Monroe A. Miller, Jr. 2200 Camp Branch Road Waynesville, NC 28786 September 28, 2022

Subject: WPD2200520 & WPD2201282 - What is going on with the Waynesville Police Department?

On April 22, 2022, Lois Hollis was assaulted by **Ed Smathers** while attempting to drive past him to get to her home at 156 Johnson Hill Drive. Lois Hollis recorded the event on her cell phone, now the infamous 120 second video recording, posted on <u>www.haywoodtp.net</u>, which has now been entered into evidence in case 22CR050955.

[Editor's Note: From this point, I will refer to this video alternatively as "The pesky video".]

.mp4. Hey, **Zeb Smathers**! Check out this newly released, full 120 second, video of **Ed Smathers** assault on Lois Hollis. You got your work cut out for you defending this piece of work. Say **Zeb**, are you related to **Ed**? 7/2/2022...

https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220712EdSmathersAssault-120Seconds.mp4

Lois Hollis was injured in the face and mouth during that attack, as evidenced by her cell phone and glasses being smashed by **Ed Smathers**.





Lois Hollis called the Waynesville Police Department (WPD) to file a complaint. Officer **Ryan A. Griffin** responded, spoke to **Lois Hollis**, viewed the video, then spoke to Ed Smathers (for a long, long time), then wrote up an official INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT. Lois Hollis requested a copy of that report, but was denied by WPD.

# WTF?

On September 19, 2022, Lois Hollis and Joe Lipari were again subjected to verbal abuse by **Ed Smathers** renters, **Dennis** and **Sharon Ramsey**. **Dennis** and **Sharon Ramsey** are the attack dogs for **Ed Smathers** to make life miserable for Lois Hollis and Joe Lipari in an attempt to get them to move. Rather, this event was again recorded by Lois Hollis and Joe Lipari, minding their own business in front of their home. The result are three (3) separate video recordings.

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Extreme profanity and hate spewing from **Dennis Ramsey** in the first video. Listen at your own risk. This is what these people are subjected to on a daily basis.

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## Ed Sharon 3:19 mp4

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[Editor's Note: Ed Smathers has a temporary restraining (no contact) order, a 50-C in place, from Judge Kristina Earwood and Judge Donna Forga.]

Again, Lois Hollis called the WPD to report a disturbance on Johnson Hill Drive. Guess who responded? **Ryan A. Griffin**, the same officer who originally responded to the assault on 4/22/2022.

Again, **Ryan A. Griffin** dutifully listened to Lois Hollis, them spoke to **Dennis** and **Sharon Ramsey**, along with **Ed Smathers**.

Again, Lois Hollis requested a copy of the INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT from WPD, and again was denied.

WTF?

Since when is the person making a complaint denied access to a INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT?

This is where I jump in. I would like to know why.

After pressing WPD for the latest INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT filed on 9/19/2022, Lois Hollis was provided a INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT on 9/22/2022 - <u>that was blank</u>!

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Under "<u>Narrative</u>", there is a notation \*Redacted Data\*.

At this point, we begin an email dialog with Chief David Adams, WPD, to find out what is going on.

Subject: Incident Report - WPD2201282 - Request for Copy. Date: Thu, 22 Sep 2022 14:51:32 -0400 From: Monroe Miller To: David Adams 

 To: David Adams 
 dadams@waynesvillenc.gov>

 CC: [Redacted], R. Griffin 
 rgriffin@waynesvillenc.gov>

Chief Adams,

Lois Hollis provided me with a copy of an INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT, WPD2201282, which she picked up at the police station this morning. The report has been entirely redacted, including the reporting officers name. See attached.

I would like a copy of the unredacted report.

Please let me know the justification your department had for not supplying an unredacted report, to the person who filed the complaint.

Lois Hollis indicated that the officer who came for the Call of Service was R. Griffin, rgriffin@waynesvillenc.gov, the same officer who came the day Lois Hollis was assaulted by Ed Smathers.

If you have not seen the video I posted of Lois Hollis being assaulted by this piece of work, look at - https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220422EdSmathers.mp4 That video was shown to R. Griffin.

The assault resulted in Lois Hollis cell phone and eye glasses being damaged. See a couple of photos.





Lois Hollis has a restraining (no contact) order (50-C) against Ed Smathers in force, case 22CVD401, a judgement by Judge Kristina Earwood and continued by Judge Donna Forga. The two cases, 22CVD401, and the assault 22CD050955, are scheduled to be heard in court before Judge Monica Leslie on 10/11/2022.

