

## Lieutenant: Misconduct letter false, slanderous

- It's the latest sign of tension within the Minneapolis Police Department.

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To Minneapolis police Lt. Michael Keefe, a letter from the city attorney's office outlining allegations of professional misconduct against him "is nothing more than calculated slander."

The letter, recently made public, accuses



Michael Keefe: "Tim Dolan doesn't like me, and I don't like him."

Keefe of disregarding orders from a federal agency and telling police in Fairbault, Minn., about a wiretapping operation involving violent Minneapolis gang members.

In another investigation, it said, he leaked confidential information "that could have led to the death of undercover officers and informants."

On Sunday, Keefe, a normally close-to-the-vest former homicide detective who in 2006 was named one of the department's top investigators, denied everything in the letter, saying it's colleagues' retaliation for complaints he raised about a sergeant repeatedly using a racial epithet and about overtime abuse.

"[Chief] Tim Dolan doesn't like me, and I don't like him," Keefe said.

**Keefe continues:** Leak of information feared. **B2 ►**

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