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MEDIA OUTLET: Miami Herald

HEADLINE: He was a Pembroke Pines cop. Then he became 'Founding father' of internet pill mills

BYLINE: Alex Harris

LINK: <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/crime/article129426199.html>

STORY: Attorneys now call him the "founding father" of illegal internet pharmacies, but first, Juan Gallinal was a Pembroke Pines police officer.

The 49-year-old man pleaded guilty in 2015 to turning a small brick-and-mortar drugstore into a sprawling national online pharmacy that "spread addiction throughout the country," U.S. Attorney Annette L. Hayes wrote in a release. He was sentenced to eight years in prison on Friday.

Gallinal used a fake owner, a shell corporation and databases hidden on a Swiss server to hide the business, which delivered drugs to 200 customers between 2009 and 2012. In those three years, Gallinal and his team made \$9 million.

Customers without prescriptions ordered hundreds of thousands of hydrocodone, phentermine, Xanax and codeine pills — at up to ten times the price.

Gallinal agreed to forfeit \$1.9 million, and pleaded guilty to charges including conspiracy to distribute controlled substances; conspiracy to distribute controlled substances by means of the internet; and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

MEDIA OUTLET: Broward Beat

HEADLINE: Broward School Supt Robert Runcie's Cop Spied On Email From Principal To Wife

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LINK: <http://www.browardbeat.com/broward-school-supt-robert-runcies-cop-spied-on-email-from-principal-to-wife/>

STORY: The teacher that Broward School Superintendent Robert Runcie promoted to a police investigator snooped on a principal's email to his wife in real time, an internal audit released this week uncovered.

Jillian Haring, a high school behavior specialist who became a police investigator at Runcie's insistence, read at least one email in real time from Nova High School Principal John LaCasse to his wife Marta LaCasse.

The LaCasse email was innocuous. However, the fact that Haring could monitor email as it was sent is an indication of the power that Runcie gave her. The audit finding also corroborates complaints about Haring's email access that have been circulating through the school system for roughly two years.

Perhaps more chilling is the auditors conclusion that Haring, who lacked the proper training or required clearance, had "full access" to police files including confidential information.

The audit was ostensibly of the Special Investigative Union as the school police are formally known. But the examination of SIU also became another chapter in the strange case of Haring, a story whispered around school water coolers since 2015.

Many believe that questions about Haring remain unanswered. Those questions concern alleged fairness and favoritism by Runcie.

For instance:

Why Haring was pulled out of Cypress Bay High School in Weston in January 2015 and given a job as special assistant to the chief of police, despite the fact that she had no law enforcement training? Haring's new job came with a 30 percent raise not approved by the School Board and a car.

Now the audit has found that Haring also had unprecedented access to emails and police investigative files in the job Runcie gave her.

The audit only mentions the real time access to LaCasse's email. It is not know if Haring monitored other employee email, though there are indications she had the ability to do so.

"Ms. Haring did not have access to everyone's email in the District," Tony Hunter, the school system's chief information officer, insisted.

Note the key word in that statement: "everyone." Hunter didn't deny she had email access to some.

Hunter's comments are contained in the audit of SIU, released January 26 and signed by Chief Auditor Patrick Reilly. In addition to examining the school police, auditors delved into four allegations made against Haring:

*Haring was given "several" pay increases after joining SIU two years ago.

"We confirmed the salary increases did occur as stated in the allegation....We noted that Ms. Haring received a total increase of 29.72%, based upon her initial base salary hourly rate of \$30.14 as a teacher and the final hourly rate of \$39.10," the audit states.

The School Board did not approve some of this raise, the audit states.

*Haring received "excess overtime."

It was found that Haring didn't get overtime. However, she was given a second job by one of Runcie's top associates Tracy Clark to create a new database and several other tasks. She was paid \$13,737 extra over roughly 18 months, despite the fact that "several of these job duties were not performed," the audit stated.

*Haring was given a car to use.

Auditors found no violation with the car, since it was approved by Haring's supervisor and 15 other members of the school police were given take-home vehicles.

*Haring had "access to emails for all employees in the District."

Auditors reached no firm conclusion whether Haring could access emails for "all employees." But they found some clues.