The incident R. Griffin was called over for could be Ed Smathers violating the no contact order, which would be contempt of court. Lois Hollis recorded three (3) video of Ed Smathers, Dennis and Sharon Ramsey provoking Lois Hollis which she recorded on three video's, and she showed these videos to R. Griffin, which should be part of his report. I am not a lawyer, so I cannot make a determination if Ed Smathers violated the no contact order, but Judge Monica Leslie can, and it is my intention to make sure she sees the unredacted report WPD2201282.

The three videos reviewed by R. Griffin are here, taken on 9/19/2022.

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The second video, Ed Smathers is walking towards Lois Hollis and yells "It's Monroe Miller's girlfriend".

[Redacted] is with the D/A's office, so they are now informed of this Incident Report, WPD2201282.

If you cannot provide an unredacted report to me, I will go on over to the D/A's office and find out how to get one, or one that can be provided to the D/A's office to insure it is available for the 10/11/2022 court date.

Thank you,

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

Subject: RE: Incident Report - WPD2201282 - Request for Copy. Date: Thu, 22 Sep 2022 20:48:26 +0000 From: David Adams <a href="mailto:dadams@waynesvillenc.gov">dadams@waynesvillenc.gov</a> To: Monroe Miller

Mr. Miller,

I have attached a copy of the unredacted report. I appreciate you working with Ms. Hollis in regard to the ongoing issues with the Ramsey's. Hopefully, this matter can be resolved soon in a peaceful manner.

David Adams

[Editor's Note: I received the unredacted Incident Report, WPD2201282, in about two (2) hours.]

WTF?

Wait a minute. How is it that I, Monroe Miller, can received this unredacted Incident Report in two hours, and Lois Hollis cannot get one to save her life?

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Look here! A narrative!

Wait just a [expletive deleted] minute! How is it that I am now holding in my hands two (2) Incident Reports, WPD 2201282, generated from the same software programs WPD is using, and they are different? Is WPD able to generate multiple copies of Incident Reports for the same case number?

Subject: Re: Incident Report - WPD2201282 - Request for Copy.

Date: Thu, 22 Sep 2022 17:45:48 -0400

- From: Monroe Miller
- To: David Adams <dadams@waynesvillenc.gov>
- CC: [Redacted], Ryan Griffin <rgriffin@waynesvillenc.gov>

## Chief Adams,

Thank you for your prompt response. Let me remind you, that the problem is not with the Ramsey's (they are the attack dogs), rather the problem is with Ed Smathers, who -

- Owns the property next to Lois Hollis and rents to the Ramsey's.
- Ed Smathers is ultimately responsible for renters behavior.
- Ryan Griffin stated twice in his response that he pinpointed the problem with Lois Hollis for recording bad behavior, and indicated it was his opinion that"the filming that Hollis had done had instigated the situation" and "film which instigated the argument between the neighbors". All I have to do is post these videos on my website, and we will let the community make a decision if they agree with Ryan Griffin. Ryan Griffin is attempting to place all the blame on Lois Hollis. What's going on here?
- Ryan Griffin was the first to respond to Lois Hollis after she was assaulted, who said to Lois Hollis "Don't provoke Ed Smathers".
- What is it with Ryan Griffin? It appears he is doing his damnedest to protect Ed Smathers?

## [Redacted],

Please take this Incident Report and place it in Lois Hollis file for [Redacted] to review.

Thank you,

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

Subject: Re: Incident Report 4/22/2022 - WPD22????? - Request for Copy.

Date: Fri, 23 Sep 2022 03:11:51 -0400

From: Monroe Miller

To: David Adams </ dadams@waynesvillenc.gov>

CC: [Redacted], Ryan Griffin <rgriffin@waynesvillenc.gov>

### Chief Adams,

I was just advised that the Waynesville Police Department told Lois Hollis that "... I was not allowed to see the police report for April 22 Ed Assault that R. Griffin also reported on. ..."

# [?]

Lois Hollis has never seen that police incident report.

Please identify the Incident Report number, and please forward me a copy of that report.

Thank you,

Monroe A. Miller, Jr. Haywood County Taxpayer Subject: Re: Incident Report 4/22/2022 - WPD22????? - Request for Copy.

Date: Fri, 23 Sep 2022 16:01:12 -0400

From: Monroe Miller

To: David Adams </ dadams@waynesvillenc.gov>

CC: [Redacted], Ryan Griffin <rgriffin@waynesvillenc.gov>

Chief Adams,

Waiting patiently for the 4/22/2022 Incident Report number and copy of that report.

Thank you,

Monroe A. Miller, Jr.

