

To the voters of Red River County:

I am Royce Abbott. I am candidate for sheriff in the April 11th Democratic primary run off election.

It has come to my attention that a county employee and supporter of my opponent is now engaged in circulating an arrest report dated March 14, 1970 in an attempt to affect the out come of this election. This arrest report is the result of an incident in which a friend of mine accidentally shot herself while in my company. I was temporarily detained on the charge of assault with intent to commit murder. I was released a short time later with no charges being filed. This incident occurred thirty six years ago and had no affect on my career in law enforcement.

It was in fact after this incident that I was recruited by the Farmersville police department, where I worked for approximately one year. Then the Allen police department after that for three years and then on to the Collin County Sheriff's department where I served as chief deputy for five and one half years. I was then recruited by the city of Wylie as chief of police where I served in that position for the following eight and one half years.

So to my fellow running mates, I offer this question. Is it so hard to run a clean campaign based upon your own merits? Must you always try to misrepresent the facts to make yourselves seem so squeaky clean? Go ahead boys, keep on digging. I have nothing hide! I offer myself to the people of Red River County as candidate for sheriff, who will fight for the people of this county. I cannot be intimidated, bought, or bluffed. So all of you citizens who are ready for change - I ask for your support.

I hold a **permanent license** as a peace officer by the authority of Art. 4413 (29aa) VACS. A privilege I would not be afforded if I had anything demeaning in my background.

Collin County has a population of over 200,000 people. Wylie has a population larger than that of Red River County. This is where I received my experience, my training and my knowledge. This is an area much more advanced professionally, socially and economically than the area where my opponent and his supporter and author of this e-mail received their training. Say Good-bye to the good ole boy system, and say Hello to the professional peace officer who follows the laws deemed to us by our forefathers. The Constitution of the United States of America still applies to all people, even in Red River County.

I ask that you continue supporting me as you did in the previous election, and I ask that you go to the polls on April 11th. And vote for me, Royce Abbott, for sheriff of Red River County.

Thank you,
Royce Abbott

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