

Ms. Ortiz stated that she had seen me teach great lessons before, and implied that this lesson was not "great". She complained that I had the board notes up when the students arrived and that the lesson was "confusing". She said that the fact the the notes were up gave me the freedom the "skip around" and that the lesson was not sequential. I asked her if the timing of her observation had anything to do with political issues that I have been having recently with the administration. She said that "this has nothing to do with that". She asked me why I tape recorded the lesson. I told her that I commonly record my lessons for my own personal teaching improvement.

Ms. Ortiz stated that many of my students had only a few notes. I told her that I had been collecting them for grading and that I would be handing their notes and exercises back. She suggested that I ask them to turn in their exercises on a separated sheet from their notes.

She demanded to know how many tests I had given. I reported two, a pre-test and a test on the cell.

Ms. Ortiz looked at the loose leaf paper upon which she had written notes for my lesson. She said "I'll write this up for 9th period." I told her that she was not present for the entire lesson during 9th period. She said, "but it was the same thing". I told her that given my dealings with the administration; I would prefer to follow the rules by the letter. She tore up the sheet in front of me and asked me when would I like for her to visit me again. I told her that two weeks from now would be good.

She tried to soften the conversation, stating that she had originally planned to visit another teacher, but since he was not in and since she "knew that I give good lessons", she decided to observe me instead. She showed me a pad with yellow stick-it notes with rooms and teacher names on it. The bell rang and I stated that "I have to go; I do not want to be late for my class".

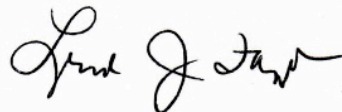
Later in the day, Ms. Ortiz called me into her office as I was delivering the attendance bubbles for the week. She showed me a number of A & P course outlines that she had downloaded from the internet. The high school curriculums were from other states, such as New Jersey and Pennsylvania. I asked her if she had found any for New York State. She replied "no". Ms. Ortiz had begun to cut and paste the sheets of me. She gave me the sheets. I thanked her and left.

Sincerely,

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sworn before me:

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