

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.
2200 Camp Branch Road
Waynesville, NC 28786
April 6, 2022

Subject: Rick Marvin (and CJ Deering), who are they, and how are they related to Nicole Kott?

Background, from www.haywoodtp.net -

CONFIDENTIAL! Nicole Kott, of Helping Hands of Haywood, is about to get another \$8,750, courtesy of Gary Caldwell, Mayor of the Town of Waynesville. Nicole Kott still hiding her receipts, declaring them as CONFIDENTIAL. 3/19/2022...

or

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220319-22-Mar-22-Item-1a-Agenda-BoA-full-min.pdf>

“The Town of Waynesville has sent out an agenda for the next Town of Waynesville Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting, to be held at the Town Hall, Monday, 3/22/2022 at 6:00 pm. See the agenda on www.haywoodtp.net :

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220319-22-Mar-22-Item-1a-Agenda-BoA-full-min.pdf>

I direct your attention to Item 14 in the agenda, under New Business:

G. New Business

14. Helping Hands of Haywood Second ARP Installment

Motion: To approve the third installment of American Recovery Plan funding to Helping Hands of Haywood for the sole purpose of providing temporary housing to individuals experiencing homelessness in the amount of \$8,750.

Nicole Kott supplied the Town with another pile of useless information, attached after this piece. ...”

In that pile of useless information attached to that agenda item were three (3) testimonies extolling the virtues of Helping Hands of Haywood. They were from:

- Sheriff Greg Christopher, Haywood County Sheriff’s Department,
- Rick Marvin, Haywood County Sheriff’s Department,
- Jamie Pendergrass, Peer Support Specialist, Meridian Behavioral Health Services.

I can understand the letter from Greg Christopher, but who the [expletive deleted] is Rick Marvin?

Since I am familiar with a lot of the Deputies in the Sheriff’s Department, I reached out to Kathi McClure, Haywood County Human Resources to determine what gives with Rick Marvin. Here we start a little email chain.

Since Rick Marvin was kind enough to offer his email address, I included him and Greg Christopher on this Request for Public Information.

Subject: Request for Public Information - Rick Marvin

Date: Sat, 2 Apr 2022 09:03:57 -0400

From: Monroe Miller

To: Kathi McClure <kathi.mcclure@haywoodcountync.gov>

CC: Sheriff Greg Christopher <Greg.Christopher@haywoodcountync.gov>, Rick Marvin <rmarvin64@gmail.com>

Ms. McClure,

This is a Request for Public Information about a Rick Marvin, who states that he is an employee of the Haywood County Sheriff's Department. See the attachment, which is a letter that he wrote "To whom it may concern", using the Sheriff's Departments address. This letter appeared as part of the Agenda Package for a Town of Waynesville Aldermen meeting, Item 14. See the link on my website, www.haywoodtp.net:

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Please provide the following information:

- Is this person employed by Haywood County?
- If so, what is his beginning and current salary, title, date of employment, his job title?
- Is this individual a "Navigator" or "Thru Care" employee?

If this person is not an employee of Haywood County,

- Who gave him authority to claim he is part of / represents the Haywood County Sheriff's Department?

Thank you.

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.
Haywood County Taxpayer

Subject: RE: Request for Public Information - Rick Marvin
Date: Mon, 4 Apr 2022 11:53:50 +0000
From: Kathi McClure <kathi.mcclure@haywoodcountync.gov>
To: Monroe Miller
CC: Sheriff Greg Christopher <Greg.Christopher@haywoodcountync.gov>, Rick Marvin <rmarvin64@gmail.com>, Bryant Morehead <Bryant.Morehead@haywoodcountync.gov>, Tracy Wells <Tracy.Wells@haywoodcountync.gov>

Mr. Miller,

Good morning. I hope you are doing well. According to our current records, Mr. Marvin is not an employee of Haywood County and is not listed in our systems.

Best regards,
Kathi

Kathi McClure, PHR, SHRM-CP
Haywood County Human Resources Director
215 N. Main Street
Waynesville, NC 28786
828-452-6764
County Internal Extension 2620
Fax: 828-452-6636
Cell: 828-593-2100

[**Editor's Note:** WTF? Why the [expletive deleted] is Rick Marvin using the name of the Haywood County Sheriff's Department - implying that he was part of the Haywood County Sheriff's Department, when he wrote the letter "To Whom it May Concern", which wound up in the package of stuff **Nicole Kott** sent to the Town of Waynesville Board of Aldermen requesting another installment from them for Helping Hands of Haywood?]

Thus begins a short email dialog with Sheriff Greg Christopher to get to the bottom of this...

Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - Rick Marvin
Date: Mon, 4 Apr 2022 08:02:59 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Sheriff Greg Christopher <Greg.Christopher@haywoodcountync.gov>
CC: Rick Marvin <rmarvin64@gmail.com>, Bryant Morehead <Bryant.Morehead@haywoodcountync.gov>, Tracy Wells <Tracy.Wells@haywoodcountync.gov>, Kathi McClure <kathi.mcclure@haywoodcountync.gov>

Sheriff Christopher,

I see a problem with an individual claiming he is part of and represents the Sheriff's Department, when he is not. Shall I go to the DA on this and find out what possible penalties there are for misrepresentation?

