



## State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET  
COLUMBIA 29201

March 26, 2014

Ms. Felicia Kitzmiller, Reporter  
*Spartanburg Herald-Journal*  
189 W. Main Street  
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29306

Dear Ms. Kitzmiller,

On March 17, 2014, our office notified you that we were locating records responsive to your Freedom of Information Act request for "[a]ny and all written communication to and from the Office of the Governor regarding the town of Lyman, SC".

Enclosed are records responsive to your request. Due to the low volume of records, our office has waived charges as allowed pursuant to Section 30-4-30(b) of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Be advised that records have been redacted pursuant to Section 30-4-40(a)(2) (information of a personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute unreasonable invasion of personal privacy).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Schimsa".

Rebecca S. Schimsa  
Deputy Legal Counsel

## Mayer, Doug

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**From:** Dill, Gordon R. <GDill@wspace.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 07, 2014 10:07 AM  
**To:** Mayer, Doug  
**Subject:** WSPA-TV

I've got a reliable source who tells me the Governor's office is investigating the Lyman mayor.

Several police officers tell me someone named "Jamal" in the Governor's office has assured them that the Governor is "personally looking into" allegations of corruption in that office.

Can you please call me ASAP,

Gordon Dill  
Reporter  
WSPA-TV  
864-809-7067

Mail Log: 403240

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LAST NAME Collins

FIRST NAME Travis

TITLE Mr.

AGENCY

ADDRESS 782 East Long Bay Drive

None  
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CITY Inman co ☐

STATE SC ZIP 29349

Phone 1 (864)  Ext.

Phone 2

Phone 3

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E-MAIL collins02@

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DATE RECVD 1/30/2014 Status closed ☐

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Respondent Smith

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NRN Date

Open 2/5/2014

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INQUIRY

The town of Lyman needs your help!

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COMMENT

CC: Agency SLED

Letter  OR Phone  2/5/2014

Notes

Number no good  
2/7/2014 speaking with Mr. Collins / been asked to change statements to falsifying documents. Officers in the town of Lyman are being asked to do this. Currently being investigated by SLED. Mayor is seeking revenge against officers. Dumping PCB chemicals / DHEC is involved as well. Feels that officer are being for doing the right thing regarding their duties of law enforcement. Forwarded correspondence to K. Richardson SLED 2/7/2014

## nhcorrespondence,

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**From:** Office of the Governor Site Support <collins02@[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 4:30 AM  
**To:** Haley, Nikki  
**Subject:** The Town Of Lyman Needs Your Help!

Title: Police Officer  
First Name: Travis  
Middle Initial:  
Last Name: Collins  
Suffix:  
Street Address: 782 E. Long Bay Dr  
Street Address 2:  
City: Inman  
State: SC  
Zip: 29349  
Phone: 864-[REDACTED]

Email: collins02@[REDACTED]

Affiliation: South Carolina Resident

Message:

Governor first I would like to say Thank You for your time and all that you do for our great state of S.C.!

First I would like to start by giving you a brief history of myself. My name is Travis Collins I am Currently 28 years of age and I am currently a Police Officer for the Town of Lyman which is Located in Spartanburg County!

I first started My career as a police officer in 2006 for the Town of Lyman and in 2010 went to work for Spartanburg Regional Medical Center and later realized that my Heart belonged on the road and that money was not everything so on February the 14th of 2013 I was given the opportunity to come back to work for the Town of Lyman as a Police officer! As a Officer for the town I could not ask for a Better Police Chief than My Current (Terry Richards).

Over the last year I have found some of the officers in my Department Scott Southern, Colman Smith, Tony Raines, Lt. Jay Hayes, Chief Terry Richards, and My self have had to go through some very hard times for choosing to stand up and do the correct thing and doing what is ETHICALLY and MORALLY the correct thing to do and not to mention what we are expected to do as Certified Police officers in our Great State of South Carolina!

Over the the time of this investigation I have watched all of my fellow brothers listed above be retaliated on for being a Whistle Blower some of them to the extent of being terminated!

The officers that I have named has stood up for our Community and for the residents in our state and in turn have fallen victim to revenge for doing so!

As this investigation starts to come to a very close end hopefully sooner than later after one Officer has been arrested and more arrest possibly coming my fear is that if one main arrest gets made that because of his history, and how he has retaliated on us already is that my Mayor will not step down and he will seek revenge on the officers he has left that stood up and made the decision to not back down when the Community's well being was on the line!

So I am asking you as the Governor of the State I live in and love to Please stand by our side in the Town of Lyman #1 for the Citizens in it #2 for the Officers that Have put everything on the Line and done what we are expected to do and be their for us!

Governor I pray each day that this issue is closer and closer to the end and after watching your address to the State last week and your Topic on Ethics I had to send you this email because if there has ever been a time when that someone needs to be held responsible for their Ethics the Mayor of the Town of Lyman needs to be held responsible and the public needs to know the truth and that they do have some Officers that has done what is ethically correct!

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CS  
Unswored Smith

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I would also like to take this time and recognize the F.B.I, S.L.E.D, SC DHEC, and US EPA Thank you to all of the above Agency's for everything you have done for the Town Of Lyman

I am sorry if I have taken to much of your time and if there is anything that you can do to stand by our side we would all be very grateful!

Thank You!  
PTL. T.B. Collins

Town Of Lyman  
81 Groce Rd  
Lyman SC 29365  
(864) [REDACTED]

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Notes

Mayor needs to be investigated, he is railroading the citizens of Lyman  
gave number to Attonery General office.

Phone call

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FIRST NAME Bill

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Notes

3/28/12- DM listened to concerns.

3/29- DM left msg for Sid Gaulden, 896-8409. Per Sid (3/30 in am), if it's within the town's jurisdiction, they are allowed to patrol the interstate.

DM relayed info to Mr Shoolbred at 2:45 pm, 3/30. Listened to additional concerns. He stills feels they are reaching beyond their scope of authority

Phone call