

Cherokee Sheriff's Office

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"AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY"

TO:

Lt. Colonel W. J. Smith

FROM:

Captain Kim Thompson

DATE:

March 6, 2024

SUBJECT:

Final Report of Internal Affairs Investigation

- 1. On February January 8th, 2024, Lieutenant David Barone began an investigation on alleged misconduct against Lieutenant Adam Mayfield.
- 2. Lieutenant Barone completed multiple interviews.
- 3. The findings of the investigation are as follows:

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is the sister to Cherokee Sheriff's Office employee, Lieutenant Adam Mayfield. Mr. Hammond claims Lieutenant Mayfield told his sister to file stalking reports to the Bartow County Sheriff's Office, so

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DATE: 01/07/2024

ALLEGATION/INQUIRY/COMMENDATION-REPORT FORM

I. Info	rmation Source:				
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Address:	60 Westside Circ	cle City:	Dallas	Zip:	30157
Home Phone	2:	Busin	ess Phone: <u>cell:</u>		
II. Deputy/	Civilian Employee	Information:			
Name: Division:	Adam Mayfield UPD/HF		<u>Lieutenant</u> Number:	I.D.#:	6119
Name: Division:	12	Rank: Unit N	Number:	I.D.#:	
	of Incident:				
Unknown (p	ossibly Bartow Co	ounty Courtho	use)		
Date:	Multiple	Time:	<u>Unknown</u>	Case Number:	<u>N/A</u>
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Name: Home Phone:		Address: Business	Phone:	City:	
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Refer to the Office opf Professional Standards VIII. Allegation/Inquiry/Commendation Information: How A/I/C Received: Telephone Written Form Personal Contact A/I/C Referred to: OPS/IA ☐ A/I/C Resolved on Initial Contact Allegation/Inquiry Withdrawn IX. Documentation Attached: Incident Report Written Statement Other X. Division Commanders Review: LTC W/ Signature) 3/5/2024 No further Action Required. Refer to for further investigation. Recommend Formal Commendation. Additional Comments: Sustained: The evidence is sufficient to prove the allegations. Not Sustained: The evidence is insufficient to either prove or disprove the allegations. Exonerated: The evidence shows that the incident occurred and was lawful or proper Unfounded: The evidence shows that the allegation is false or not factual. Policy Failure: The evidence is sufficient to show that the incident occurred, but was a result of flawed policy or procedures. XI. Service of Employee I hereby certify that the allegations have been discussed and described to me. I have received a copy of the Employee Rights Form and acknowledge that I understand these rights. XII. Notification of Findings I understand that the investigating officer has the duty to inform me of the outcome of this investigation (sustained, not sustained, exonerated, unfounded, or policy failure) and I hereby certify and affirm that he / she has done so. I further understand that the investigating officer is merely a finder of fact and will not determine if adverse disciplinary action will be taken.

Distribution:

VII. Supervisor's Comments/Recommendations:

From:

Andrea G. DeCourcey

Sent:

Monday, January 8, 2024 7:27 AM

To:

Kimberly Thompson; David M. Barone

Cc:

Mark M. Anderson

Subject:

FW: CSO Web Contact Form | User Subject: Adam mayfield

See email below regarding complaint on Lt. Mayfield.

----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Sunday, January 7, 2024 3:58 PM

To: Andrea G. DeCourcey <agdecourcey@cherokeega.com> Subject: CSO Web Contact Form | User Subject: Adam mayfield

Contact Us Form Submission from: Stephen Hammond

Stephen Hammond has sent in a Contact form. They are attempting to reach Sheriff Reynolds. Here is the unedited message below.

User's Email:

User's Name: Stephen Hammond User's Subject: Adam mayfield

User's Message:

To whom it may concern

I was married to your deputy Adam Mayfield's sister. Me and her was getting a divorce and your deputy Mayfield told his sister to start making stalking reports so she could take my children from me so she did . She made 7 complaints wih the bartow county sheriff deputies against me . When the claims went no where Adam Mayfield called the deputy to try and use his influence as a Cherokee deputy to get them to lock me up . He admitted that on the stand in court . The last time she called them on me for stalking they wouldn't do anything so Adam Mayfield told her to go to magistrate court and get a warrant for me . I beat the warrant but the judge said it was highly unusual and only a law enforcemet would know about this . the only one that would know to do this i believe deputy mayfield has abused his power and learning in law enforcement to have me locked up . I think something should be done . Stephen Hammond

