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Bloomberg Linked Green To Crime Hike

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Mailings by Michael Bloomberg's $70-million mayoral campaign last month linked Democrat Mark Green with "unlivable" crime under ex-Mayor David Dinkins in 1993, official filings show.

The fliers, urging voters "Don't Go Back!" were filed as part of the campaign's voluminous disclosure forms revealed Monday.

Another printed piece, aimed at Jewish voters, called Green "no friend of ours" for criticizing Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and police — who are "true friends who made our families, streets, synagogues, schools and parks safer."

The Bloomberg camp, however, sent a sharply different message to African-American neighborhoods. That mailing quoted popular Crown Heights youth program director Richard Green saying: "Mike knows . . . many minority children, families and businesses have been left behind."

None of the literature linking Mark Green and Dinkins noted that Green was Consumer Affairs commissioner in 1993, or that the police commissioner was Ray Kelly, due to return under Bloomberg.

Bloomberg aide William Cunningham said yesterday he saw no paradox in the fact that Kelly was commissioner in a year of 2,000 murders, 3,000 rapes, and 112 assaults per day. "Ray Kelly became police commissioner at the end of that administration. In fact it was on his tour when the decline in crime began," Cunningham said.

Giuliani and aides have downplayed anyone else's role in the crime decline. They've also denied leaving minorities behind.

Overall, some of the campaign literature filed with the Board of Elections bears a message close to controversial leaflets tying Dinkins to riots and crime — from which Bloomberg distanced himself. On election eve, Bloomberg called Dinkins, a Green supporter, and apologized for the leaflets, saying, "I felt personally insulted." Bloomberg also fired his Staten Island campaign coordinator.

Rival candidate Fernando Ferrer and supporter Rev. Al Sharpton had slammed Green for weeks over anti-Sharpton messages to whites during the Democratic primary. When read Bloomberg's official literature by phone yesterday, Sharpton said: "I haven't seen it. Secondly, I know when someone in Staten Island was handing out anti-Dinkins stuff, he was fired." But if Bloomberg's official campaign literature did the same, "I'd have the same objection," Sharpton said.

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