



AG to review report alleging misconduct by fired Environmental Police chief



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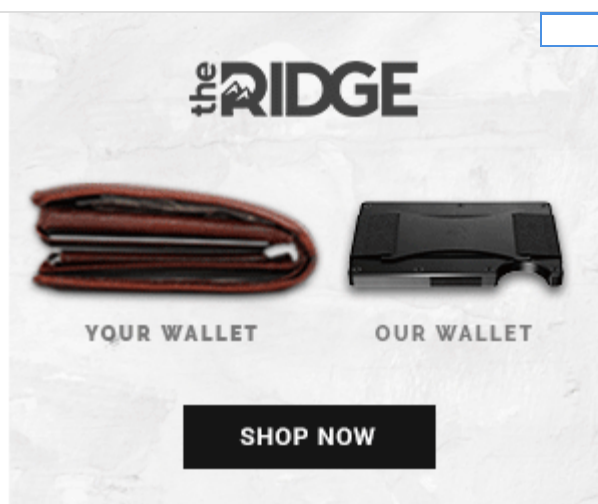
Attorney General Maura Healey's office will review a state office's report that alleged former Environmental Police Colonel James McGinn [fixed a pair of tickets](#) and used state funds to spy on other officers prompting his firing last week.

A spokeswoman for Healey said Wednesday the report raises "serious concerns."

Timothy M. Burke, McGinn's Needham-based attorney, could not immediately be reached for comment

Wednesday night.

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McGinn, a former State Police sergeant who also served as Governor Charlie Baker's personal campaign driver, was [fired Friday](#) when the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, which oversees the police agency, released a report outlining findings of an [internal probe](#) it conducted.

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The executive office previously forwarded the matter to the state ethics commission.

The report accused McGinn, who had a \$133,000 annual salary, of [fixing two traffic tickets](#), one of which was issued to a friend, as well as using state funds to install unauthorized surveillance cameras to monitor workers and also to pay for a private investigator to follow an officer.

Burke has called the firing "politically motivated," and described the internal investigation that led to it as unprofessional. He said McGinn intends to "litigate the matter further."

Burke said McGinn "adamantly denies" involvement in the alleged ticket-fixing and said his surveillance efforts were done with approval and to ensure employees showed up for work on time.

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Legal experts have said it's possible, though not entirely clear, that the allegations against McGinn could rise to the criminal level.

McGinn intends to publicize "significant misconduct on the part of those holding supervisory responsibilities" above him, Burke told the Globe Friday.

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