

OPEN LETTER TO BREVARD SHERIFF WAYNE IVEY

Updated – with new content added

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Ref: Request for comments regarding our developing article

Sheriff Ivey:

Our publication (VolusiaExposed.Com) is currently developing an article that will highlight corruption within law enforcement – with particular attention given to East Central Florida.

Our article will additionally explore whether certain law enforcement agencies have been infiltrated by right wing militia or extremist groups. Some of these same groups were involved in the January 6, 2021 storming of the U.S. Capitol.

It is our intentions to present a “Paul Harvey” (The Rest Of The Story) inspired follow up to the July 2021 FloridaToday.Com article by Alessandro Marazzi Sassoon (see below excerpt of FT article).
<https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2021/07/22/constitutional-sheriff-wayne-ivey-right-wing-law-enforcement-ideology/5093231001/>

AS STATED WITHIN MR. SASSOON'S ARTICLE

“.....In 2012, Ivey was publicly boasting about [his endorsement by Sheriff Mack](#), portraying it as the imprimatur of a leading light in law enforcement.

"I am honored to receive Sheriff Mack's endorsement," he said at the time. "Upholding the oath to the Constitution and maintaining the liberties of our citizens is essential and a vital part of our job as criminal justice professionals and leaders," he wrote in a January 2012 Facebook post that also cited the CSPOA.

Asked about his ties to Mack and the CSPOA, sheriff's office spokesman Goodyear would only say that Ivey's Facebook page was not affiliated with the CSPOA. "The Sheriff stated he would not be commenting further on this matter," Goodyear added, saying he will not speak to FLORIDA TODAY.....

..... "The bottom line is no serious professional sheriff would have any kind of association with Richard Mack and his discredited, historical and legal theories," Levin said, calling his ideology an "insurrectionist doctrine."

We (VolusiaExposed.Com) have an interest in determining your (Ivey) membership status within the Constitutional Sheriffs & Peace Officers Association (CSPOA) – as operated by former Sheriff Richard Mack (Arizona).
<https://cspoa.org/>

<https://cspoa.org/about/sheriff-mack/>

According to Internet resources – former Sheriff Mack also sits on the board of directors of the Oath Keepers, a far-right militia group.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Mack

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oath_Keepers

<https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/oath-keepers>

The Oath Keepers are a known right wing extremist militia group founded by Elmer Stewart Rhodes.

<https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/individual/elmer-stewart-rhodes>

This militia group has been identified as having direct involvement in the January 6, 2021 assault on the U.S. Capitol.

According to Internet records - on Jan. 12, 2022, a grand jury [indicted Rhodes](#), along with 10 other Oath Keepers, in the District of Columbia for plotting to obstruct a legal turnover of presidential power. Nine defendants were already facing other charges related to their alleged participation in the insurrection.

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/leader-oath-keepers-and-10-other-individuals-indicted-federal-court-seditious-conspiracy-and>

One of the other indicted individuals was Kenneth Harrelson from Titusville, Florida (Brevard County).

In 2013 - both former Sheriff Mack (see below picture – front row hands on knee) and Mr. Rhodes (back row – blue polo – hand in pocket) were very supportive of Liberty County (Fl) Sheriff Nick Finch (back row – tie and suit) when he was criminally charged, prosecuted and eventually acquitted.



Sheriff Finch challenged the “constitutionality” of Florida’s law requiring citizens to have & maintain a concealed weapons permit, should they desire to carry a concealed weapon.

Sheriff Finch “unarrested” a political supporter after he was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon without a CCW permit. Shortly, thereafter the “unarrested” man was again arrested for a gun related homicide. (see below linked media article for particulars regarding the Sheriff Finch incident)

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2018/04/30/the-renegade-sheriffs>

According to available resources – some of these right wing militia groups espouse a belief that local sheriffs (and peace officers) have the authority to ignore any laws (local, state, or federal) that they (sheriffs) interpret to be a violation of the U.S. Constitution.