Subject: Re: Incident Report 4/22/2022 - WPD22????? - Request for Copy. Date: Fri, 23 Sep 2022 21:02:07 +0000 From: David Adams <dadams@waynesvillenc.gov> To: Monroe Miller

Mr. Miller,

I have been teaching a class today. I will get that report to you Monday.

David

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Lois Hollis

Date: Mon, 26 Sep 2022 16:32:01 +0000

From: David Adams </ dadams@waynesvillenc.gov>

To: Monroe Miller

Mr. Monroe,

I have attached the April 22, 2022, Incident Report that you requested.

Sincerely, David P. Adams

David P. Adams | Chief Waynesville Police Department 9 South Main Street | Waynesville, NC 28786 828-456-5363 | (fax) 828-456-2001 dadams@waynesvillenc.gov | www.waynesvillenc.gov

The following is (presumably) the original full and complete Investigation Report, WPD 2200520 for the original assault on Lois Hollis by **Ed Smathers**, that WPD refused to provide to Lois Hollis.

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WTF?

This has got to be the biggest cover-up in the history of the WPD!

When one reads the "narrative" by **Ryan A. Griffin** in his Incident Report, and then reviews the video recording (the pesky video), one has to wonder did this happen on the same planet? This "narrative" deserves some special attention, so I will take the time to transcribe it, so you can compare it to the pesky video.

[Editor's Note: I requested that Lois Hollis (fuming at this point after reading both WPD2200520 and WPD2201282) review the narrative, and provide what happened from her perspective - a typical "he said / she said" scenario, if it were not for that pesky video.]

#### Narrative of WPD2200520.

"n 04/22/2022 at 1157hrs I Officer Ryan Griffin responded to 156 Johnson Hill Dr in reference to an assault that had previously occurred. Upon my arrival I met with Lois Hollis who stated that she had been assaulted by Edward Smathers. Hollis advised that while she was driving by Smathers house, Smathers had blocked the roadway and was cursing at her. Hollis stated that she began recording on her cell phone and Smathers had taken the phone and pushed it back into Hollis and her vehicle. Hollis was able to show a brief video. The video had no audio and did not show Smathers blocking the roadway. Smathers was to the passenger side of Hollis's vehicle and Hollis had the entire left side of the road to travel and go into her driveway which is roughly 50-100 yards away. I went to 124 Johnson Hill Drive where the incident had taken place and spoke with Smathers. Smathers stated that he was mowing his lawn and Hollis had "came flying up the road". Smathers shouted at Hollis for her to slow down. Smathers was covered in grass and had his lawn equipment out of his garage. Smathers stated that Hollis then exited her vehicle and began cursing and shouting at him trying to provoke an altercation. Smathers also stated that Hollis was filming with her phone while she was outside of the vehicle and he also stated that at one point she had dropped her phone. Due to the conflict in stories and the video that was shown to me not portraying the entire event, Hollis was referred to seek charges at the Magistrates office. Case closed cleared".

Let's see how this "narrative" lines up with the pesky video. The following is from Lois Hollis picking apart the Incident Report submitted by Officer **Ryan A. Griffin**.

### Ryan Griffin report from Lois Hollis for Smathers assault 04/22. [9/27/2022.]

[Lois Hollis comments surrounded by parenthesis and in bold, indicating her point of view of this "narrative".]

On 04/22/2022 at 11:57 hrs. I Ryan Griffin responded to a assault that had previously occurred. Upon my arrival I met with Lois Hollis who stated that she had been assaulted by Edward Smathers. Hollis advised that while she was driving by Smathers house, Smathers had blocked the roadway

### (Smathers unleased dogs blocked the roadway)

and was cursing at her.

### (Smathers shouted at Hollis BITCH)

Hollis stated that she began recording on her cell phone and Smathers had taken the phone and pushed it back into Hollis

# (Smathers pushed his arm through her car's open passenger window and fisted her left jaw, nose, teeth, and cell phone)

and her vehicle. Hollis was able to show a brief video. The video had no audio

#### (The video did have audio)

and did not show Smathers blocking the roadway.

# (Lois video did show Smathers stalking or walking back and forth as he followed her on the road and came closer and closer to her which blocked her from getting to her home safely)

and she was unable to break free from him and Smathers was to the passenger side of Hollis's vehicle and Hollis had the entire left side of the road to travel and go into her driveway which is roughly 50-100 yards away

### (Griffin's statement is his opinion; not facts. Hollis never mentioned it.)

I went to 124 Johnson Hill Drive where the incident had taken place and spoke with Smathers, Smathers stated that he was mowing his lawn

#### (Smathers was standing on the edge of his property without a lawn mower and not mowing his lawn)

and Hollis had "came flying up the road".

