

Rogers, Tarrah

From: Hosack
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 9:29 PM
To: Heaton; Sam
Subject: Re: DRE

Got it Sam, thx, Rob

Rob Hosack
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On Jul 14, 2017, at 8:16 PM, Heaton, Sam <Samuel.Heaton@cobbcounty.org> wrote:

Please see the emails below. Apparently while Sgt. Pierce was arranging a meeting with Mr. Keene, Lt. Abbott sent someone an email that went to Mr. Keefe. Chief Register is investigating.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Register, Michael" <Michael.Register@cobbcounty.org>
Date: July 14, 2017 at 7:57:11 PM EDT
To: "Keefe, Brendan" <bkeefe@11alive.com>
Cc: "Heaton, Sam" <Samuel.Heaton@cobbcounty.org>
Subject: Re: DRE

Brenden

We'll sort this out. We will explain our stance and protocol during the interview. I apologize for the comment and have a great weekend.

Mike

Chief Michael Register
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On Jul 14, 2017, at 7:31 PM, Keefe, Brendan
<bkeefe@11alive.com> wrote:

Chief,

Please see the email below. Apparently Lt. Abbott send this to me instead of the rest of the group.

If there's something factual we got wrong, or if we have been dishonest in any way, we would like to be made aware so we can correct the record. Integrity and credibility are our currency, and the truth is our guiding principle.

We now have an obligation to speak with Lt. Abbott on camera as the head of the DUI Task Force.

Thank you.

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On 7/14/17, 6:29 PM, "Abbott, Gregory A."
<Gregory.Abbott@cobbcounty.org> wrote:

Why are we still speaking to this dishonest guy??

From: Keefe, Brendan [bkeefe@11alive.com]

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 5:56 PM

To: Register, Michael

Cc: Heaton, Sam; Pierce, Dana; Sampson, Robert; Abbott, Gregory A.

Subject: Re: DRE

Thank you chief.

Sgt. Pierce, I'm free Monday anytime after 1200 or Wednesday after 1100. As you know, I work alone so I'm very flexible on time. It takes me a minimum of 15 minutes to set up gear and you do not need to be there when that set-up is taking place. An office or conference room are fine, or any location where you are most comfortable.

Just let me know what works best for you.

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From: "Register, Michael" <Michael.Register@cobbcounty.org>

Date: Friday, July 14, 2017 at 5:03 PM

To: "Keefe, Brendan" <bkeefe@11alive.com>

Cc: "Heaton, Sam" <Samuel.Heaton@cobbcounty.org>, "Pierce, Dana" <Dana.Pierce@cobbcounty.org>, "Sampson, Robert" <Robert.Sampson@cobbcounty.org>, "Abbott, Gregory A." <Gregory.Abbott@cobbcounty.org>

Subject: DRE

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Brendan,

In reference to your story, we can certainly outline the specifics concerning the new protocol for DUI/Marijuana, and how that not only protects the citizens by removing a suspected impaired driver from the roadway, but also protects the driver suspected of impairment from an unnecessary arrest. Dana Pierce will be the POC for this.

Also, please see below the statement that we put out pertaining to this that may be of assistance to you.

The issue of marijuana and impairment is an extremely complex topic. In essence, the impairment that drug recognition experts identify is based on a concentration of THC in the brain. Peak effects of brain THC concentrations do not coincide with maximum bloodstream concentrations. A driver will still be impaired by the THC that is in his brain well after it is undetectable at an impairing level in the bloodstream. Due to the rapid decrease in the bloodstream and the time lag from traffic stop to taking a blood sample, it has sometimes resulted in a concentration of THC that is below the threshold of GBI Lab Standards, thereby yielding a negative results. This issue is specific to marijuana only and applies to no other drugs.

In order to achieve the goal of keeping our citizens safe by removing an impaired driver from the streets and strike a balance to account for potential negative lab results, a new protocol has been established. In regards to an arrest for DUI drugs (marijuana), the driver will be taken into custody after probable cause is established and transported to the hospital for a blood sample. On some occasions they may be transported to a Precinct, where a contracted vendor will come and take a sample of blood per the Georgia Implied Consent warning given to the driver. In the case of a DRE evaluation revealing impairment of marijuana only, the driver will be charged with DUI and any other traffic related offenses relating to the stop, and then released on a copy of citation after finding alternative transportation. The collected sample will be sent to the GBI Crime Lab for testing. After the courts receive the blood sample results from the GBI Crime Lab and a review of the totality of the situation pertaining to the traffic stop, the Solicitor will make a determination if the case goes forward.

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