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INDOT officials, ethics issues

Woodruff, Sarvis seek to work for recipients of agency contracts

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A top Indiana transportation official is seeking a job with an engineering firm after playing a key role in awarding the company more than \$500,000 in state contracts.

Indiana Department of Transportation Chief of Staff Troy Woodruff — already at the center of an ethics probe over his family's land deals on the I-69 project — is now seeking permission from the State Ethics Commission to take a job as vice president of transportation for RQAW, an engineering consulting firm that frequently bids on state work.

Woodruff's request raises questions about whether the employment arrangement would violate a state law that requires a one-year "cooling-off period" before state officials can work for companies whose contracts they negotiate or administer.

The ethics commission is expected to take up the request at its meeting Thursday.

Woodruff's request for a formal ethics opinion says he began employment discussions with RQAW on June 23 and notified INDOT Commissioner Karl Browning the following day.

Two weeks later, INDOT awarded a project worth \$175,000 to \$350,000 to RQAW even though it did not receive the highest score from department staff. Bid tabulation documents show that a selection committee of top INDOT officials moved RQAW's rank from

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Beyonca Weeden (left) was among those participating in a Young Men Inc. youth ministry tribute to fallen IMPD officer Perry Renn. The rally was held Tuesday near the site where Renn was fatally shot Saturday night. » SEE STORY, A4. MATT KRYGER PHOTOS/THE STAR

Suspect's family: Officer Perry Renn was just doing his job

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Relatives of the man accused of fatally shooting an Indianapolis police officer say they were stunned by the turn of events.

They wonder what triggered the gunbattle late Saturday night in an Eastside alley. They wonder if the children of Major Davis Jr., who was critically injured in the exchange of gunfire, will grow up without a father, as Davis himself did. But they also know that officer Perry Renn, who was killed, was only doing his job.

They said the 25-year-old Davis was not a violent man.

"What happened back there, it just

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Young Men Inc. presented this cross to IMPD Lt. J.D. Pridemore during Tuesday's ceremony.



Major Davis Jr.



Perry Renn

» **MATTHEW TULLY:** Crack down on illegally owned guns to cut crime. **A3**

Adoption of plan to beef up IMPD hinges on how to pay for it

By John Tuohy
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Everyone, it seems, wants to hire more police officers.

The puzzle is how to do it.

Indianapolis police officials joined Fraternal Order of Police leaders Tuesday to highlight the increasing risks officers face, a predicament they say is compounded by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department's limited force. They urged adoption of a plan recommended in April by a committee of people from law enforcement, city government and the police officers union to increase police ranks.

The plan would use \$29 million in tax hikes to hire 100 officers a year through

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