

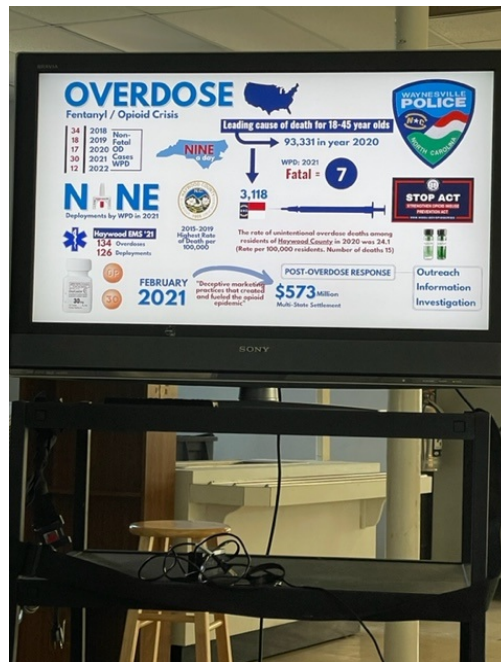
Monroe A. Miller, Jr.
2200 Camp Branch Road
Waynesville, NC 28786
July 29, 2022

Subject: Request for Press Release Information, David Adams, Waynesville Chief of Police.

This is an email dialog with David Adams, Waynesville Chief of Police, requesting to be put on the list of people who are provided with Press Releases from the Waynesville Police Department. This gets strange.

A couple of recent events prompted this Request for Public Information.

- The Waynesville Police Department held a Community Meeting, that was held at 6:00 PM at 112 Virginia Ave., Waynesville, NC on 6/2/2022. During that meeting, Tyler Trantham gave a slide show presentation. In included several slides, as the one shown here -



I had requested copies of this presentation, but have yet to receive them.

- The following appeared on Chad Nesbitt's facebook Skyline News page on 7/21/2022, -



This is a “News Release”, ostensibly put out by the Waynesville Police Department. Notice that there is an apparent distinction between a “News Release” and a “Press Release”.

Since then, I became aware [re: ‘A new calling: Respected Waynesville PD lieutenant leaves law enforcement in his prime’, Written by Kyle Perrotti, Wednesday, July 27, 2022.

<https://smokymountainnews.com/news/item/34026-a-new-calling-respected-waynesville-pd-lieutenant-leaves-law-enforcement-in-his-prime>] that Tyler Trantham was posting these “News Releases” on the Town of Waynesville Police Department Facebook page. Tyler Trantham has announced that he is leaving the Waynesville Police Department.

WTF?

Chad Nesbitt has both a Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/people/SKYline-News/100047148625750/>

and a website

<https://www.skylinenewsonline.com/>

His website appears to be updated infrequently, and most current stuff is on the facebook page.

Full Disclosure. I am not on Facebook. I was once, attempted to delete the account, but Zuckerberg will never let you delete an account. You can only go dormant. From the dormant stage, one can still access limited portions of a public facebook page, as I have done with Chad Nesbitt’s facebook page, which is where I saw the post about a homeless person who lived in a tent and died due to a fentanyl overdose, right behind Best Buy. I waited a couple of days to see if this was ever picked up by our two local liberal newspapers. It never was.

WTF?

I personally don’t consider ever getting news from any facebook page, nor had I ever known the Waynesville Police Department had a facebook page, let alone that they were posting “News Releases” on that page.

I have since discovered the location of the Waynesville Police Department facebook page, and did indeed locate the “News Release” that Chad Nesbitt picked up. Since I never log into facebook, I have limited access to reader comments and posts, but I did notice two distinctly different trends:

- Posts on the Waynesville Police Department facebook page were generally complementary of the fine job the Waynesville Police were doing, while,
- Posts on Chad Nesbitt’s page for the same “News Release” were diametrically opposed to those found on the Waynesville Police Department page. In fact, the individual was identified as “Virgil” from Kentucky.

WTF?

We (Concerned Citizens of Haywood) have been consistently told by Waynesville Police Department employees that “We know all the homeless people, and they are all from Waynesville. There is no one from out of town.”

WTF?

So, I made the request to receive “Press Releases” from the Waynesville Police Department, and start posting these, because, sure as [expletive deleted], our two local papers are not going to do it.

Here we go, and at this point, I have yet to receive the first “News Release” or “Press Release”.

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

Subject: Request for Press Releases
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2022 15:30:44 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Adams <dadams@waynesvillenc.gov>

Chief Adams,

The following appeared on Chad Nesbitt's facebook Skyline News page this morning.



Can you make it so that I am put on the email list for Press Releases when issued by the Waynesville Police Department?

Thank you,

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.
Haywood County Taxpayer.

Subject: Re: Request for Press Releases
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2022 20:13:01 +0000
From: David Adams <dadams@waynesvillenc.gov>
To: Monroe Miller

Mr. Miller,

I am on vacation this week. I will get up with you next week.. Most of our stories are posted on Facebook.

Thank you,

David

Subject: Re: Request for Press Releases
Date: Mon, 25 Jul 2022 11:53:35 -0400
From: Monroe Miller
To: David Adams <dadams@waynesvillenc.gov>

Chief Adams,

It's a simple question / Request. It should be a simple yes or no. Why does this take a discussion?

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

Subject: RE: Request for Press Releases
Date: Mon, 25 Jul 2022 16:40:57 +0000
From: David Adams <dadams@waynesvillenc.gov>
To: Monroe Miller

Mr. Miller,

I spoke with Jesse Fowler, who oversees our IT. He looked and advised that you are attached to our Media/Press Releases. The Release that you referenced was published on our Facebook page. I will be glad to make sure you receive the Media Releases going forward.

David

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