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I am sending what I have already sent the governor and Mr Steins office, please know that this is all wrong and now that she is (the Chief) going there has to be something you guys can do. I know you know Captain Gonce he is a good guy a really good guy. You know this to be true. He got caught doing the right thing and stood up to her and she got rid of him. Wade and all of them knew and know better. Geez just do something right for a change. How would you like it after 20 years of service getting fired over nonsense he never had a bad accommodations and your life and his family's life going from good to bad. Think about this he goes from making a living for his family to nothing. How are they making it it is not right. For goodness sake his kids didn't deserve this or his wife let alone him. I bet he can't even find a job because Of her (the Chief). When you have to fill out a job Application you know he has to put he was fired well heck and then if the google him they will see his is a racist (Really he has black kids) and mean really Captain Gonce, what about all the people he helped kick their drug or alcohol problems or how about the Christmas's he ans his department gave a family last year guess no one said anything about that. This is not right you know it. Help him out reinstate him and or clear his name he shouldn't Have been fired. Imagine what the last months have been For that family step up with this new manger and do the right thing. For all of us we need this in are police department. We need a leader like him.

Mr. Josh Stein,

The governor's office had told me to write to you and address this problem. I am writing to you to plead with you to step in and make things right in the City of Asheville. The Chief of Police (of 3 years) has fired a 20 year veteran (Captain Stony Gonce) with no disciplinary action ever taken before. And now she has the other captain on Investigative suspension. She is covering her tracks about something (the video that was released, or another video, her affair, her wife ask her about this summer, Sergeant Lisa ask her about her and why Lisa has a case against her, evidence covered up or destroyed since she found out the FBI is working this, the the fact that she is prejudice against Captain Gonce because he has black kids and tried to help the black community or prejudice against the Asheville black in general). Back the first of March she had put Captain Gonce on the same thing then 2 months later she fired him. Now mind you there are a lot of parts to this, so bare with me. First being that back in November of 2017 the two captains brought up a concern to her (this is APD policy) that there was a rumor about her having an Affair with a fellow officer (Lieutenant Jackie) many officers had came forward to them telling them about it. She went crazy called them F\_\_\_\_ this and f\_\_\_\_ this and shut the meeting down. After that there were other concerns so they both went to HR to address the problems. The told them of their concerns about her and other things going on. They also said they were concerned that she would retaliate against them. HR assured them she would not (look where they are). Two weeks later lieutenant Jackie filed a complaint against both of them. So they hired this outside investigator who was a math teacher before. He was told only to investigate Jackie's complaint not the captains. It never has been investigated. I am sure there was much more that the Captains shared with HR you need to ask them. Please. Fast forward to March there was a Video released of a APD officer beating a person then a couple of days later Captain Gonce was put on suspension. He did not release this he knows better he is helping the FBI with this case plus I am sure other stuff. She was and is just fishing. She knows he is working with them but still fired him. She even released his termination letter along with personal stuff from the investigation that was in his personal file which is illegal. She made sure that the people the investigator interviewed was all of her friends. She even said he was prejudiced, his wife and him adopted two black kids years ago. They are a plan out lies against him. It is wrong. People in the department know better but are scared to stand up because if she can fire him a 20 year old veteran then She can get rid of anyone. Listen I am only touching on the surface here there is so much more. Please talk to Captain Gonce and Captain Bryd. Please help them this is wrong she is playing God to both of these gentlemen's lives. She doesn't understand what she has done to him. 20 years of service, dedication, blood sweat for this place. You ask anyone what a good guy he is you will see. Captain Gonce is a graduate of the FBI Academy, the Secret service knows him, he even went up there to their Academy. Call them and ask them about him. He has done a lot for this Agency and the community. I am pleading with you to please just call and talk with them or call question the City of Asheville. Thank you so much for your time. Captain Gonce's # is 828-989-9045

I am encouraging you to get involved in this it is very wrong.  
Thank you so much a concerned person, officer, and friend. It's the right thing to do.

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