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04/01/2009 1247 While monitoring the rally outside the S.U.B my attention was drawn to a small group of people beginning to gather around a female subject. I called the station to advise them that I was going to speak to the group in question. Upon calling I was informed that CUTTING, Ed had called to complain that there was a person attempting to steal a stack of newspapers.

I advised the station that I would be speaking to the subjects involved.

I identified myself and spoke to SNOW, Vanessa. SNOW stated that she had picked up the stack of Minuteman Papers that were on the steps of the S.U.B. She stated that she wanted them as she did not want them out based on the statement written in the paper about her. SNOW then showed me page 17 of the Minuteman. There is a reference to SNOW and her "bloated backside". SNOW asked what could be done. I informed her that it was not a criminal matter but rather a civil matter of deformation of character or liable. SNOW was further advised to speak with the DOS office for further direction as to the publication.

I asked SNOW to return the papers to CUTTING. SNOW did return the majority of the papers to CUTTING. SNOW kept approximately 20 papers for herself and to give to her friends. This was discussed and agreed upon by both CUTTING and SNOW. Upon the return of the bundle of papers to CUTTING that SNOW could take some for herself.

I spoke to CUTTING who stated that the papers were stolen. I asked where the papers were taken from and he stated the steps. I informed CUTTING that once the papers were placed in the public for public consumption that it was not stealing. CUTTING pointed out the statement at the top of the paper (First copy, free; each additional copy, \$3.00). I asked who collected the money or where is the money placed after one copy. CUTTING stated that there was no collecting of money but that the statement was placed on the paper to discourage people taking multiple copies.

CUTTING then took the papers and left the area.

I spoke to SNOW and asked if there was any physical contact between CUTTING and herself. SNOW stated there was no contact.

I then went to the Republican Club to speak to CUTTING. I asked CUTTING if there was any physical contact between the two and he stated that there was no contact. I advised him that a report was taken and the incident was documented.