Sheriff Reynolds

Sheriff I wanted to tell about agbuse of power I believe by your Deputy adam Mayticld. Me and Mayticlds sister was going thru adivorce, when Kicked me out she began to make stalking claims on the advice from Deputy Mayfield so she could take my Kids from me. She made 7 reports aggist me with the Barton County Seriffs when it went nowhere Deputy Mayfield called the Bartow County Depaty to try and use his influnence to have me locked up. Deputy admitted this on the stand in court. The last time she called them they wouldn't do anything and Deputy Mayfield told her togo to magistrate court and get a warrent for me, I beat the warrent but the judge said this was highly anysal that only law enforcement olid this. I think Adam Mayfield has abused his powerandsomething should be done. Thank for Your time.

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On January 7, 2024, Stephen Hammond filed a complaint using the Cherokee Sheriff's Office Website. Mr. Hammond wrote that he was married to Lieutenant Adam Mayfield's sister,

They were going through a divorce and Mr. Hammond claims

Lieutenant Mayfield told his sister to make stalking reports to the Bartow County Sheriff's Office, so she could take his children away from him. Mr. Hammond also wrote that when the stalking accusations went nowhere, Lieutenant Mayfield called a Bartow County Sheriff's Office deputy. Mr. Hammond alleges Lieutenant Mayfield tried to use his influence as a Cherokee Sheriff's Office employee to have him arrested. He wrote that Lieutenant Mayfield admitted this on the stand in a Bartow County court room. Mr. Hammond also claims Lieutenant Mayfield told his sister how to apply for a criminal warrant through the Bartow County Magistrate Court. Mr. Hammond wrote, "I beat the warrant but the judge said it was highly unusual and only a law enforcement would know about this. The only one that would know to do this I believe Deputy Mayfield has abused his power and learning in law enforcement to have me locked up." Later in the week, the Cherokee Sheriff's Office received a hand-written letter from Mr. Hammond expressing the same concerns he wrote on the Sheriff's Office website.

On January 18, 2024, I spoke to Mr. Hammond and explained I was hoping he would have the civil case number to his and his ex-wife's divorce? He told me he does not. I asked him if he had the name of the Bartow County Sheriff's Office deputy who he claims Lieutenant Mayfield called and tried to use his influence to have that deputy arrest him? Mr. Hammond told me he did not know the deputy's name, but would be able to get that information for me. I also requested he gather the court transcripts of the hearing in which he claims Lieutenant Mayfield admitted on the stand that he called a Bartow County Sheriff's Office deputy. Mr. Hammond told me he will go and collect that information at the courthouse on my behalf. I also explained I

have contacted the Bartow County Sheriff's Office, Internal Affairs a couple of weeks ago, but I have not received the assistance I had hoped to receive at this time. Mr. Hammond called back a day or two later. He explained he has placed an open records request for his divorce documents and court room transcriptions. He explained he was told it would take a couple of weeks for the requested information.

On February 22, 2024, I interviewed Lieutenant Adam Mayfield in the Internal Affairs Office. I supplied him with a copy of the AIC as well as a copy of the Employees Duties and Rights during an Internal Investigation. I read him the Cherokee Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs memorandum and the Internal Investigation Warning (Garrity Warning). Lieutenant Mayfield said he understood and signed both documents. I read Mr. Hammond's accusation and asked what his sister's name is? Lieutenant Mayfield advised his sister's name at the time of the but she has since changed her name back to divorce was He was married to Stephen for 14 or 15 years. I asked Lieutenant Mayfield if he would explain to me how he got involved in their relationship, or the issues they were having during their marriage? He told me called him up about two years ago and told him she filed for divorce from Stephen. She told Lieutenant Mayfield that Stephen has been verbally abusive toward her and their two children. However, explained Stephen has never been physically abusive toward any of them. The ages of the two girls are sixteen and twelve and Stephen is their birth father.

Lieutenant Mayfield told me that had an audio recording of a verbal altercation between and Stephen. In that audio recording, Stephen threatens to rape During one of their divorce court proceedings, played that audio recording for the court.

