

Closed police bureau up for sale on Craigslist: \$50

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ABSTRACT

Large office space available, complete with "cheesy 1960's-style neckties, old sport jackets and rusty file cabinets."

FULL TEXT

For rent: Large office space available, complete with "cheesy 1960's-style neckties, old sport jackets and rusty file cabinets."

The ad, posted on Craigslist, apparently is poking fun at the recent closure of the Harrison Area Detective Division, police said. That bureau, at Harrison Street and Kedzie Avenue, was one of two detective bureaus shuttered Sunday as part of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's cost-cutting plans to ease a \$636 million budget gap.

"The Area 4 Detective Division has been evicted due to a haphazard re-structuring plan. ... If interested call Gary @ 312-746-6000."

The advertisement appears to say the 50,000-square-foot space is available for \$50.

"It was brought to my attention and I laughed, just like everybody else did," Harrison District Police Lt. John Andrews said of the posting. Andrews works out of the Harrison District station, downstairs from the shuttered Harrison detective division.

The contact person "Gary" refers to police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, according to Andrews, who said he does not know who posted it.

"This appears to be a joke," Andrews said. "Perhaps it was done by a disgruntled CPD officer."

Under the department's first major overhaul in 30 years, on Sunday more than 300 detectives were transferred to three other buildings throughout the city.

Those detectives previously worked out of the Harrison Area (Area 4) and Grand Central Area (Area 5) on the Near Northwest Side, the two detective bureaus that were closed.

The department also closed two of its district stations Sunday as part of the mayor's plan.

Police News Affairs would not comment on the ad.

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