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TO: WRNR / Rob Mario
FROM: Sheriff N.A. Harmon
DATE: 01-18-2023
RE: Traffic Accident Involving my Daughter on Jan, 6th, 2023

Since taking office, we have made great strides in being transparent as a Department and with the efforts our men and women put forth each and every day. In the effort of maintaining that level of transparency, a media outlet reached out to me (Fox5) and I gladly accepted to meet them in person and give them what I am about to give you. Subsequently, Fox5 failed to follow through after waiting on them for over 3 hours.

As a father and out of respect for the citizens of this County in which I serve, I offer you complete disclosure of the accident my daughter was involved in, shortly after midnight on January 6th, to simply show you this was a basic traffic accident where there was no sign of alcohol involved. I responded to the accident to account for the vehicle and ensure my daughter was medically sound. I took additional effort to ensure that my movements were documented, via 911 Dispatch. I also dressed in civilian clothes to thwart any perceived authoritative image. In no way did I interfere with, nor direct, the investigating officer how to conduct their investigation.

Their investigation concluded that my daughter failed to use due care negotiating a turn and was subsequently given a "warning" which is standard practice by this department when there is no personal injury to another party involved. We have often felt there is no need to further compound an individual's misfortune.

I am thankful that my daughter was not hurt, but I am also disappointed in her actions and do not condone the manner in which she has displayed herself in past videos. To this end, as parents, my wife and I will continue to try to guide our kids to do what is right and responsible. Moving forward, my family and I, will be further addressing this with our daughter in private and greatly appreciate your understanding.

Along with this letter of release authorization I offer the following:

1. A copy of the accident report.
2. A copy of the 911 call, and radio communications.
3. A copy of the body cam footage.
4. A copy of the CAD dispatch report.

Sincerest Regards,

Sheriff N.A. Harmon
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