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Subject: RE: Request for Public Information - Rick Marvin
Date: Mon, 4 Apr 2022 15:39:01 +0000
From: Sheriff Greg Christopher <Greg.Christopher@haywoodcountync.gov>
To: Monroe Miller
CC: Rick Marvin <rmarvin64@gmail.com>, Bryant Morehead <Bryant.Morehead@haywoodcountync.gov>, Tracy Wells <Tracy.Wells@haywoodcountync.gov>, Kathi McClure <kathi.mcclure@haywoodcountync.gov>, Mandy Haithcox <mandy@haywoodpathways.org>

Good morning Mr. Miller

Rick Marvin is one of two peer support specialists (addiction counselor) that works in the detention center full-time. He is an employee of The Pathways Center. VAYA Health funds this position to help find jobs, rehabilitation, housing, mental and physical health assistance as well as connecting some of the inmates with family again. HE also teaches classes daily in the detention center. He has been provided a county email address for correspondence purposes to communicate with the detention staff but is not an employee of Haywood County.

Rick does a tremendous job in helping the inmates prepare for leaving our detention center in so many ways. He is a hard worker that takes his duties very seriously.

Respectfully,

Greg

Sheriff Greg Christopher
Haywood County Sheriff's Office
1620 Brown Avenue
Waynesville, NC 28786
828-356-2850

Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - Rick Marvin
Date: Mon, 4 Apr 2022 11:48:08 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Sheriff Greg Christopher <Greg.Christopher@haywoodcountync.gov>
CC: Rick Marvin <rmarvin64@gmail.com>, Bryant Morehead <Bryant.Morehead@haywoodcountync.gov>, Tracy Wells <Tracy.Wells@haywoodcountync.gov>, Kathi McClure <kathi.mcclure@haywoodcountync.gov>, Mandy Haithcox <mandy@haywoodpathways.org>

Hello Sheriff Christopher,

What about the part where he is impersonating an officer? I passed this information on to Ashley Welch this morning to see if there is a problem.

I thought county email addresses ended with: haywoodcountync.gov. His email address is marvin64@gmail.com. What is his county email address?

Who is the other peer support specialist?

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Subject: RE: Request for Public Information - Rick Marvin
Date: Mon, 4 Apr 2022 15:55:18 +0000
From: Sheriff Greg Christopher <Greg.Christopher@haywoodcountync.gov>
To: Monroe Miller
CC: Rick Marvin <rmarvin64@gmail.com>, Bryant Morehead <Bryant.Morehead@haywoodcountync.gov>, Tracy Wells <Tracy.Wells@haywoodcountync.gov>, Kathi McClure <kathi.mcclure@haywoodcountync.gov>, Mandy Haithcox <mandy@haywoodpathways.org>

Mr. Miller

I don't see where he identified himself as an officer in the documentation I have.

His county email is rick.marvin@haywoodcountync.gov

CJ Deering is our other peer support specialist.

Respectfully,
Greg

Sheriff Greg Christopher
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1620 Brown Avenue
Waynesville, NC 28786
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Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - Rick Marvin
Date: Mon, 4 Apr 2022 12:03:04 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: Sheriff Greg Christopher <Greg.Christopher@haywoodcountync.gov>
CC: Rick Marvin <rmarvin64@gmail.com>, Bryant Morehead <Bryant.Morehead@haywoodcountync.gov>, Tracy Wells <Tracy.Wells@haywoodcountync.gov>, Kathi McClure <kathi.mcclure@haywoodcountync.gov>, Mandy Haithcox <mandy@haywoodpathways.org>

Sheriff Christopher,

Here is the document I turned over to Ashley Welch this morning. See attached.

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Haywood County Sheriff's Department
1620 Brown Ave
Waynesville, NC 28786
828 356 2947 office
828 550 2095 cell
Rmarvln64@gmail.com

Rick Marvin CAC, CADC II, ICADC II, NCCPSS
Addiction Counselor / Peer Support
Haywood County Sheriff's Department

January 5, 2022

To whom it may concern:

My name is Rick Marvin and I am the Addiction Counselor here at the Haywood County Detention Center. My focus and job here is to ensure all inmates who require and ask for addiction services, housing, and or mental health support, can and will receive it post release.

We have aligned ourselves with community support agencies and programs who can help us meet these post release goals and needs.

Helping Hands is now one of our partners and supporting programs to help these inmates fulfill needs upon their release. They are a vital support for inmates who are homeless and need assistance as soon as they are released.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at the number above.

Thanks,

Rick Marvin

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From: Sheriff Greg Christopher <Greg.Christopher@haywoodcountync.gov>
To: Monroe Miller
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I do not find in reading the document that he identified himself as an officer. I am sure our District Attorney will look at this and hand down a fair ruling.

Respectfully,
Greg

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This stinks.

In doing research, an article popped up from the past, almost three (3) years ago, in the Smoky Mountain News, identifying these two people, Rick Marvin and CJ Deering as peer support specialists who had recently started working inside the detention center. See:

[FLASHBACK. Who are CJ Deering and Rick Marvin? "Peer specialists go inside jail to assist inmates", SMN, Written by Jessi Stone. 9/12/2018. 4/5/2022...](#)

or

<https://smokymountainnews.com/archives/item/25511-peer-specialists-go-inside-jail-to-assist-inmates>

In the package submitted by **Nicole Kott** to the Town of Waynesville Aldermen for their 3/22/2022 meeting, there was a letter from Jamie Pendergrass, again addressed "To Whom it may Concern", but she listed her title and employer as:

Jamie Pendergrass
Meridian Behavioral Health Services
Peer Support Specialist

All Rick Marvin would have had to do is list his being from the Pathways Center, with a title of Peer Support Specialist (re: SMN article), and this would not have even been a blip on the radar.

Now it is going to the D/A to get to the bottom of this.

Let's see where this goes...

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