



# *City of Ridgecrest* Police Department

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**MICHAEL D. AVERY, Chief of Police**

## Press Release

**DATE and TIME OF INCIDENT: February 6, 2008**

**TYPE OF INCIDENT: Accusations**

**VICTIM:**

**LOCATION OCCURRED: City Council Meeting**

**SUSPECT:**

On February 6, 2008, at the Ridgecrest City Council meeting, Steve Zimmer made allegations of bribery and misconduct against Ridgecrest City Planner, Matthew Alexander. An extensive criminal investigation was conducted by the Ridgecrest Police Department into these allegations. All the parties involved were interviewed to include associates and local contractors who are currently working with Mr. Alexander. Interviews were also conducted with former employers and associates. The investigation found no evidence of any unethical or criminal behavior on the part of Mr. Alexander. The investigation has been completed and closed as "unfounded."

**MICHAEL D. AVERY Chief of Police**

**PREPARED BY: Ron Strand, Deputy Chief of Police**

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