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Location: Lake City, FL, City Council Chambers

Topic: Issues at the Lake City Police Department

Speaker: Rudolph Davis

Mr. Davis:

Good evening Mayor, Councilmen and Councilwoman,

My name is Rudolph Davis, Sr. My address is 229 SW Coliseum Place, Lake City, Florida, 32025.

I'm not a adversary to the Lake City Police Department, but someone has to take this community best interest at heart. This community supports Councilman Hill analysis about the disparity in discipline that is being imposed between black and white employees at the Lake City Police Department.

The Chief of Police and the City Manager has not only unfairly terminated black officers, but they are also mistreating white officers, and they are also standin by while members of this community is bein mistreated.

Let me first say this first. There are many good employees at the Lake City Police Department, but there are a few not being held accountable for their actions.

The incidents of misconduct I am about to recall was committed by white officers, who were not fired, but black officers have been fired for much less misconduct or for no misconduct under Chief Gilmore administration.

The incidents are Officer Bruneger committed battery on a black male named Cameron Reynolds, because he would not talk to the police or go inside his home.



31 Officer Bruneger pulled out his gun on several citizens at Cedar
32 Park and the Women's Club for no apparent reasons.

33 Officer Useche arrested a black female named Tahnessia Jones
34 because she would not get up and go eat breakfast at a juvenile
35 facility.

36 Officer Golub arrested a black male named Gabe Hawkins for
37 Driving Under the Influence, but the breath test and blood test
38 reveal that Mr. Hawkins was not under the influence of any
39 drugs.

40 Officer Broom was caught driving 30 mile over the speed limit,
41 not wearing his seatbelts, and contribute to a accident with
42 serious injuries.

43 Officer Shallar responded to a 911 Domestic call, where two
44 officers were fightin and he did not report the injuries or make
45 an arrest.

46 Officer Johns was found guilty of neglect of duty when his K-9
47 dog died in an undetermined location.

48 Officer Serrano tased an elderly black male named Phillip Jones
49 for no apparent reasons, and he had pulled his taser trigger
50 more than 200 times in the last 90 days before this incident
51 happened.

52 Officer Miles and Officer Shallar were found guilty of
53 untruthfulness after an Internal Investigation on the two
54 separate cases.

55 Officer Bruneger violated policy and common sense by having
56 his girlfriend in his police car during a high speed chase of a
57 robbery suspect.

58 Captain Blanchard brought two rifles out of the Lake City Police
59 Department Armory for his personal use without authorization.

60 Captain Blanchard allegedly embezzled a large sum of money
61 from an elderly woman in this community, but yet he was asked
62 to resign.



63 These and many other incidents that are stilling occurring show
64 a lack of leadership, accountability, and common sense at the
65 Lake City Police Department.

66 All of you have a duty and responsibility to this community to
67 look out for this community best interest, but only Councilman
68 Hill is taking his duties seriously. The city charter gives all of
69 you the power to intervene into any affairs of this city. You
70 would not be interfering with the day to day operations, but you
71 will be puttin a stop to the disparity in treatment and
72 mismanagement.

73 The community will ultimately have to pay for the City Manager
74 and the Police Chief bad decisions.

75 It is amazing how the police chief fired Officer Hughes for
76 untruthfulness, when she was untruthful herself, when she told
77 this community that I was insubordinate toward her, which she
78 later changed at a sworn deposition several weeks ago, by
79 statin I was never insubordinate.

80 Myself and Officer Hughes were fired because we stood up for
81 what was right and filed a complaint, and now Captain Robert
82 Smith career may be over because he's standin up for what's
83 right and he filed a complaint.

84 Many of the 12 lawsuits pending against this city are an
85 illustration of the cost of havin a police department that is
86 constantly at war with its black officers and black
87 neighborhoods. Havin a black Police Chief at the Lake City
88 Police Department while this is occurring makes it even more
89 despicable.

90 At the end of the day, the City Manager and the Police Chief will
91 leave the City of Lake City, return to their hometowns, leaving
92 the City of Lake City financially broken, and all of you except
93 Councilman Hill should be held accountable.

94 Thank you Councilman Hill for having the courage to stand up
95 for this community. Last but not least, this community is asking
96 for the Police Chief resignation effective immediately, so that
97 the disparity in treatment and the misconduct will not reoccur.

98 Thank you for listening to my concerns and God to direct your
99 steps.

