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Mayor Promises Answers In Degree Flap

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Did a top airport official lie on her resume, claiming a Harvard degree she never earned? CBS 3's Walt Hunter reports that two weeks after controversy engulfed Deputy Aviation Director Janis Pierce, the mayor now says he's got the answers.

For two weeks, Hunter has been asking Pierce to show CBS 3 evidence that she has the degree from Harvard she claims to have in her resume. So far, she hasn't.

But now Philadelphia Mayor John Street says he's got the answers about whether the degree, in fact, exists.

Deputy Aviation Director Janis Pierce, the top marketing official at the airport who makes \$114,000 a year, lists a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard on her resume. Harvard says she never graduated.

When Hunter tried to get answers two weeks ago, Pierce provided a copy of a letter she said she sent to Harvard.

The problem is that as of Wednesday, there is no record Harvard ever received it.

Now, two weeks after the controversy started, the mayor is promising answers. "We'll let you know what you need to know about all of this tomorrow," Mayor Street said.

The mayor won't say what his investigation reveals about Pierce's degree or lack of it. Or whether the city was aware of degree questions before they were made public by the media.

"We are always concerned when any city employee is under public scrutiny. If she says she has a degree, she either has one or she doesn't and maybe we'll know that question by tomorrow," Mayor Street added.

Complicating the investigation is that a college degree is not required for Pierce's job. And even if she lied on her resume, there are no indications she lied on her employment application. The mayor says it will all be made clear Friday.

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