

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 I was advised of several text messaging incidents that had taken place between Deputy Fred Corder and a 16 year old female that attended Donaldsonville High. This had taken place between 2-19-2018 and 3-2-2018, while Fred was an SSO at the school.

The female stated that she and Fred had text several times. She said they had exchanged text photos of their tattoos. We did not have her phone to verify this because she said that she dropped it in the river. On 6-4-2018 the Sheriff's Office allowed her to text Fred to arrange a meeting in which Fred agreed. The meeting was to take place at Z's Food Mart on LA 74 at 11:50am. The meeting was set up in too short of time for Deputies to get there to see if Fred arrived. However, through him texting her and the GPS on his phone, it indicated he had gone to the store to get her but when he did not see her he left. Shortly after that Fred was brought to the office so that myself and Chief Webre could talk to him about these incidents. Upon myself and Chief Webre speaking to Fred he denied sending any photos of tattoos to the female. He also said he was just texting her to help her with JROTC. He denied any involvement with the female. We then met with Fred with Sheriff Wiley. He was asked again about sending photos of tattoos which at this time he said he did. When he was asked about going to the store to meet her he said he was just going to take her to lunch.

Due to Fred's actions with a 16 year old student at a High School, he was relieved of his duties pending further investigation.

*LTC Lee*

On 7-12-18, Major Craig Beaman along with Lt. Mike Songy, Lt. Gerald Whealton, SSgt. Mike Brunner, SSgt. Kelly Brown, and SSgt. Bob Escamillia reviewed Case # 18-24056 involving allegations made by a sixteen year old female against former Ascension Parish Sheriff's Deputy Fred Corder. The purpose of the review was to establish if any crimes had been committed in accordance with Louisiana law. After reviewing the case collectively, it was a consensus that there was no evidence to support a criminal charge against Fred Corder.

On 7-12-18 at approximately 10:30 am, the same group of investigators met with First Assistant District Attorney Larry Buquoi of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office. After reviewing the case, Mr. Buquoi advised investigators that we did not have any evidence which would allow him to prosecute a criminal charge against Fred Corder.

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On 10-30-18, I contacted investigator Ike VaVasseur with the Louisiana Department Of Justice, Office Of The Attorney General, in reference to a complaint his office received about a case involving former Ascension Parish Sheriff's deputy Fred Corder. The complainant alleged the Sheriff's Office did not complete an investigation, covered up the investigation so Fred Corder would not be arrested, and allowed him to resign. Investigator VaVasseur advised me his investigation revealed the complaint was not true and unfounded. Investigator VaVasseur said he told the complainant he investigated his allegations and they were unfounded.

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Subject: Disposition of LADOJ/LBI complaint number 37-20188

As you are aware, the Louisiana Bureau of Investigation received a complaint directed at high ranking members of your agency relative to potential malfeasance in office. Specifically, the complaint names senior deputies in command positions, Bobby Weber and Lee Anderson. Both are alleged to have failed to meet their lawful obligation and initiate a criminal investigation on a deputy (employee) when warranted. The complainant alleges a deputy sheriff, (now former) Fred Corder engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a juvenile while employed as a school resource officer. Louisiana Bureau of Investigation agents were assigned to review the complaint and determine if cause existed to open an investigation into the matter. Upon meeting with your staff, it was learned that a criminal investigation was already underway, initiated by your detectives and during the interim and as a result of an administrative investigation, Corder was dismissed from his position. Our agents learned from the initial meeting with your investigators that advancement of the criminal case was pending additional information.

At a later date, your staff contacted our supervisory agent, Ike Vavasseur and informed them the criminal investigation did not yield sufficient evidence to support an arrest in the matter. While we both will agree that our investigative division does not possess supervisory or oversight authority over your organization, we acknowledge your effort of seeking prosecutorial review of the matter with the district attorney. Article V Section 26 (B) of the Louisiana State Constitution mandates the district attorney shall have charge of every criminal prosecution within his judicial district and there is no indication that District Attorney Babin has requested investigative or prosecutorial assistance in the matter.

It is the determination of this office that no action is required by members of the Louisiana Bureau of Investigation based upon your office's initiation of the investigation and subsequent review by the district attorney's office. In closing, our office has closed the complaint filed under file number 37-20188 as unfounded and notified the complainant accordingly.

Respectfully,

Jeff Bergeron  
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