

To Chief Terrance Greene, Major Matthew Davis, Lt. Matthew Timmerman, and Lt. Wally Bledsoe,

Due to the current internal investigation on myself, I have learned from numerous officers within the patrol division and canine unit that several officers are causing disruption within the patrol division and ridicule of one of their own. Officers are spreading gossip and rumors that are unnecessary and untrue about my current situation and private life. Officer Kerwin has been in communication with John Hawkes and fed him information that enabled him to subject me to ridicule within the department. Kerwin also went to police department and spread rumors about me to the patrol division. This led to a whirlwind of chaos, causing disruption in my police work and personal life. I was also advised that Kerwin notified John Hawkes that Kimberly Hawkes and I were eating breakfast at Eggs Up Grill. He took pictures of us and sent them to Mr. Hawkes. This not only caused drama within the department, but more importantly put Kim Hawkes in danger of further attack by John, which immediately took place. Kerwin has violated policy 110.3, Code of Conduct by making remarks and encouraging the spread of rumors, which cripples the entire department and opens it to ridicule and disrepute.

I was also approached by Tsi Tomaino in reference to the entire Emergency Service Team discussing the same rumors, causing further disruption within the department. She would not express or elaborate on the details of what was discussed but confirmed everything listed above was mentioned. She did confirm that Cpl. Truel initiated the conversation with Detectives Heath, Taylor, Cpl Currier, Cpl Thompson, Chambers, Tomaino, Matthews, and Cardona. Once the conversation started, they began gossiping and bashing me. She and Chambers walked away from the conversation as they did not want to take part in the discussion. Tomaino advised this took place off and on over the 8 hours of training that day. Cpl. Truel informed me that shifts Charlie and Delta have been discussing and spreading rumors about what they think is taking place and slandering me as an officer. When further asked about it, he told me he wanted no part of it. However, 2 days later he was at training and initiated the further circulation of these rumors.

I have been approached by numerous other officers that previously worked with John Hawkes, stating he had reached out to them trying to get information on my whereabouts during shift or what was going on in my personal life. He is seeking information from fellow officers to use against me and file numerous frivolous complaints against me. This led to an internal investigation against me, which is still ongoing. This has caused a ripple effect of certain command staff members speaking to or gossiping to lower ranking officers within the patrol division and CID. This is causing further unnecessary turmoil, ridicule, and disrepute.

The backlash from these unfounded rumors and accusations have caused me to question my safety within the department and while working the street with officers that have proven they are not trustworthy, nor do they have any integrity. It has become an incredibly hostile work environment where I am being targeted, followed, photographed and discussed both off and on duty in a manner that is in clear violation of policy 110.3. I expect it to be resolved immediately.

I am formerly requesting an internal investigation of these officers and their violation of the aforementioned policy. Clear and decisive action should be taken in order to protect the Department's reputation and the safety of its officers. Personnel within every division of the Department are responsible allowing these rumors to continue, causing them to grow and worsen like a cancer. Although their intention was to target me, in reality they are weakening and crippling the department and worsening morale as it stands. I have witnessed so many minor policy violations by others within the department, including command staff, that go unmentioned. Yet, here I sit, under investigation for complaints brought to the department by a narcissistic, abusive, compulsive liar, sheriff's deputy that has convinced my own department to turn against me. Mr. Hawkes is using the department to target Kimberly and myself. The department has allowed itself to be a tool for him. You have invited him in and let him get exactly what he wanted. You have allowed officers to defame and slander their own instead of shutting it down. I am being targeted and do not feel safe in this hostile work environment. I expect resolution of this issue with haste.

Sincerely,

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