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Dear Fellow Officers,

Life gets interesting when the shoe is on the other foot. According to information we have received, two Daily News reporters went on a crusade to smear Philadelphia Police Officers. In the course of their "crusade", our sources indicate that sound evidence exists to the effect that the reporters were apparently paying witnesses, buying diapers and food for "witnesses", paying utility bills for "witnesses" and engaging in activity to obtain testimony against the Officers that is, at the very least questionable. These reporters, who secured a Pulitzer Prize for their accurate ethical reporting, were, we are told, engaging in a whole series of activities that appear very similar to that for which they were condemning – as it turns out, wrongly - the Officers.

In fact, you will recall that, after five years of the most careful of investigations during which both papers felt free to brand them officers with every sort of vile accusation, the falsely accused Officers were exonerated at the Federal, State and Local level of any wrongdoing.

Now that a different version of the story is slowly spreading, you might expect that the Inquirer/Daily News would publicly pounce on it the way they did when the Police were the targets. But you would be wrong. It would appear that the story is being buried by our local print media deeper than Jimmy Hoffa - by the very same people who constantly chirp about "your right to know".

Other than the most obvious reason, why will not the Inquirer and Daily News simply admit that the rumors regarding their two prize-winning star reporters are out there and that they are now being investigated - with the same care and persistence as the Officers were investigated. Does not the public have a right to know? Apparently, you don't have the right to know anything, when it's the press whose credibility is at issue.

Keep that in mind before you buy your next newspaper.

Fraternally,

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