

# MEDIA RELEASE

## **Deputy Placed on Administrative Leave After Inappropriate Email Surfaces**

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On the afternoon of May 31, 2020, the Washington County Sheriff's Office received an allegation that a deputy sent an inappropriate email with racial epithets. While it appears the email is over 16 years old and four years before being employed at the Sheriff's Office, it is entirely inconsistent with the core values and professional standards at the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office promptly opened an investigation by the Professional Standards Unit (PSU). The employee is on administrative leave pending PSU's investigation.

At this time, additional information related to the allegation or the employee in question is unavailable.

Regarding this allegation, Sheriff Garrett stated, "We understand and appreciate the community's concern over such an allegation. We are thankful it was brought to our attention, and we are committed to a thorough investigation and appropriate action."

PSU oversees internal investigations within the Sheriff's Office and is comprised of two fulltime sergeants and is overseen by a commander.



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