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Director Coffin:

you might want to know what is going on in one of the departments you are responsible for-

There is a rumor- speculation that Captain Rich Gardner is sleeping with officer Paige Winters (still on probation)

there is also another rumor that he has also been sleeping with another female officer while on duty and on a personal level. (she was vying for an investigator spot under Captain Gardner, as well as nominated by him for officer of the year 2 years in a row, is this the "right of passage" to get the spot?

He has also been known to hack into her Face book account and her bank account information. We tell our employees they are not allowed to pull up to a tower and talk to a lifeguard, yet he is a Captain and she is a trainee and with all the heat from other similar incidents something needs to be done.

You might want to look into Captain Ray Manchester texting girls on his county issued cell phones while working the parking garage, one in particular is Kim Keil, (2008) as well as MANY other inappropriate issues that are going on inside this department that Kevin knows all about.

There was a sexual complaint about a night shift officer and a female having sex in the Ormond Beach lifeguard station, Capt. Gardner and Pat Casey responded and took a complaint and "talked the girl out of going forward with it" this is another cover up issue that needs to be looked into.

Captain Williams was known to have younger girls take showers with him at the Ormond lifeguard station while on duty after the morning drills, (Jessica Addington) and others Danielle Smith, Sasha Medina, he would also drink with underage lifeguards on his boat.

To say Kevin Sweat did not know about any of these incidents would show that he has no idea what is going on in his department and lets them run free without supervision.

You also have multiple officers all the way up to the Chief that do a lot of personal business on duty, getting a haircut on Main St, running errands etc. in county vehicles and personal vehicles, even leaving work early and showing up late.

There was also another complaint about Officer Texter ref. a comment made to a female along the lines of "do I make you wet" and Kevin "explained" how the investigating officer should handle it in the absence of Capt. Gardner. This is only a small amount of information that is out there, I think you need to clean up your department.

This letter will also be mailed to the News Journal as well as other media sources if nothing is done about this situation.