From: Diana <trappreports2@gmail.com>
Sent: 6/12/2020 12:53:19 AM
To: esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com
Cc:
Subject: Re: Kelly Whitlock

Not that anyone thinks you give a shit.

I was a police officer for nearly ten years and I was a bastard. We all were.

It’s a time in my life I’m ashamed of. It’s a time that I hurt people and, through inaction, allowed others to be hurt. It’s a time that I acted as a violent agent of capitalism and white supremacy. Under the guise of public safety, I personally ruined people’s lives but in so doing, made the public no safer… so did the family members and close friends of mine who also bore the badge alongside me.

WHY AM I WRITING THIS

As someone who went through the training, hiring, and socialization of a career in law enforcement, I wanted to give a first-hand account of why I believe police officers are the way they are. Not to excuse their behavior, but to explain it and to indict the **structures** that perpetuate it.

That’s why no one is “changing things from the inside.” They can’t, the structure won’t allow it.

Armed, indoctrinated (and dare I say, traumatized) cops do not make you safer; community mutual aid networks who can unite *other people* with the resources they need to stay fed, clothed, and housed make *you* safer. I really want to hammer this home: every cop in your neighborhood is damaged by their training, emboldened by their immunity, and they have a gun and the ability to take your life with near-impunity. **This does not make you safer, even if you’re white.**

https://medium.com/@OfcrACab/confessions-of-a-former-bastard-cop-bb14d17bc759

On Jun 11, 2020, at 2:02 PM, Diana <trappreports2@gmail.com> wrote:

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On Jun 10, 2020, at 10:06 AM, <esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com> <esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com> wrote:

Diana - I'm not sure what you are talking about but your regarding line includes a former HR attorney for the city so I am assuming this is an HR matter? If there is anything I can assist you with, please let me know, otherwise I have copied the manager here so she can review your concern.

Thank you,
Esther

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-----Original Message-----
From: Diana <trappreports2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:27 AM
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Subject: Kelly Whitlock

So you're getting thousands of calls and emails about APD and you postponed the budget meeting to reassess. You must be shitting.

Are you sure you don't want to meet with me because you know pushing me off to Professional Standards isn't going to fly for much longer?

Either way, you're going to get a letter soon that will cancel you ever being able to deny what you were told.

This is all coming out even faster than I expected. Don’t you love it when it works out that way?