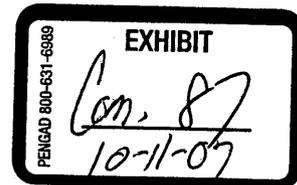


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If you get calls, here's what can be said on record and off

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On the record

The Times Union's findings are very troubling . Our office approved the use of the aircraft based upon written claims by Sen. Bruno that it was needed for legislative meetings. We are reviewing the situation carefully to determine the appropriate course of action.

Off the record:

We will probably move quickly, perhaps as early as tomorrow, to have appropriate authorities (AG, DA) investigate. It's a very serious situation involving possible violations of law . Best handled by others.

There are two problems here. One is that they misrepresented themselves in the flight requests. Claimed they were holding ?legislative meetings? and apparently did something quite different . Making false claim is felony.

Another problem is their claim that security was provided because of alleged death threats. We're still checking and can't comment on record , but SP brass is NOT aware of any such threats. No ?threat assessment? was ever requested or made . Seems like a Hevesi situation in which they use security concern to justify improper arrangement.

With regard to Spitzer's April 10 political event: As noted in article, it was one of 13 scheduled events that day. There were meetings with local electeds, two news conferences, a Rotary Club speech, meetings with local businessmen and for the last event of the day, a drop-by at the Monroe County party event to talk about reform. There was no fund raising by ES. Key point is this: We provided the full record of ES use of the aircraft with schedules for each day. Includes literally hundreds of events over five months. This was only one that was at issue. Totally different from Bruno situation. There's no fundraising by or for ES . We never use state aircraft for fundraising.