# (Hollis was driving slowing as usual up the curvy narrow road mindful of the road's cliff and other cars on the road).

#### (Smathers shouted BITCH)

Smathers shouted at Hollis for her to slow down. Smathers was covered in grass and had his lawn equipment out of his garage,

#### (Smathers wore a clean white shirt without stains and there was no lawn equipment nearby)

Smathers stated that Hollis then exited her vehicle

# (Hollis exited her vehicle after Smathers punched her in the nose, mouth, teeth with his fist to get free from Smathers)

and began cursing and shouting at him trying to provoke an altercation.

#### (Hollis did not say anything as she tried to get free from Smathers)

Smathers also stated that Hollis was filming with her phone while she was outside of the vehicle and he also stated that at one point she had dropped her phone.

# (Hollis never dropped her phone. If she did drop her phone, it would have been on her continuous video)

Due to the conflict in stories and the video that was shown to me not portraying the entire event (The Hollis video with audio did portray the entire continuous event without any interruptions) Hollis was referred to seek charges at the Magistrates office.

# Ryan Griffin report from Lois Hollis concerning Dennis and Sharon Ramsey and Ed Smathers for 09/19/2022.

On 09/19/2022 at 15.33 I officer Ryan Griffin responded to 156 Johnson Hill Drive in reference to a civil dispute between neighbors. Upon my arrival I met with Lois Hollis. She advised that her neighbor, Dennis Ramsey, at 146 Johnson Hill Drive had been yelling and shouting at her and throwing rocks at the fence.

#### (while she was cleaning her front porch)

Hollis produced a cell phone video that showed her walking around the fence

#### (passing the fence to the road)

and standing in the road. Hollis was filming Dennis at 146 Johnson Hill Drive. Dennis got irate that he was being filmed and starting shouting and cursing at Hollis. It appears that the filming that Hollis had done had instigated the situation.

### (Ryan Griffin states his opinion; not facts)

continues to stand in the street and film only to make Dennis more agitated.

#### (Ryan Griffin states his opinion; not facts)

Dennis informs his wife Sharron Ramsey to film her on her phone. Hollis could have went back onto her property but chose to stand out in the road and film in which instigated the argument between the neighbors.

#### (Ryan Griffin again gives his opinion and implicates Hollis for Dennis normal abusive behavior)

Ed Smathers walks onto the property at 146 Johnson Hill Drive as well. Smathers shouts but makes no direct threats or comments towards Hollis.

#### (Ed Smathers looked directly at Hollis to make his hand fighting gestures with verbal comments)

Hollis stated that she did have a no contact order in place on Smathers. She was advised to visit the Magistrate and show them this video to see if it violates the no contact order. As I was walking to my patrol car I made contact with Dennis at 146 Johnson Hill Drive advised that this has been an issue for some time now and that he can't walk through the yard without being filmed with a cell phone.

# (Dennis Ramsey consistently shouts animal noises, loud drumming or throwing rocks at the fence if I exit my front door)

He was advised to keep calm and stay civil with his neighbor.

<end comments>

What is going on here?

There are a couple of things that just jump out at you.

- Why did WPD refuse to provide Lois Hollis both Incident Reports WPD 2200520 and WPD2201282, yet provided them to me?
- Why would **Ryan A. Griffin** create "narratives" in both Incident Reports that obviously were slanted in favor of Ed Smathers? In Incident Report WPD2200520, nearly every statement he made in the "narrative" was not supported by the pesky video.
- In both "narratives", **Ryan A. Griffin** makes it appear that everything is the fault of Lois Hollis. "Blame the victim" mentality. **Ryan A. Griffin** is doing his damnedest to protect **Ed Smathers**.
- There is a problem that I have different copies of the same Incident Report, WPD2201282. Is it WPD practice to create a new Incident Report to suit their purposes?

The first video of **Dennis Ramsey** (attack dog for **Ed Smathers**) on 9/19/2022 is vile and hateful, and all three of these videos will now be posted n <u>www.haywoodtp.net</u>.

For any future altercations on Johnson Hill Drive between Lois Hollis & Joe Lipari and **Ed Smathers** - **Dennis Ramsey** - **Sharon Ramsey**, it would be well advised that WPD Chief David Adams dispatch anyone else to the scene except **Ryan A. Griffin**.

If bottom feeding lawyer (and Mayor of Canton), **Zeb Smathers** was planning on using the "narrative" of Incident Report WPD2200520 in his defense, good luck.

Say, is either Zeb Smathers, or his dad, Pat Smathers, related to Ed Smathers?

Monroe A. Miller, Jr. Haywood County Taxpayer.