

THE PROSECUTOR WITH WHOM CHRIS CHRISTIE HAS AN "ONGOING FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP" RESIGNS

Remember how Chris Christie told a bunch of Republicans that he still had a bunch of AUSAs in NJ? Remember how he had an "ongoing financial relationship" with one of them, Michele Brown, to the tune of \$46,000?

Well, he's "got" one fewer AUSAs now.

The federal prosecutor at the center of the controversy over a loan made by New Jersey gubernatorial candidate Chris Christie has resigned.

In her resignation letter dated today, Michele Brown, the acting first assistant U.S. Attorney for New Jersey, said it has been an "honor and privilege" to serve, but she does not want to be "a distraction" for the office.

I wonder if she really resigned, or got resigned, when it became clear that it's not cool for federal prosecutors to accept loans from their boss. Or maybe she didn't want to be a distraction from Christie's campaign?

Though I suspect we haven't heard the last of this scandal.

Update: Nope, we haven't. It appears that Brown was getting some bonuses.

The office has not disclosed Brown's salary or raises, but Christie said she was at the top of the pay scale, so she

got no salary bumps along with her recent promotions. She and others in the office did receive undisclosed bonuses, however.

Can someone explain how this is different from Margaret Chiara, who was fired because she allegedly gave bonuses to her favorite AUSA?