

# OPEN LETTER TO BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF MAJOR TOD GOODYEAR

Major Tod Goodyear:  
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Ref: “Accidental” shooting of a juvenile (near Cocoa, Fl. - on or around Kennedy Circle)  
Public Record Request

Major Goodyear:

Our publication (VolusiaExposed.Com) has an interest in last weekend shooting of an eleven year old child – near Cocoa, Fl – on / or around Kennedy Circle. (BCSO News Release NR 21-42)

Per your agency’s August 1, 2021 “news release” (see below link) the shooting was still under “investigation” – due to the children being able to gain access to the firearm.

<http://www.volusiaexposed.com/brevard/bcso/2021/openlettermajorgoodyear82021/docs/shooting.pdf>

However, WESH-2’s August 2, 2021 article stated that the BCSO had already concluded their investigation – opting NOT to file any charges - **“because the adult who owned the weapon took adequate means to lock it away.”**

<https://www.wesh.com/article/11-year-old-shot-in-brevard-county/37193808#>

In order for us (and our readers) to have a full appreciation of how the adult took adequate means to lock the weapon away – we (VolusiaExposed.Com) would like to review, and to publish, the BCSO incident report regarding this particular “accidental shooting”.

Obviously, we (VolusiaExposed.Com) wish to compare Mrs. Kathleen Edwards’ alleged negligence (see below linked BCSO news release) regarding her infant son’s tragic accidental drowning - with the gun owner’s possible negligence in not properly securing his / her firearm.

<http://www.volusiaexposed.com/brevard/bcso/2021/openlettermajorgoodyear82021/docs/edwardsnr.pdf>

Sheriff Ivey’s affinity for gun ownership is well known. Further, Sheriff Ivey’s derogatory comments regarding Mrs. Edwards – prior to her son’s drowning - are also well documented. We (VolusiaExposed.Com) wish to explore, if these two separate events, are more about a “constitutional sheriff” practicing “politics” – rather than enforcing the law.

Please accept this email as a public record request (PRR) for a copy of the Cocoa shooting’s BCSO incident report.

Please use our below email address as our point of contact – and advise us in advance of any costs associated with our PRR. In lieu of the requested document (shooting incident report) – a BCSO news

release explaining their charging decision will suffice. This yet published - follow-up news release was promised by the BCSO - within their initial August 1, 2021 news release.

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One last matter - back in November 2020 – Sheriff Wayne Ivey started his “Truth Be Told” video series (see below linked Space Coast Daily article).

Space Coast Daily Article (Ivey’s video is incorporated within the SCD article)

<https://spacecoastdaily.com/2020/11/truth-be-told-brevard-sheriff-wayne-ivey-discusses-media-integrity-will-release-gregory-edwards-video-today-at-1230-p-m/>

Sheriff Ivey started this video series due to his belief that the news media was misrepresenting the facts of Mr. Gregory Edwards’ in-custody death. Sheriff Ivey stated:

***“Starting right now...every time the media intentionally lies or misleads our citizens about a story involving our agency, I am going to come on “Truth Be Told” and call them out.***

***I can no longer sit idly by and allow the media to tarnish the good names of the men and women of our agency, especially when they know the real truth about what an amazing job our team is doing to protect our community.***

***Look, let’s be honest I’m not always going to like the story that is written, but there is a huge difference between a story that tells the truth about what happened and one that intentionally misleads our community in an attempt to undermine the confidence our citizens have in our agency.”***

Recently, SEVERAL media outlets (a few are linked below) have questioned Sheriff Ivey’s connection to the “constitutional sheriff” movement. Questioning whether Sheriff Ivey, and members of the BCSO are ***“picking and choosing which laws to enforce based on individual constitutional interpretations .....theoretically allowing sheriffs to rule over their counties like one-man supreme courts (Orlando Sentinel editorial)”***.

Orlando Sentinel Editor (Florida Today article is linked within the OS editorial)

<https://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/editorials/os-op-constitutional-sheriffs-wayne-ivey-brevard-20210727-5wak74q3pvc23kjdnhobukgpfi-story.html>

MSN Article

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/e2-80-98constitutional-sheriff-e2-80-99-wayne-ivey-says-he-e2-80-99s-a-patriot-others-see-something-more-menacing/ar-AAMqKgY>

Can the public anticipate another episode of “Truth Be Told” – in answer to the media’s allegations that the BCSO is ***“picking and choosing which laws to enforce based on individual constitutional interpretations”***? Or can we take what the news media has published as the unvarnished truth?

Regards,

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