

**BEAVER COUNTY
DETECTIVE BUREAU**

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Title: Kolodychak Interview

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On the above date and time, this Detective conducted an interview with Kristen Kolodychak at the Detective Bureau.

Mrs. Kolodychak stated she is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) was hired at Friendship Ridge in May of 2009 as the Controller. She assisted the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Michael Kessler in accounting matters and handled daily financial functions. CFO Michael Kessler left Friendship Ridge in 2012, and Kolodychak was appointed acting CFO. She held the acting CFO position until the end of February 2014, and was requested by the Commissioners to stay on as CFO. However, Kolodychak had decided to leave County employment for a position in a private firm.

In relation to the sale of Friendship Ridge to Comprehensive Health Care, she stated there were two transition teams on the Beaver County side. The smaller decision making team consisted of the three County Commissioners, the Administrator, Dr. Rhodes and Chief of Staff: Vince LaValle. The larger Team, consisted of the aforementioned persons and Attorneys Joe Askar, and later Attorney Bernie Rabik, HR Director Rick Darbut, Secretary Janice Falk, County Controller Rossi and herself as CFO. She never knew of Treasurer Connie Javens being involved in any Friendship Ridge / Comprehensive Health Care matters or on the County transition teams.

Kolodychak said she was there to discuss Medicaide, Medicare, private pay and insurance payments and monies and receivables each month and to provide this data, figures and estimates to Vince LaValle upon his request, which was frequent. Part of the receivables belonged to the County and part would belong the Comprehensive after the sale and when the closing date occurred, and she would attempt to provide the estimate of the amounts. Kolodychak said Vince LaValle did not inform her of the larger context in where the figures and estimates applied, any further information she requested from Vince LaValle was on a need to know basis. She never participated in the sale contract discussions with Comprehensive. However, she had to work with Comprehensive as the County had contracted Comprehensive HC to operate Friendship Ridge prior to the sale of Friendship Ridge to Comprehensive HC. Before her leaving employment with Beaver County as Friendship Ridge CFO, she stated Comprehensive HC offered her the CFO position after Comprehensive HC purchased Friendship Ridge.

December, 2015, Kolodychak was contacted by Commissioner Nichols who stated they had a meeting and they (Commissioners) are requesting she perform a forensic audit of the Friendship Ridge accounts; as they had a report of misappropriation of funds.

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