Lieutenant Mayfield told me his wife, accompanied to the court

proceedings as a form of support. Stephen turned his attention to and blamed her for their divorce. He then started to call and harass over the telephone. then filed harassing phone call reports with the Bartow County Sheriff's Office. Stephen started to drive by Lieutenant Mayfield's residence even though he resides on a dead-end street and there is no reason for Stephen to be on their road. These drive-by's were captured on Lieutenant Mayfield's Nest cameras and filed stalking incident reports with the Bartow County Sheriff's Office. He then explained Stephen sued his wife, for \$10,000. The lawsuit was for defamation of character, due to filing police reports for harassing phone calls. Lieutenant Mayfield explained he and his wife got an attorney and went to the Bartow County Courthouse for that hearing. Stephen did not show up for the hearing and the lawsuit was dismissed.

Lieutenant Mayfield told me he then started to receive subpoenas by Stephen which required him to attend the divorce court and child custody proceedings. He explained that he has been on the stand on two separate occasions. The first time, Lieutenant Mayfield was questioned by Stephen's attorney, Jason Johnson (Perrotta, Lamb & Johnson, P.C.). He told me he does not remember saying anything about influencing his sister or wife while on the stand. He explained he did tell them both that they needed to file incident reports.

told Lieutenant Mayfield that the Bartow County Sheriff's Office never does anything when she files reports. He told that she needs to file the reports for documentation. Lieutenant Mayfield advised the second time he was on the stand, he was questioned by Stephen. Apparently, Stephen fired his attorney and was now representing himself. His questions were geared around Lieutenant Mayfield's law enforcement career.

Lieutenant Mayfield explained the original judge hearing his sister's divorce proceedings was Judge Rosemary Greene, Bartow County Superior Court. He told me Judge Greene had

Stephen arrested two times for contempt of court. This was due to Stephen violating the court's orders about not contacting the kids and doing drive-by's on residence. He explained was now fearful of Stephen, due to him constantly disregarding the court's orders. Lieutenant Mayfield told to file for a Temporary Protection Order (TPO). He explained to that she needs to gather all of the reports she has filed, and apply for a TPO. Lieutenant Mayfield advised Bartow County did not grant with a TPO because there were no reports of physical violence. After Stephen served his thirty days in the Bartow County jail for violation of a court order, he filed a lawsuit against Judge Greene. This caused Judge Greene to excuse herself from the divorce proceedings. Lieutenant Mayfield told me Bartow County brought in a retired traveling judge from Cobb County that specializes in mental health, Judge Mary Staley (Senior Judge, Sitting by Designation, Superior Court of Bartow County). Stephen once again violated court orders and was arrested a second time. He then served sixty days in the Bartow County jail. Lieutenant Mayfield explained Steven refused to sign the divorce paperwork and Judge Staley signed off on the divorce making it final. Lieutenant Mayfield told me he hasn't heard from Stephen since he was required to testify on the stand.

Lieutenant Mayfield and I then spoke about Stephen's accusation that he tried to use his influence as a law enforcement officer, when he called a Bartow County Sheriff's deputy to have Stephen arrested. He explained he did reach out to Investigator Daniel Weathers with the Bartow County Sheriff's Office, Criminal Investigations Division. He explained it was in reference to the harassing phone calls Stephen made to his wife,

Lieutenant Mayfield told me he never called Investigator Weathers, but they did communicate with each other via text messages. He told me he asked Investigator Weathers the status of the case and what they planned on doing? Lieutenant Mayfield told me he never tried to influence Investigator

Weathers to have Stephen arrested. He also told me he does not remember telling his sister how to apply for a criminal arrest warrant through the magistrate's office, but that could be possible. However, he does remember telling that she needed to apply for a TPO because she was fearful of Stephen. I asked him if he contacted any other Bartow County Sheriff's Office employee concerning Stephen Hammond? Lieutenant Mayfield told me he only contacted Investigator Weathers. I asked him if he had any of the text messages saved between him and Investigator Weathers? He looked through his cellular phone and located the text message thread between him and Investigator Weathers. He then allowed me to review those text messages. This e-mail thread will be available for review within this case file.

