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Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2015 3:29 PM

Subject: UPDATE: Winn Dixie tainted produce

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Since my last communication, I spoke at great length with Mr. Bill Nasshan – Managing Director who, oversees over 90 Winn-Dixie stores in the state of Florida.

Mr. Nasshan was very sincere with his comments and was personally in the store, last night and earlier today. Winn-Dixie is aware of the Facebook posting and Mr. Nasshan actually spoke to the individual who originally posted the photos on Facebook. Mr. Nasshan personally “Thanked” the customer and the all of the produce was disposed of (over 500 cases). The store is conducting their own internal investigation and are reviewing all of the in-store security camera surveillance tapes.

Additionally, Winn-Dixie is working closely with the Florida Department of Health and County Inspectors, per protocol procedures.

Mr. Nasshan has provided the following statement, on behalf of Winn-Dixie stores and would like to share it with the community:

“We take food safety very seriously. We've taken our investigation into this complaint very seriously because our customers always come first. Out of an abundance of caution, we have cleared out and cleaned our entire produce department and we're in the process of totally replacing all of the discarded product with fresh produce. We appreciate your interest and concern and we thank you for your business.”

I will continue to share any information, I receive from the Florida Department of Health and/or County Inspector(s).

I would also like to “Thank” Commissioner Levine-Cava, for her quick response.

Thanks,

Rafael Casals, CFM
Town Manager

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From: Rafael Casals

Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 11:40 AM

To: Ernest Sochin; Mary Ann Mixon; Peggy Bell; Roger Coriat; Sue Loyzelle

Cc: Barbara Condon (*****@yahoo.com); Cava, Daniella Levine (DIST8) (dlcava@miamidade.gov)

Subject: FW: Winn Dixie tainted produce

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Upon receiving Mrs. Condon's email regarding, the unsanitary conditions at the Winn Dixie located at: 19167 South Dixie Highway, I sent an email to Mr. Jorge Cabo – District Manager.

Additionally, I contacted the Store Manager Mr. Lorenzo who, reported that the area in question is being sanitized this very minute.

The Health Department Inspector is also in route, to perform the necessary health / produce inspections. In addition, Winn-Dixie's internal Health Inspectors are on-site.

I also spoke to Winn-Dixie's Public Information Officer – Mrs. Myra Hernandez who, will provide me a statement within the next hour.

I will keep everyone posted.

Thanks,

From: Rafael Casals

Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 11:24 AM

To: 'jorgecabo@winn-dixie.com'

Subject: FW: Winn Dixie tainted produce

Dear Mr. Cabo:

My name is Rafael Casals – Town Manager (Town of Cutler Bay), we have received an email below, from a resident regarding the Winn Dixie located within our Town.

The Winn Dixie is located 19167 South Dixie Highway

There are several reports posted on Facebook and Twitter regarding some unsanitary conditions/practices, within the Produce Department.

On behalf of the Mayor and Town Council, we take these types of reports very seriously since, it concerns the Health and Welfare of residents and patrons.

Can you please provide the Town a written response to the public's concerns, as soon as possible.

I can be reach at (305) 234-4262 and/or via email at: Rcasals@cutlerbay-fl.gov

Thanks,

From: Barbara Condon [mailto:*****@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 10:30 AM

To: Rafael Casals; Peggy Bell; Sue Loyzelle; Mary Ann Mixon; Ernest Sochin; Roger Coriat

Cc: Cava Daniella Levine (DIST8)

Subject: Winn Dixie tainted produce

A resident went to Winn Dixie on US-1 and Marlin Road and claims to have seen an employee spraying Raid or some type of poison onto the produce. A picture of an employee holding a can, along with photos of the cleared out produce section, is spreading on Facebook and Twitter. Mary Ann Mixon commented online that she too saw the empty shelves. If this did take place, and it appears it did, is the town investigating or the County Health Department? If you have looked into it, will you be releasing a statement either to warn citizens who may have purchased the tainted produce about the potential danger or to reassure them?

Below is the facebook link of the first post about this incident, which has been shared over 9,000 times.

<https://www.facebook.com/jdmmike814>