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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Witness to incident says police never talked to her

To the editor:

An open letter to Police Chief Russell Jack:

In your press release in the Waukesha Freeman earlier this week, you said "We count on our citizens to advise us if an employee's actions are questionable" I will take you at your word. After reading your reply to Darryl Enriquez's column and other documents published in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Friday, I feel compelled to speak.

I am the driver of the other car involved in the incident on June 19, 2010, Enriquez's unnamed friend. I was disturbed by what happened then and am disturbed by what seems to be happening now.

I have one question for you: Why did no one from your department talk to me? I had an unobstructed view of events. I'm the only disinterested party here. I don't know Mr. Schroeder, I've always respected the police, and I have nothing to gain from impugning either party.

Chief Jack, there were many irregularities in the evening's events. Your review of the accident report should have signaled that. When I saw it, I told the clerk it was incomplete and asked to talk to Officer LaFavor's supervisor. I was told I could only talk to Officer LaFavor, something that didn't seem prudent.

What I saw that night differs in a couple of critical points from what the officers seem to have reported. This is not the time and place to discuss them. But again, I ask: Shouldn't your investigations include the account of reliable witnesses? I'm guessing that the citizens of Waukesha would think so.

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