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Subject: Grave concerns about APD & Rondell Lance

Iâ€™ve only written a few times as a concerned citizen who resides within the city limits of Asheville. I reserve such letters for important matters about our safety and the safety of our community as a whole. For example, when former AFD fireman John T. Eldreth set a car ablaze in my driveway last January and the subpar care that lent to the expedited death of my childrenâ€™s Father (legally still my Husband) at HCAâ€™s Mission hospital earlier this year.â

After reading the article the Asheville Citizen Times released written by Joel Burgess, as well as watching the videos from the demonstration downtown last week, I am VERY concerned. I wasnâ€™t there in person for that, so later watching the videos Mr. Henson took as well as the video Mr. Lance posted are disturbing to say the very least.â

I am calling for you to demand our NC State Bureau of Investigation to open a proper investigation into what happened as witnessed in the above mentioned videos as well as Mr. Lanceâ€™s claims of being âœa copâ and his abhorrent behaviour whilst doing so. What are his current credentials? What current certifications does he hold to make such claims? What are you going to do about this?â

I am a WNC native, a newly single parent of two teen daughters, a citizen of our community and I am extremely concerned about what kind of precedent Mr. Lanceâ€™s behaviour sets... not to forget the arrest of Ms. Veronica Coit, the behaviour of the officers who arrested her and the two officers that attempted to tow her husbandâ€™s car before I was able to get him there to stop it. (Jonathan called me because he was there taking video footage and knows I am friends with Veronica and Josh, so I was able to pick up Josh to take him downtown expeditiously).â

I understand that particular discussion has already begun so Iâ€™ll not reiterate what has already been said concerning that, but I will formally state that Iâ€™m extremely concerned about the recent behaviours of APD. Some of the things I have seen in various footage and what I have personally witnessed, does NOT align with Asheville Police Departmentâ€™s own words of âœThe safety of our community is always, and remains, a top priority for the Asheville Police Department (APD).â€

Regards,
Sandra JW Brownâ