

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 2:31 PM
To: commissioner1@wilco.org <commissioner1@wilco.org>
Subject: Williamson County Sheriff Department - Steve Deaton

Dear Commissioner Cook,

I am emailing you as a concerned resident of Williamson County. As I am sure, you are very well aware of the media surrounding the Williamson County Sheriff's Department and Commander Deaton. I took the opportunity last night to reach out in a private message to Sheriff Chody to which he has yet to reply. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I am horrified at the photographs that Cmdr. Deaton created and posted on his Facebook account - which has since been deleted. I saved some of the photos when I originally viewed them, so I will be more than happy to provide if needed. Cmdr. Deaton took painstaking measures to create Elf on a Shelf depictions of gang rape, domestic abuse, murder, kidnapping, ISIS references, drug usage and many other scenarios to demean women. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I am not on a witch hunt here, I was hoping that after Sheriff Chody read my message he would have given me the courtesy of a response, but he has shown me that my concerns are not his.

Sheriff Chody is/was his friend on now deleted social media account, so each post that was made, he saw it and chose not to address the postings. There are many concerns now regarding the decision making process of the Sheriff's Department, especially since Commander Deaton only received a "verbal" reprimand for his "Live PD" behavior. I am fully aware of what a verbal reprimand is and it is nothing more than a slap on the wrist. To have Sheriff Chody go on the news yesterday and say that the department "won't tolerate" this behavior, provide a slap on the wrist and then blatantly ignore the disgusting images that one of their officers proudly parades on his social media account with not even an acknowledgement to a concerned citizen is sad and disturbing on too many levels. Is Commander Deaton the type of leader that we as tax paying residents of Williamson County deserve? I would almost bet with all certainty that if the residents were fully aware of the images depicted there would be more people complaining. I am sure that Sheriff Chody is hoping that the removal of his social media happened quickly enough yesterday that people were not able to see his images. Unfortunately I was one that did see them.

Again, I am not looking to ruin lives, I would just like to see some accountability on behalf of Sheriff Chody and Commander Deaton and maybe some remorse for this horrible behavior and lack of integrity!

Thank you for your time and your service to Williamson County. If there are any questions or you would like to see some of the photos, please advise and I will forward.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: Terry Cook <terry.cook@wilco.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 2:45 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Sheriff Dept Issues

[REDACTED]
I'm with you 100%. I too was disappointed with the apparent response of Chody to the incident. Now, sending this to the press ahead of an Internal Affairs investigation is an issue with this lawyer.

I thought the County could dismiss this employee of the Sheriff's dept based on our employee policy manual.

But I learned on Tuesday that as a hire by an elected official, we can do nothing.

I'm horrified that he is in a leadership position. One other commissioner is also angry about him. I am planning a meeting with Chody in near future; would love IA investigation to be completed, although this is not the only thing we will be discussing.

Be patient, let's see how this plays out. Social media could rule in the end if the public shames.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 3:18 PM
To: Terry Cook <terry.cook@wilco.org>
Subject: Re: Sheriff Dept Issues

Dear Commissioner Cook,

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to read my email and respond. It is refreshing to know that somebody truly listens! [REDACTED] knowing people in the Sheriff's Department in Williamson County, I am very aware of the umbrella of shelter that comes with Sheriff Chody's hires, etc. I Also, wanted to let you know that I did send the same email to the other Commisioner's as well under separate emails. I just wanted to be heard and you have given me that piece of mind. I will rest on my latest emails and say my prayers that in the end what is just and right will occur.

Thank you again and Happy Easter to you and your family.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 5:12 PM

To: Terry Cook <terry.cook@wilco.org>

Subject: Re: Sheriff Dept Issues

EXTERNAL email: Exercise caution when opening.

Dear Commissioner Cook,

I hope that you and your family had a blessed Easter. I have been spending too much time thinking about this issue with Chody and Deaton and become more and more frustrated with the situation. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I have spoken with quite a few Williamson County residents and they like us are shocked that nothing has and probably will be done. It is a repeated belief that the reason Deaton did not get in any more trouble about the Live PD issue is because Chody told his higher ups to do "whatever needed to be done" to make sure that the department was shown on the show. Because the law enforcement world is pretty tight knit and people talk, some of the information comes from inside his own department, but because he fires people there simply because he does not like them, people are afraid to speak up. I would like to think that I could be the voice of some of them and help out, but I know my hands are tied. I wanted to send you a few of the photos that were taken from Deaton's Facebook before he took it down (in case you hadn't see them) and then I promise I will let this go and let the Lord handle it in His way. I really do appreciate your time and comments in this and know that you are doing what you can to help rectify any negative behavior that is going on in the department as well as the County. The first two photos depict a disgusting sexual act that involves feces and other demeaning acts for a woman. I had to have them both explained to me and again I was appalled. The first photo - he took the time to put a dark brown color under Barbie's nose to mimic the feces. He is a very disturbed individual and the fact that Chody saw each of these posts and never had him take them down until this issue came up makes me think the same of him.

Again, thank you for your time!

[REDACTED]

On Apr 23, 2019, at 5:29 PM, Terry Cook <terry.cook@wilco.org> wrote:

Disturbing.

After conferring with 2 lawyers, we can't (as a Court) do anything until that first lawsuit shows up. Judge has talked with Chody and Chody claims they are following their process. We're stuck for now.

Nothing like feeling totally helpless.

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