

King City Police Chief Charged with Felony Embezzlement and Perjury: Charges Reduced to Misdemeanors

During a massive investigation of alleged misconduct in the King City Police Department over a number of years, several officers were charged with various crimes. A chief of police at the time was accused of transferring a police vehicle to an individual, a police officer, without City Council approval.

When he testified about his actions and intentions at a preliminary hearing, he was then charged with an additional count of felony perjury. After a two week jury trial, in which he along with a handwriting expert testified that some of the signatures on various documents were not his, and that he never intended for the vehicle to be transferred personally to the police officer under his command, and the jury deadlocked 7 to 5 in favor of acquittal. Thereafter, to avoid the expense and stress of a re-trial, our client agreed to plead No Contest to two misdemeanor charges and was granted probation with no time in jail.