explained the reason for me wanting to speak to her. I asked her if there was any chance of me getting a copy of the divorce proceedings transcriptions? Mrs. Stahl responded that her office didn't order transcripts, because they didn't want to incur that expense. She added, "Mr. Hammond shot himself in the foot every time he testified. This case was awful, solely because of Mr. Hammond's behavior. And there is a pending case that I filed against him in Paulding County to add language to the divorce decree that can lead to his arrest for aggravated stalking the next time he violates the no contact provisions in the decree. Mr. Hammond was incarcerated three times for contempt (willful violation of several court orders), but that had nothing to do with Lieutenant Mayfield. Additionally, Mr. Hammond's behavior led to a permanent order prohibiting him from having contact of any kind with his two daughters. I'd like to schedule a time to speak to you so that I can lay this whole situation out for you. I have a great deal of respect for Detective Mayfield and I know for a fact that Mr. Hammond's complaint is just another measure of harassment against my client and her family. Mr.

Hammond, during the course of the divorce proceeding, filed lawsuits against Detective

Mayfield's wife, the judge who was hearing the divorce action, myself, my paralegal, the court

reporter and I'm pretty sure he also filed against an employee at his former attorney's law

firm." Mrs. Stahl's e-mail thread will be available for review within this case file.

On February 27, 2024, I called Investigator Daniel Weathers' personal cellular phone. It went directly to voicemail and a message was not left. I then called Investigator Weathers' office number. There was no answer and a message was left asking for a return phone call. I then e-mailed Investigator Weathers. I explained the reason for wanting to speak with him and then asked him to contact me. A short time later, I received an automated e-mail message from Investigator Weathers. The message stated Investigator Weathers will be out of the office until March 29, 2024 and he will respond to all e-mails at that time.

On February 29, 2024, I spoke to divorce attorney, Christina Stahl.

Christina asked to speak to me concerning Mr. Hammond's complaint against Lieutenant

Mayfield. She explained she has the utmost respect for Lieutenant Mayfield. She feels Mr.

Hammond's complaint against Lieutenant Mayfield is just another example of him trying to

harass and her family members. Christina explained the divorce started in 2021 and

because of Mr. Hammond's behavior and action, the divorce lasted for two years. She told me

Mr. Hammond had standard visitation rights with his two daughters (at that time they were 10

and 14 years of age) during the divorce proceedings, but because his behavior to them was so

horrendous, she was forced to limit his visitation rights. Christina told me one of the girls was

threatening to kill herself if she had to visit with her father. She advised Mr. Hammond was not

physically abusive, but rather, it was emotional abuse toward his children. The visits were so

bad, Christina filed a motion to have Mr. Hammond's visits with his children chaperoned by a counselor.

Christina told me there were approximately six different hearings during the divorce before they were even close to a final hearing. She explained Mr. Hammond had several contempt of court charges due to his constant violations of the non-contact orders. Christina advised they received final order on the custody and visitation provisions. Mr. Hammond was not allowed to have any contact of any sort with his two minor children. She also advised Mr. Hammond was found to be in contempt at that time. He was then ordered to be incarcerated for twenty days for his repeated violations of his five temporary orders, in which he was to have no contact. When Mr. Hammond got released from jail, he went to Christina's office and intimidated her paralegal to the point law enforcement had to be called. Mr. Hammond left the office prior to law enforcement's arrival. Christina filed for, and received, a restraining order against Mr. Hammond. Christina explained Mr. Hammond then sued her and her paralegal for defamation of character. She also told me Mr. Hammond sued one of the employees at his former attorney's firm, but she could not remember the reason for that lawsuit. She also told me Mr. Hammond filed suit against the court reporter for not giving Mr. Hammond transcripts of one of the hearings, in which he only paid for half of the transcriptions. Christina also advised he sued the judge presiding over the divorce hearings and believes it was for defamation of character. It is at this time, Mr. Hammond's attorney fired him after he filed the suit against the judge. Mr. Hammond then decided to represent himself going forward. Christina also made me aware Mr. Hammond sued the sister of her client for filing an incident report in which Mr. Hammond was stalking her. Christina explained Mr. Hammond was stalking and they had proof of it.

