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Cop disciplined for releasing document

Document used by landlord in attempt to discredit activist

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A Palo Alto police officer has been disciplined for releasing a transcript of a secret recording police made between a tenant activist and an official of a major landlord, Page Mill Properties, documents released yesterday show.

Police yesterday wouldn't disclose the officer's name, but the transcript, which is evidence in a court case, lists the name of Sgt. April Wagner.

Page Mill officials then took the transcript and leaked it to the Daily News, which used it in a Feb. 6, 2009, front-page story that attempted to show activist Chris Lund was trying to extort \$20,000 from the company. Lund was never charged and the transcript indicates he wasn't trying to extort anyone.

By releasing the transcript to Page

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