosure or financial limits is completely contrary to state law.

In addition to these concerns, we've asked the PDC to look into airline tickets and hotel costs that were not properly disclosed to the public related to campaign activities in 2010. Mr. Hope is already under investigation by the PDC for improper use of public equipment in support of his campaign.

Mr. Hope's actions show a clear track-record of ethical lapses and disregard for our state's campaign finance laws.

To ensure these matters are dealt with swiftly, last week the Evergreen Law Group submitted notice of a 45-day citizen action to the Attorney General and Snohomish County Prosecutor's Office. The notice gives state agencies 45 days to resolve the issue or a civil case can be brought against Mr. Hope.

William Ferrell is a [founding Partner of the Evergreen Law Group](#). He is also a veteran of the US Army, where he served as a Military Policeman.

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