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FOR INFORMATION CALL

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Ald. Bob Donovan
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Alderman Donovan asks for answers about secret MPD email system

Alderman Bob Donovan has asked Police Chief Edward Flynn to provide answers about whether a secret, non-public e-mail system has been used in the Milwaukee Police Department during the past five years.

The alderman, who yesterday asked the state Department of Justice to conduct an audit of the MPD's information technology and data operations, said he has received credible information that MPD information technology staff set up and operated an e-mail system not within the Milwaukee.gov domain. In a letter sent to Chief Flynn today (**attached**), Alderman Donovan requested answers to specific questions about the purported secret e-mail system.

"If this secret email system existed, it is extremely serious and deserves to be investigated inside and out by the Department of Justice as well," Alderman Donovan said.

"I know Chief Flynn is committed to transparency, so I would also expect his full cooperation in the search for answers in this matter. The citizens of Milwaukee deserve to know the truth, and by God it is also my duty, my obligation to push until the truth is revealed," said Alderman Donovan, a member of the Council's Public Safety Committee.

In the wake of what he called the MPD's MediaSolv video evidence "catastrophe," Alderman Donovan said he believes there has been "a disturbing pattern" of ongoing MPD IT difficulties that affect public safety and warrant a deeper review.

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ROBERT G. DONOVAN

Alderman, 8th District

Mr. Edward Flynn
Chief of Police
749 W. State St.
Milwaukee, WI 53233

May 14, 2015

Dear Chief Flynn:

Based on information provided to my office, I have reason to believe that, within the last five years, members of the information technology staff of your department set up and perhaps operated an e-mail server not within the domain milwaukee.gov. I do not know the details of this server, nor how long it operated, but I feel compelled to bring this information to your attention and then ask the following:

Did such a system exist and if so when?

If such a system existed, may I assume it has been shut down?

If such a system existed, when did you become aware of its existence and what steps did you take to shut it down?

Has any attempt been made to catalog those users and e-mails that took advantage of this system, if it existed?

Given the severity of this information – if true – I would appreciate a prompt response from you to these questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Robert G. Donovan'.

Ald. Robert G. Donovan
8th District

