Coweta County Sheriff's Office

LENN WOOD, SHERIFF

Professional Standards Incident Review

This is 11 1/2 months into the year and this is the first Internal Affairs complaint investigated? Can this really be true?

Case: 2021-001

Date: November 15, 2021

Subject: Deputies Chris [redacted]

Division: Patrol Division and Court Services

Reviewer: Major Warren Campbell

Monday November 15, 2021 1330 hours

On Monday November 15, 2021, at approximately 1330 hours, Sheriff Wood, Chief Yarbrough and I met with Chief Steve Whitlock with the Grantville Police Department. Chief Whitlock requested this meeting and stated in advance that he wanted to file an official complaint of misconduct with two of our deputies. During his initial statement, he told us that the two

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with him. Chris [redacted] differences with Chief Whitlock dated back approximately one year ago regarding the report of a stolen vehicle that Chris [redacted] female friend had purchased from her family. Chief Whitlock, acting on erroneous information, believed the vehicle was stolen and demanded that Chris return the vehicle because he was the person who removed it from the property where it was reported stolen from. Heated words were exchanged and Chief Whitlock told Chris that he would arrest him for stealing the vehicle if he didn't return it. Chris was convinced that the vehicle wasn't stolen, however, trying to avoid an erroneous arrest, he returned the vehicle. It was later determined that Chris and his female friend were correct and the vehicle was not stolen.

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