

Breaking News

Williams Concludes Investigation of “Doty Incident”

LONG BEACH – Sources are telling reporters at USMNEWS.NET that Interim CoB Dean Alvin Williams has concluded his investigation of the so-called “Doty incident.” Regular readers of USMNEWS.NET will recall that former CoB Dean Harold Doty made threatening comments to economics professor Franklin Mixon in the hallway of JGH on 28-Sept-07. In response to the confrontation, USM Police Officer Eric Lightsey was dispatched to Greene Hall to conduct an investigation. Lightsey’s investigation was swift, and it was reported on by USMNEWS.NET days ago (see [We are coming after you . . .!](#)).

Near the time of our original report on the “Doty incident,” we revealed sourced statements indicating that USM President Martha Saunders had tasked Williams to begin an internal investigation on 28-Sept-07. Sources now tell USMNEWS.NET that Williams’ concluded his investigation on 10-October-07, 13 days after the “Doty incident” occurred. According to sources, Williams concluded that what is being called the “Doty incident” was “of no consequence,” and that he (Williams) recommended that Saunders spend no additional time on the matter.

Other reports at USMNEWS.NET (see [USM Police Called to Greene Hall for Second Time](#), [Saunders Call on Williams to Investigate](#), and [We are coming after you . . .!](#)) reminded USMNEWS.NET readers that Saunders, Williams, and Doty are all co-defendants in a federal court case. Mixon was called by the plaintiff to testify in an early hearing involving that case. As various commentary published here has suggested, the “Doty incident” may qualify as *witness tampering*. If so, Saunders’ move to task Williams – both co-defendants with Doty – to investigate the incident may work to escalate matters. Once source we spoke with even used the term *conspiracy*.

Stay tuned for additional reports on this incident.