The incident with LaCasse's email is described in detail in the audit:

"An incident occurred on June 25, 2015 which supports, through some other method, that Ms. Haring did have access to live emails. A meeting was held on June 25, 2015 with Mr. John LaCasse, Principal of Nova High School, in Mr. LaCasse's Office, to discuss a Request for Investigation which he had submitted. The meeting was attended by Mr. Patrick Reilly, Ms. Jillian Haring, Mr. Michael Ramirez and several Nova High staff members. After speaking with Mr. LaCasse and his staff for several hours, Ms. Haring, who was sitting next to Mr. Reilly, commented to Mr. Reilly that Mr. LaCasse had just sent an email to someone stating that the meeting had lasted 7 hours and the meeting was not good. ...to confirm if the email actually was written by Mr. LaCasse, we requested a copy of the email from him. Mr. LaCasse acknowledged that he did send the email to Ms. Marta LaCasse on June 25, 2015 at 3:09 p.m.. It was not determined as of the date of this report how his live emails were accessed by Ms. Haring."

Nova High School's debate program was under investigation at the time for misusing money. LaCasse faces a five-day suspension for failing to supervise the debate coach, who has since retired. But the punishment, which LaCasse is appealing, came long after Haring poked around in his email.

Auditors did discover that Haring did not go through proper procedures or training to access the email.

"We determined that there was a protocol for requesting access to employee emails upon request to the IT Department," the audit concluded. "However, this audit did not determine what method was

used to access employees' live emails. Further investigation should be pursued regarding access to live emails."

Haring has since left the police department and has been moved to the Exceptional Student Education staff. Her sizeable raise remains in effect.

MEDIA OUTLET: ABC Miami (Channel 10)

HEADLINE: Fashion police: Police departments ease rules on tattoos, turbans, beards

BYLINE: Associated Press

LINK: <http://www.local10.com/news/fashion-police-police-departments-ease-rules-on-tattoos-turbans-beards>

STORY: NEW YORK - The Joe Friday look is out. Tattoos, turbans and beards are in.

Police departments, compelled by a hiring crisis and eager for a more diverse applicant pool, are relaxing traditional grooming standards and getting away from rules that used to require a uniformly clean-shaven, 1950s look.

More officers are on the job with tattoos inked on their forearms, beards on their chins or religious head coverings like hijabs and turbans in place of — or tucked beneath — their blue caps.

"My turban is a part of me," said Mandeep Singh, among 160 Sikhs in the New York City Police Department who last month were allowed to wear navy blue turbans in place of the standard-issue police caps. "This opens a gate for other potential candidates who felt they could not be a police officer because they would have to choose either the job or their faith."

That followed a 2014 move by the St. Paul, Minnesota, police to create a special hijab for its first female Somali Muslim officer.

Muslim NYPD officer Masood Syed, who grows a beard for religious reasons, was suspended for its length and sued his department last year over a rule requiring beards to be trimmed to within a millimeter of the skin. As a result, the department changed the length to a half-inch and reinstated him. Syed's suit is still pending, though, because he said the length is arbitrary and it should be case by case, depending on the officer's needs.

"It's 2017," Syed said. "The police department is supposed to reflect the community that it's policing."

Many departments say it's tougher to attract candidates to a physically demanding job that offers low pay and is under increasingly intense public scrutiny. That has led many to make a nod to shifting fashion trends, particularly among millennials, and ease longstanding bans on beards and visible tattoos.

New Orleans; Portland, Oregon; Austin, Texas; and Pinellas Park, Florida, are among the departments that look the other way if a recruit comes in with visible tattoos.

"Modern practice is colliding with dress codes," said Will Aitchison, an attorney who represents police unions during labor-related disputes. "And what police departments really should be focused on is how the officer performs his or her job, as opposed to how they look."

In Kansas, state police did a public survey on whether officers should be allowed to have tattoos to help determine whether to change their policy after they couldn't fill about 100 trooper jobs.

Half of the nearly 20,000 respondents had tattoos themselves. Sixty-nine percent said the department shouldn't have a policy prohibiting visible tattoos.

"We were surprised by the response," said Lt. Adam Winters. "It just doesn't seem to bother people."

Still, the department's prohibition on visible tattoos has stayed in place, in part because of the potential challenge of regulating the content of tattoos that might be offensive.

In Philadelphia, the department is considering tightening its policy after photos surfaced last fall of an officer in uniform with a tattoo on his forearm showing a Nazi symbol: a spread-winged eagle under the word "Fatherland."

In Chicago, a federal judge threw out a lawsuit filed by tattooed officers — all military veterans — who objected to a new requirement that they wear long sleeves to cover up their inked arms during a sweltering Midwestern summer. The judge argued it would be too difficult for departments to determine what would be considered offensive and need to be covered.

But, the police brass recently started allowing them again — they said as a morale booster for a beleaguered force.