



# North Smithfield Police Department



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## **Press Release**

### **North Smithfield Town Council Alleged Bribery Allegations Unfounded.**

The North Smithfield Police Department has concluded its investigation of alleged bribery allegations. The bribery issue was the result of comments that were posted under the user name of (rnadeau78). In this blog rnadeau78 stated the following, "complaints about council members taking bribes from Woonsocket residents", said quote was made by Councilwoman Roseanne Nadeau. The blog was relating to the 6 January 2016 Valley Breeze article "Hamilton Defends Use Of Town Car". On 19 January 2016 the North Smithfield Town Council voted unanimously to have the North Smithfield Police Department investigate bribery allegations.

The North Smithfield Police Detective unit concluded a thorough investigation that included interviews of the five council members and found no evidence of bribery or any other criminal activity.

At the conclusion of the investigation the North Smithfield Police Department requested that the Department of Attorney General review all materials compiled by the North Smithfield Police Department during the investigation. Upon reviewing the items, John C. Krollman, Assistant Attorney General, Chief Intake Unit found no evidence that there was a bribery or attempted bribery of any member of the North Smithfield Town Council. Furthermore, there was no intent on the part of Ms. Rivera. There was no corrupt acceptance of any gift or valuable consideration by a public officer. Assistant Attorney General Krollman stated that there is no evidence of bribery and nothing to prosecute and as a result, this case is considered closed.

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