

# WisGOP: RPW statement on Barnes' unprecedented security costs for personal use

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[Appleton, WI] - Today, the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel* [released a report](#) looking into extraordinarily outrageous expenditures by Lieutenant Governor Barnes and found that he abused taxpayer dollars and state-funded security for personal trips around the state.

Highlights include:

- Barnes charged the taxpayers **more than \$600,000** worth of security expenses from the State Patrol for travel and security to participate in personal events such as marathons, concerts, and an untold number of campaign events.
- Barnes has charged taxpayers an average of nearly **14 hours a day of paid private security** through the State Patrol, including weekends and holidays.
- His expenses for security and travel are **more than 10 times** the amount former Lt. Governor Kleefisch used.

**“The egregious spending by Lieutenant Governor Barnes to be chauffeured around for personal activities and events is a slap in the face to the hardworking taxpayers of Wisconsin,”** said Republican Party of Wisconsin Chairman Paul Farrow. **“As a staunch supporter of the ‘Defund the Police’ movement, Barnes has displayed his hypocrisy and open contempt for law enforcement and disregard for Wisconsin taxpayers while only serving himself.”**