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Subject: Re: Photo/Cutline Issue with Asheville Citizen-Times

Yes, thanksÂ so much for theÂ update.Â So glad you all are having conversations with them aboutÂ this inappropriateÂ photo.

On Tue, Feb 1, 2022 at 1:59 PM Bill Davis <bdavis2@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

Dawa and Debra,

We wanted to bring to your attention an issue regarding a photo/cutline that AC-T used today in relation to the arrest of the homicideÂ that occurredÂ this weekend.Â I'm attaching the originalÂ photo/cutline, and the cutline has nothing to do with the article.Â I contacted Sarah Honosky to express our concerns aboutÂ that, and she said she would check with her editor.Â Shortly lately, she wrote to say they changed the cutline, which they did.

However, ChiefÂ noticed that the photo was actually one that has the "Defund Police" yellow notes on the window that was posted on the vehicles during times of protest in 2020.

We did just speak with Sarah a few minutes ago and said she will run this by her editor _ Karen Chavez (once again).Â Sarah said was not here during the protests and expressed that she was not aware of the photo intentionally being used for this story in this way.Â We expressed to her that this was an INAPPROPRIATE photo. Heck, I even sent them another photo I took this morning of a marked unit parked outside.Â Â

Chief wanted to ensure you were aware.Â This type of cutline and image is simply in poor taste; the cutline was changed...now we'll see if they switch photos.

Regards,
Bill D.

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