

# PROBE INTO ALTERED REPORT

## McKeon called edits act of compassion for drug addicts

By MATT STOUT

The state's attorney general is continuing a probe of an altered arrest report that yesterday led to the abrupt resignation of the head of the state police, and the governor has ordered the force to review its procedures for handling how it logs arrests.

State police Col. Richard McKeon said he will retire, effective this coming Friday, citing the "increasing media and public controversy" that ensued after he ordered trooper Ryan Scaviour to delete from an incident report statements made by the daughter of a Massachusetts judge after she was arrested in mid-October.

"The allegations at issue here are very serious, and the attorney general's review of this matter will continue," Attorney General Maura Healey's spokeswoman Jillian Finnimore said.

Gov. Charlie Baker said McKeon's decision to get involved was a "mistake," and he said he's ordered the state police — for whom he'll have to appoint a new colonel — to examine their policies for reviewing arrest reports.

to edit out the embarrassing statements.

"This is an order ... we all have bosses," Scaviour, and his union representative were told by a supervisor, according to the suit. The supervisor indicated the "order" came from McKeon, the lawsuit said.

McKeon wrote in his resignation letter yesterday that the order to edit an arrest report is one he's given "more times than I can remember." Citing compassion for addicts and a desire to treat offenders with "courtesy and

FINAL DAYS: State police Col. Richard McKeon, left, is resigning on the heels of a probe by Gov. Baker, right, and the AG's office. Below, the two shake hands at the State Police Awards Ceremony Thursday.



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# TOP TROOPER RESIGNS AMID

## Col. takes fall, but surely a higher-up hack gave order



**Howie Carr**

The colonel took one for the team — Team Hack — but the most important question remains unanswered: Who ordered the boss of the Mass. State Police to put the fix in for the hack judge and his junkie daughter?

This is a major scandal, and Col. Richard McKeon shouldn't be the only payroll patriot to take the fall, even a fall cushioned by whatever amazing state pension he now collects from what the state treasurer lists as his \$251,922-a-year salary.

Gov. Charlie Baker said last night that his dear pal "made a mistake."

But that's not how the Col. Klink look-alike was portraying the threat of discipline faced by a young trooper if he wouldn't cut out the references to Judge

Timothy Bibaud in an Oct. 16 police report.

After all, how dare the trooper mention a loyal Democrat foot soldier who at the age of 58 has spent 35 years with his snout buried in the public trough?

McKeon said his threats to troopers Ryan Sceviour and Ali Rei were nothing more than "instruction(s) I have given to the men and women under my command more times than I can remember ... not unlike the thousands of cases we are involved in every year."

Thousands? So the MSP fixes "thousands" of cases a year?

It's important, McKeon wrote, "to treat offenders with dignity and respect." Especially connected offenders, apparently.

Although I don't see what the troopers were supposed to have done here — according to the report, the judge's daughter admitted to trading sexual favors for drugs, and she offered trooper Scv-

our something if he would broom the case.

Wouldn't that be ... attempted bribery? Isn't a cop supposed to report a crime, even if the offender is the daughter of a hack judge?

Everybody in this sordid case comes out of the same Worcester courthouse cesspool. Talk about a swamp. DA Joe Early, for whom both Bibaud and his daughter Alli once worked, is the son of the former congressman who lost re-election after the House banking scandal of the '90s.

And of course, the Bibauds themselves. The old man got his first job with the DA in 1982, and remained there until the end of 1991. Then came the longest seven months of his life — he took a job from January to June 1992 in the law firm of Fusaro, Altomare and Ermilio.

Next, according to his 2010 judicial questionnaire: "Solo practitioner, July 1992."

One month! That's all he could last on his own, before



**STATE POLICE COL. RICHARD McKEON**  
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he crawled back to the DA's office. It's a classic M.O. of a state judge — he couldn't cut it on his own, so he took early retirement on a public payroll.

His daughter followed him onto the dole — first as an "advocate" in the DA's office and then as a toll collector for the Mass Pike. In other words, she's a Renaissance woman of the hackrama.

It's obvious somebody called McKeon to squash the embarrassing report — somebody pretty high up in

the hackrama. The judge says he didn't do it, and I believe him. For shady stuff like this, you use buffers, cut-outs. It's all about plausible deniability.

I always say, it's not that all Massachusetts judges are bad. It's just that 98 percent of them that give such a bad name to the other 2 percent.

Let's hope the troopers' lawsuits proceed — with discovery, so that we can ask Col. Klink, under oath, who gave him his sordid marching orders to broom the case. Meanwhile, the extin-

guished public servant goes out on his state tax-free pension (what's 80 percent of \$250,000?).

Most likely this will be another of those scandals where everybody skates away like Kennedys in the night. But at least, after the fix for Alli Bibaud, her father the judge deserves a new nickname.

Let 'em Go Bibaud.

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