Christina told me they were forced to go forward with a jury trial due to Mr. Hammond demanding it. In one of these trials, Mr. Hammond told the jury to just go ahead and give everything. The divorce was finalized, but they had to go back to court. Mr. Hammond failed to pay child support and was trying to have contact with either her client, or her children. She explained her client decided to sell the marital residence, but Mr. Hammond was able to locate her new home address, and began to stalk her there. Christina filed a contempt against Mr. Hammond, and he was incarcerated for forty days. Christina wasn't sure, but thinks Mr. Hammond was incarcerated a total of three times for contempt of court orders. She explained Mr. Hammond filed for a modification of visitation to gain supervised visitation with his children, but he was not successful. She also made me aware that her client's boyfriend applied for, and received a twelve-month restraining order against Mr. Hammond in Paulding County.

Christina told me she does not remember Adam Mayfield testifying on the stand that he had any conversation with a Bartow County law enforcement officer, in an attempt to get Mr.

Hammond arrested. She advised she does not recall Adam stating anything like that on the stand, and explained her office did not pay for the court's transcriptions. This was due to the cost being thousands of dollars and she did not want her client to absorb that expense. Christina told me Adam testified that his wife was stalked by Mr. Hammond and they filed a police report about that incident. She added that Mr. Hammond's actions warranted Adam Mayfield and his wife contacting law enforcement, and filing an incident report. Christina told me she has a considerable amount of respect for Adam. She knows it is only her opinion, but she does not think Adam would do anything, even for his own sister, that would jeopardize his law enforcement career. I thanked Christina for speaking with me and the phone call was terminated.

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From:

Stephen Hammond

Sent:

Sunday, January 21, 2024 1:47 PM

To:

David M. Barone

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Re: Information needed

This Message Is From an Untrusted Sender

You have not previously corresponded with this sender.

Report Suspicious

This is where they tried to get the warrant on me. I went by bartow sheriffs it going to take 1 to 2 weeks to get the police reports sorry

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 16, 2024, at 10:48 AM, David M. Barone dmbarone@cherokeega.com> wrote:

Mr. Hammond,

I am not getting the assistance needed from the Bartow County Sheriff's Office and therefore, need your assistance. Please provide the name of the Bartow County deputy you advised Mayfield called and tried to use his influence to have you arrested. Also, I need your ex-wife's full name and cell number, the Bartow County S.O. incident report numbers that your ex-wife reported. I also need the court case number that you advised the Bartow County deputy testified in court.

I cannot go forward with this investigation without your assistance. Please call me or respond to this email sir ASAP.

Thank you.

Respectfully, <image001.png>

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From:

David M. Barone

Sent:

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:56 AM

To:

'danielweathers@bartow.org'

Subject:

Complaint on Cherokee S.O./Adam Mayfield

Good morning Inv. Weathers,

Stephen Hammond has filed a complaint with my office in which he accuses Lt. Mayfield of trying to use his influence as a law enforcement officer to have him arrested. I believe you will be able to assist me with my investigation.

I would like to speak to you ASAP and am hoping we can set up a date and time. If possible, please call me at the number below, as that is my direct line. I do not believe it would take more than 5 minutes and I appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule.

Respectfully, Lt. David Barone



Lieutenant David Barone Cherokee Sheriff's Office Office of Professional Standards dmbarone@cherokeega.com 678-493-4116 office 678-493-4186 fax

From:

Daniel Weathers < danielweathers@bartow.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 11:50 AM

To:

David M. Barone

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Away Message

This Message Is From an External Sender

This message came from outside your organization.

Report Suspicious

I will be out of the office until March 29th. I will respond to all emails at that time. If you need assistance, please contact Inv. Johnathan Shirley

From:

Christina Stahl <cstahl@stahl-law.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 1:31 PM

To:

David M. Barone

Subject:

RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Ms.

/ Stephen Hammond

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Great, looking forward to speaking with you tomorrow at 3

Christina Stahl

Stahl Law Group, P.C. 650 Henderson Drive, Suite 445 Cartersville, Georgia 30120 (770) 387-2540

From: David M. Barone <dmbarone@cherokeega.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 5:51 PM **To:** Christina Stahl <cstahl@stahl-law.com>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE:

/ Stephen Hammond

Absolutely!

