

## HOTLINE CASE

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An anonymous call came in on a Friday afternoon (8/29/08), approximately 3pm, about a possible gas theft at the Wilson Blvd Fuel site. A person had observed a person filling up his pickup truck tank at the city owned gas pumps. This person was in shorts and looked like he was leaving for a weekend trip. The person was concerned that the person was not on city business. The person recorded the Texas license plate: N32LWH, and said it was a Chevy Silverado Pickup truck and that it happened at 2:30 pm at pump #5.

At approximately 3:15 on the same day, the Ethics Officer called the Public Works department (Chris Tongol) who in turn, called the Sheriff's office to investigate.

The tag given to us belonged to a stolen rental car.

The department verified each card used that afternoon (7) at all pumps. All city employees verified that their cards were in their possession. Therefore, there wasn't a stolen card.

It is acceptable to fill up vehicles at that site with a valid card. It is not acceptable to use any gas for private use. We do not have proof that this occurred.

Ethics Officer recommendation to department: send a letter to the 7 who utilized the cards reminding them of the city policy; implement more security in those areas, such as video cameras.

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