



Statement by Sheriff Randy Smith

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Yesterday I learned that one of my opponents, Nick Tranchina, has filed a complaint with the Board of Ethics about videos that were shared on my campaign's Facebook page. It is very disappointing to see that Mr. Tranchina has chosen the path of filing this frivolous complaint in a thinly disguised effort to gain media attention for his fledgling campaign. The videos promoting our Crisis Intervention Team are educational videos that are intended to promote our attempt to manage and end our behavioral health crisis. Furthermore, every citizen, including Mr. Tranchina, has the right to repost any of our videos. For the safety of our community, we want our videos and postings to receive as much exposure as is possible. I will promote my bid for re-election by proving this department's successes in fighting crime and protecting this community. It is shameful for any candidate, much less a former lawman, to try and manipulate state rules to force a state agency to review such a frivolous complaint that amounts to nothing more than a desperate political scheme. It does make one wonder, if Mr. Tranchina is willing to waste tax dollars for this kind of cheap political stunt, what would he waste our tax dollars on as Sheriff?