

CHRIS “NERVOUS WRECK” CHRISTIE

The reporter that broke the story of Chris Christie’s unusual loan to his subordinate, Michele Brown, raises some interesting questions in a blog post, mostly about why the US Attorney’s office is at the same time refusing to comment, but also claiming that “everyone” knew of this unusual loan. (h/t mb)

There is also this lingering question about who in the office knew what and when. Christie says Ralph Marra, the Acting US Attorney knew about it, as did the “whole front office.” Well didn’t someone question the wisdom of this? I mean aren’t these people supposed to be the cleanest and most ethical people in NJ???? We have now determined that Christie was thinking about a run for Governor as early as 2006 when he spoke to Karl Rove on the phone. Christie also says the question came up so many times during his tenure that he once needed to issue a press release denying that he was planning to run.

A spokesman for the US Attorney’s Office said they won’t have any further comment since they like to keep the office separate from the “political season.” Well, that seems like a wise idea...but then why does everyone in the front office know about this financial arrangement between the now Republican Gubernatorial Candidate and Michele Brown? If this loan was made purely as an act of friendship (as Christie claims) it shouldn’t be anyone else’s business. **And if all these people in the office knew about it, why wasn’t it properly disclosed?**

Finally, Christie promoted Brown twice...once before the loan and once

afterwards. We have heard some grumbling complaints about favorable treatment toward Brown in the office, but I wouldn't hold my breath waiting for anyone to go public.

Someone very close to Christie told me that last night that Christie was a **"nervous wreck."** I wonder why. [my emphasis]

I will repeat a comment I've made in threads: Christie's financial relationship with Michele Brown closely resembles the alleged relationship between Margaret Chiara (the US Attorney from Western Michigan) and her subordinate, Leslie Hagen. (The two were also accused of a lesbian relationship.) Chiara and Hagen both got fired (though Hagen has been rehired); Christie and Brown did not, and Brown has been promoted since and remains at the US Attorney's office in spite of taking an inappropriate loan.

So what explains the disparate treatment?