

**From:** Godfrey, Rob <RobGodfrey@gov.sc.gov>  
**To:** Adams, Chaney <ChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/12/2016 4:15:22 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Question from Gov Nikki Haley's team

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**Rob Godfrey**  
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**From:** Varner, John K (Kirk) [mailto:kvarner@wspace.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 4:13 PM  
**To:** Godfrey, Rob  
**Subject:** RE: Question from Gov Nikki Haley's team

Rob,

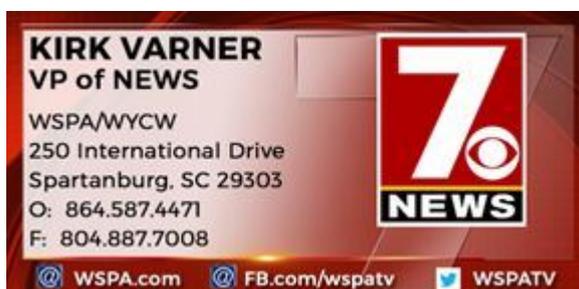
I've now had a chance to review the matter we discussed earlier today with our reporter. Yes, there was a misunderstanding of the role the Governor's office might play in this matter, and we are quite clear that the Governor's office would not be involved in an investigation of this sort.

Furthermore--through no one's fault, a private communication regarding the development of a news story was accidentally picked up by a cell phone inadvertently redialing into and creating a voicemail system. Obviously, that conversation was never intended for anyone else to be a party to. If the contents of that conversation created any confusion or concern that we were focusing our reporting on anyone in the Governor's office, please accept both the reporter's apology and my own for any such confusion.

Finally, upon reviewing the matter to this point, it is my decision that based on the information we now have, this is not a story that we will be pursuing further at this time.

My appreciation for your bringing your concerns to my attention, I trust that you will let me know if I can be of any assistance in the future.

Sincerely,  
--Kirk



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**From:** Godfrey, Rob [mailto:RobGodfrey@gov.sc.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 1:14 PM  
**To:** Varner, John K (Kirk)  
**Subject:** Re: Question from Gov Nikki Haley's team

Any update?

Rob Godfrey

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On Apr 12, 2016, at 11:09 AM, Varner, John K (Kirk) <[kvarner@wspa.com](mailto:kvarner@wspa.com)> wrote:

Called you back on both numbers, no answer. (Desk number says voicemail has not been set up...)  
I'm back at my desk and will be here for a bit.

-Kirk

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From: Godfrey, Rob [<mailto:RobGodfrey@gov.sc.gov>]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 11:04 AM  
To: Varner, John K (Kirk)  
Subject: Re: Question from Gov Nikki Haley's team

Called you. Call me back.

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On Apr 12, 2016, at 10:23 AM, Varner, John K (Kirk) <[kvarner@wspa.com](mailto:kvarner@wspa.com)> wrote:

(864) 587-4471

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From: Godfrey, Rob [<mailto:RobGodfrey@gov.sc.gov>]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 10:19 AM  
To: Varner, John K (Kirk)  
Cc: Adams, Chaney  
Subject: Question from Gov Nikki Haley's team

Kirk –

Best number at which to reach you? Time sensitive.

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