On Feb 27, 2024, at 3:17 PM, Christina Stahl < cstahl@stahl-law.com > wrote:

Sure, does 3pm on Thursday work? My cell number is reach me.

and that's the easiest way to

And I'm very sorry that you have to attend a funeral

Christina Stahl

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From: David M. Barone dmbarone@cherokeega.com

Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 1:59 PM

To: Christina Stahl < cstahl@stahl-law.com > Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: / Stephen Hammond
Excellent. I have a funeral to attend late Friday morning, early afternoon, so let's try for Thursday after 2 PM.
Thanks again.
David
From: Christina Stahl < cstahl@stahl-law.com > Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 2:00 PM To: David M. Barone < dmbarone@cherokeega.com > Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: / Stephen Hammond
Absolutely! I have time available after 2pm on Thursday or between 9am and 11 am on Friday. Do either of those work for you?
Christina Stahl
Stahl Law Group, P.C. 650 Henderson Drive, Suite 445 Cartersville, Georgia 30120 (770) 387-2540
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Hi Christina,
Thank you so much for your quick response. I truly appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule. I would love to take you up on your offer of talking with me. Please advise of a date and time when you may be available, and I will reach out to you.
Thanks again.
Respectfully, Lt. David Barone 678-493-4116 office

From: Christina Stahl < cstahl@stahl-law.com> Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 12:13 PM

To: David M. Barone < dmbarone@cherokeega.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: / Stephen Hammond

Good morning, although every hearing we had during the divorce was transcribed (and we had at least seven hearings, including a jury trial which Mr. Hammond demanded) we didn't order transcripts

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It will take a hot minute to tell you everything, but I'm more than happy to do so. I can also send you the many orders that were issued during the case, as well as the contempt orders.

Please let me know when we can chat. Thanks for reaching out. Mr. Hammond is certifiable.

Christina Stahl

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From: David M. Barone dmbarone@cherokeega.com>

Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 11:34 AM

To: cstahl@stahl-law.com

Subject: / Stephen Hammond

Good morning,

I work for the Cherokee Sheriff's Office / Internal Affairs. I just spoke with a representative at your firm and wanted to give you my contact information. Mr. Hammond has filed a complaint with my office accusing Lt. Adam Mayfield of using his influence as a law enforcement officer, along with a Bartow County officer, to have Mr. Hammond arrested. Mr. Hammons advised Lt. Mayfield admitted such on the stand during one of the divorce proceedings. Ultimately, what I am hoping for are the court transcriptions. explained those transcriptions may be in your office, or perhaps the court and that you or your office would be willing to collect those transcriptions on my behalf. I believe the civil action case number is 21-CV-0266.

Thank you for your time and I apologize for the long message. I look forward to speaking to you.

Thanks again.

