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Enough is enough, the Miami Community Police Benevolent Association does not support FOP President Javier Ortiz's antics!!!

In what is yet another example of the president of the FOP's attempts to seek attention for himself, while at the same time, drawing all eyes away from his failure to secure decent wages and benefits for his members in contract negotiations. Now he is swimming waist deep in the waters of another controversy that clearly divides many along racial lines. He continues to bring discredit to the City of Miami and her Police Department in ways that would cause any other member to feel the harsh wrath of Miami's leadership unchecked. His behavior is an example of someone who clearly seeks to destroy any racial progress that has been made over the more than a century of the department's existence. Mr. Javier Ortiz's latest antics with regard to the artistry of Beyoncé during her recent Super Bowl performance and Ortiz's call for police officers to abdicate their sworn duty to protect and serve even the unpopular by boycotting her upcoming concert is another example of what has proven to be a long pattern of irresponsible behavior on his part. A few weeks ago, he made irresponsible and harsh comments about the death of Tariq Aziz, inferring that acting like a, "Thug" should serve as a green light to kill. Before that, he attacked the patriotism of the department's highest ranking woman and African-American. At one point, he swooped in to Ferguson, Missouri, to add his two cents to an issue that fell far outside of the scope of his purview as a member of the City of Miami Police Department or as President of Miami's chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police. All of these things, and others not mentioned here, have common denominators in that they involve African-Americans that he portrays in a negative light with thinly veiled racist overtones, and they all had the potential to draw the news media to Mr. Ortiz and away from his failure as a leader and as an example of a model public servant. As President of the Miami Community Police Benevolent Association, and on behalf of the membership of one of the nation's oldest law enforcement organizations to represent the interest of African-Americans both on a department and in the community, I implore the City's leadership to do whatever is necessary to put a stop to Mr. Ortiz's antics. Javier Ortiz can no longer be allowed free and unfettered license to destroy the reputation of one of the finest law enforcement agencies in the nation. This is another embarrassment to the City of Miami. Something must be done. Decency

demands it! Serving as president of a union give Mr. Ortiz the authority to speak on matters of contract and labor practices, but as a lieutenant on the Miami Police Department he should be held to the same strict standard of conduct that all other members of the department are held to. There cannot be one set of rules for some and another set of rules for Mr. Ortiz and his cronies!

Respectfully submitted,

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