

## News Release

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## **DA's Office Releases Report on Metro Air Unit Allegations**

The Clark County District Attorney's Office has concluded its investigation into allegations of improper governmental action in Metro Police's aviation unit and found those allegations to be meritless and contradicted by evidence and witness statements, according to a report released today.

"We took the allegations very seriously and conducted a thorough and exhaustive investigation," DA Steve Wolfson said. "In the end we did not find any evidence of improper governmental action."

In March, Metro Lt. Gawain Guedry, who has since retired, and Metro Sgt. Leonard Lorusso requested the DA's Office investigate their allegations of misconduct and corruption related to the aviation unit.

The allegations levied by Guedry and Lorusso included accusations that Metro officials "covered up" an internal report about the aviation unit as well as damage to one of the helicopters. They also claimed that a helicopter mechanic was coerced into saying a damaged helicopter was okay to fly.

According to the District Attorney's report, the information about the damage to the helicopter had been internally documented, and the mechanic said that he was not coerced by anyone.

The District Attorney's report concluded that the Metro report about the aviation unit was an internal report that was never intended to be a public document and that the internal report still remains available, as originally drafted, for Metro officials to review.