Sheriff Ivey, do you believe you have the legal authority to interpret the U.S. Constitution, and under that same authority – that you have the right to ignore any laws that you interpret to be “unconstitutional”?

In January 2016 - you attended a Florida House Justice hearing regarding pending “Open Carry” legislation.

Apparently while in Tallahassee - you posed for the below picture with Bradford Sheriff Smith, Sheriff Finch, AND the then Bradford County Libertarian Party Chairman, Ryan Ramsey (see below picture).

Per Internet records Mr. Ramsey admits to a past association with “white nationalism” (skinheads).

https://lpedia.org/wiki/Ryan_Ramsey

While Mr. Ramsey has attempted to distance himself from his racist past - his recent social media activity and Internet profile tends to indicate his apparent continued association, or at least sympathies with the “white nationalist” movement.

Examples of Mr. Ramsey’s Twitter posts:

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/bcso/2022/ramseyiveymins/rameytweets2.pdf>

Apparently - Mr. Ramsey is associated with the below linked website.

<https://libertarianheathen.com/>

Obviously, Mr. Ramsey has the right to his political ideologies – and we shall allow his apparent Internet comments and posts to speak for themselves.



Sheriff Wayne Ivey Sheriff Gordon Smith Ryan Ramsey Sheriff Nick Finch

It would be unfair for us (VolusiaExposed) to make an association between yourself and Mr. Ramsey based solely on one picture. We are fairly sure you have posed for pictures with many people – some being complete strangers to you.

However, we have discovered that shortly after the above picture was taken – you granted Mr. Ramsey a half hour interview for his radio / podcast publication (see below six minute excerpt web link).

<http://www.volusiaexposed.com/brevard/bcso/2022/ramseyiveymins/ramseyivey6mins.mp4>

Within that interview with Mr. Ramsey – you appear to acknowledge your involvement in the Constitutional Sheriffs & Peace Officers Association (CSPOA) (listen to minutes 3-4).

Given you past history of denying interviews with certain media outlets (FloridaToday in the particular) – it is indeed interesting that you granted Mr. Ramsey an interview.

Within the Ramsey interview – you not only directly connected yourself to former Sheriff Mack, the CSPOA, and Mr. Ramsey – but you also created a correlated connection between yourself and the Oath Keepers movement (given former Sheriff Mack’s involvement with that organization).

In January 2021, and in response to a 2018 voter’s referendum – the Volusia County Sheriff’s Office had it’s operational authority transferred from the County Charter to the Florida State Constitution.

Daytona Beach News-Journal Article (January 2018)

<https://www.news-journalonline.com/story/news/local/volusia/2018/01/20/volusia-sheriffs-powers-part-of-constitutional-review/16034485007/>

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<http://volusiaexposed.com/vcso/sheriffchitwood122018.html>

Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood recently has also declared himself a “Constitutional Sheriff” – but not because he ascribes to this false, extremist, & right wing militia based belief that he has the authority to “interpret” the U.S. Constitution – rather, Sheriff Chitwood rightfully declared that his authority now directly comes from the Florida State Constitution, rather than the Volusia County Charter.

Volusia Sheriff Mike Chitwood’s March 14, 2022 Email With VolusiaExposed.Com

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/bcso/2022/ramseyiveymins/chitwoodemail.pdf>

Sheriff Ivey - we (VolusiaExposed.Com), and probably a large section of Brevard citizens would like to know how exactly do you define the term “Constitutional Sheriff”? Is it similar to Sheriff Chitwood’s definition – or are you more in agreement with how the right wing militia groups tend to define it?

We agree with Mr. Levin statement from the FloridaToday.Com article (see above excerpt) *“the bottom line is no serious professional sheriff would have any kind of association with Richard Mack and his discredited, historical and legal theories,” Levin said, calling his (Mack) ideology an “insurrectionist doctrine”*.

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Time to decide Sheriff Ivey – are you with the “insurrectionists” & “white nationalists” - OR, are you with the rest of America?

We look forward to any response, and corrections you may provide.

Due to pending publication deadlines – please provide any response by 6 pm on March 22, 2022.

Regards,

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