From: Jonathan Wainscott <jonwainscott@gmail.com>
Sent: 8/10/2020 9:56:11 PM
To: Sheneika Smith
Cc:
Subject: Re: APD arresting press

Thanks, I'm all about giving people a chance to get settled into their jobs, especially coming to Asheville where things are done differently, and I realize that we are facing situations that are our first rodeos and such. That said, I'm fearful that our new Chief is old school and not in the cool way.
Thanks again for your response. Have a good evening.

On Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 9:20 PM Sheneika Smith <sheneikasmith@avlcouncil.com> wrote:

> I reached out to the Jackson family and went out to their candlelight vigil the following day. They have some outstanding concerns with policing beyond the handling of this incident. I was moved by their experiences.
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> Ive addressed the feedback around response with Manager Campbell and Chris Zack, as well as some other things that I consider a "backlash" in response to recent and ongoing protests.
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> I'm concerned that retaliation by erroneous arrests, charge stacking and other procedural things will be widespread throughout the community, not just against protestors. We have to stay vigilant.
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> Lots of respect for Veronica and her bravery.
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> Sheneika
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> On Mon, Aug 10, 2020, 9:06 PM Jonathan Wainscott <jonwainscott@gmail.com> wrote:
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> > Thanks for your response and attention to this. You should also know that the Coits were very critical of APD's handling of the fatal shooting on Buffalo Street last Wednesday. Veronica administered aid to Kanzie while waiting for EMS to arrive. APD jammed your that tiny little street and EMS was delayed in attending to this kid and he died. Josh and Veronica called out the APD on there FB page the following day. That was just 3 days before they pulled this stunt with Veronica. It reeks of retaliation.
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> > On Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 8:57 PM Sheneika Smith <sheneikasmith@avlcouncil.com> wrote:
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> > > I've inquired more information about this specific arrest. Based on what your video showed me, I am questioning all the charges and arrests made that night.
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> > > Thank you for your documentation and follow up.
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> > > Sheneika
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> > > On Mon, Aug 10, 2020, 8:07 PM Jonathan Wainscott <jonwainscott@gmail.com> wrote:
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> > > > Dear Council,
> > > > Considering that the Asheville Blade is given press credentials to cover your meetings and the officer that arrested Veronica Coit has been at several of those meetings, working to keep everyone safe, I am deeply concerned about the arrest of this press member who was simply following the march in her vehicle. There was no way for her or anyone else driving on Haywood Street to disperse. ADP allowed the march to flow through the streets from Pack Square almost a half a mile while passing through major intersections. The police did not make any arrests or attempts to prevent traffic from being obstructed until the marchers were "kettled" into a tight space on Haywood Street.
> > > > After the arrest, an officer moved the Coits' vehicle, parked in a parking space and left the vehicle unattended with the doors unlocked and the engine running. The vehicle was also searched after being left unattended and no consent to a search was ever made by police.
> > > > I would ask you to convene an emergency session to immediately go into closed session to ask for police video footage of this incident.
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> > > > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zp4GIgCHRl0
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> > > > Thanks, hope you are all doing well.
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> > > > ***Jonathan Wainscott***

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