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New Hampshire Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community and Transparency.

Dear Commission;

The State of New Hampshire has a Police Promotional System that is unmatched anywhere in the United States.

Under the current system a Police Officer in New Hampshire can be deemed untruthful as a rookie officer and be promoted all the way to Chief of Police and eventually collect a state funded pension of \$138,000 dollars/year.

This is a factual case that is well documented by the Attorney General's Office and the media.

During the 1980's Nashua Police Officer John Seusing was involved in the arrest of a man at the bar in the Holiday Inn Hotel. This individual sustained injuries during the arrest and was booked at the Nashua Police Department on various charges . As a result of the arrest the Nashua Police department began an internal investigation of Officer Seusing. The investigation revealed that Seusing had been untruthful during questioning and was suspended without pay for 15 days.

The Nashua Police Department dropped all charges against the man that Officer Seusing arrested and he was eventually paid an undisclosed amount of money by the City of Nashua. Officer Seusing went on to become the Chief of Police in Nashua and retired during 2016 with a state pension of \$138,633.

Anyone in their right state of mind would say "how is that possible". Well it happened . In New Hampshire a police department can hide their skeletons in the files of the internal affairs division and use the states exemption as "personnel matter" under the Right to Know Law. The Nashua Police Department went one step further and failed to disclose Chief Seusing's untruthfulness to the courts when Chief Seusing testified.

As a final point. The man that Seusing arrested that night had nothing to do with the disturbance inside the bar. He was merely trying to leave when he got arrested outside the entrance. He was however a victim of police misconduct that night .

Respectfully submitted,

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