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Gary:

Recently VolusiaExposed received an anonymous email. Within this email there are some rather serious allegations against the Volusia County Sheriff Department. Apparently this anonymous email was sent to several media outlets.

The email received by VolusiaExposed.Com does provide names and some dates / times in support of the allegations contained within.

The allegations include, but not limited to, ignoring criminal behavior of a particular named citizen – this citizen's alleged behaviors includes – bomb making, shooting a canon, shooting at power line workers, etc. The anonymous reporter alleges that the order to ignore or mitigate this citizen's criminal behavior comes from the highest level in the VCSO.

Further, this email identifies several alleged romantic / sexual relationships (extra-marital affairs / inter department affairs) within the VCSO command structure. Again, the anonymous email does provide the names of the alleged participants. The names identified are some of the most high ranking members of the VCSO.

Given the recent termination of Beach Patrol Captain Rich Gardner for engaging in interdepartmental romantic / sexual relationships with his subordinates, it would appear to be clear, that the Volusia County government has a very low tolerance for these types of relationships.

Further, given that VCSO internal affair policies allow for anonymous allegations to be investigated – and given the past practices of both the VCSO and Volusia County government to investigate anonymous allegations (in fact the Rich Gardner investigation was started via an anonymous letter), we wish to know whether the VCSO would be interested in investigating the concerns listed in the anonymous email received by VolusiaExposed.Com ?

The anonymous email also includes an allegation of the negligent retention of a particular named deputy.

The author of this email appears to be very knowledgeable regarding VCSO personnel and events that allegedly transpired within the VCSO.

Please provide us a written email response, whether the VCSO would be (or not be) interested in reviewing / investigating the concerns listed in this anonymously received email.

Thank You

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