Respectfully, Lt. David Barone

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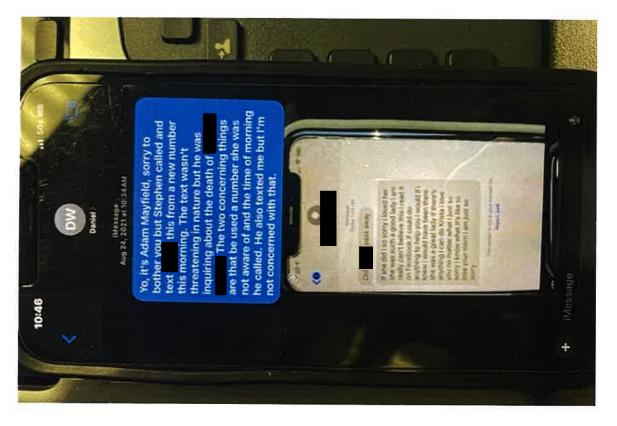
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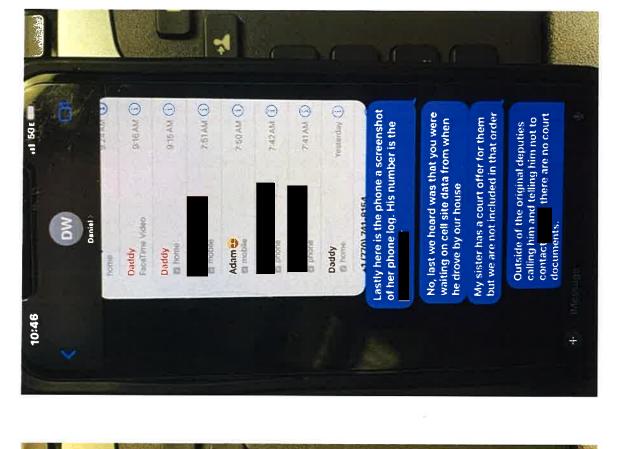
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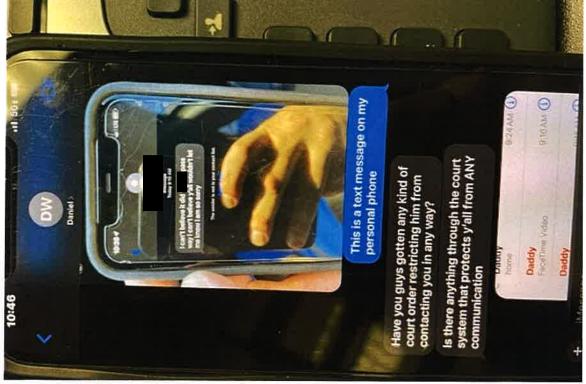
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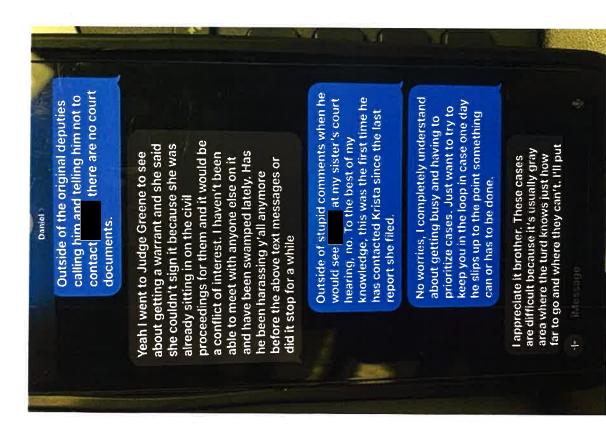


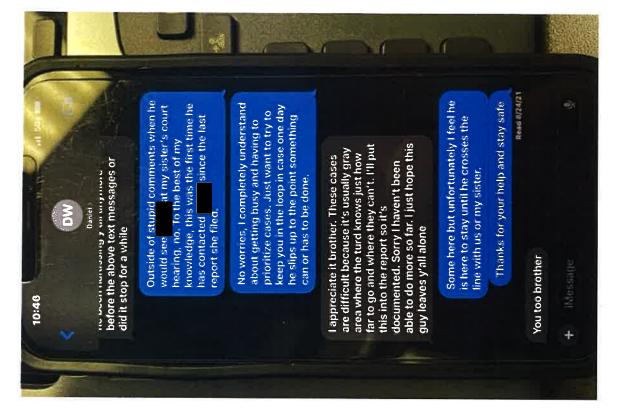


Text thread between Lt. Mayfield & Inv. Weathers









Cherokee Sheriff's Office

Memorandum

To:

Lieutenant Adam Mayfield

From:

Lieutenant David Barone

Date:

February 22, 2024

Subject:

Internal Affairs Investigation

- 1. This is to inform you that an Internal Affairs Investigation has been started in regards to a situation which was reported on January 7, 2024.
- 2. A copy of the allegation is being supplied to you for your information. I have also supplied you with a copy of the "Employee's duties and rights during Internal Investigations."
- 3. You are hereby ordered not to discuss this case with any person other than the Internal Affairs Office, Chief Deputy, Sheriff, or legal counsel. Any efforts on the contrary will be considered obstruction of this investigation and a violation of a direct order.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Witness)

(Date)



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INTERNAL INVESTIGATION WARNING

I wish to advise you that you are being questioned as part of an official investigation of the CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. You will be asked questions specifically directed and narrowly related to the performance of your official duties or fitness for office. You are entitled to all rights and privileges guaranteed by the Laws and The Constitution of this State and The Constitution of the United States, including the right not to be compelled to incriminate yourself.

I further wish to advise you that if you refuse to testify or to answer questions relating to the performance of your official duties or fitness for duty, you will be subject to departmental charges, which could result in your dismissal from the Sheriff's Office. If you do answer questions neither your statements nor any information or evidence that is gained by reason of such statements can be used against you in any subsequent criminal proceeding. However, these statements may be used against you in relation to subsequent departmental charges.

In addition to the above rights, you have the right to have counsel present during this questioning.

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