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to Patrick, David, jduncan, Russ, Robert, dwestmoreland, Darlene, Tim, Robin, kevin, me, editor, Ronald ▾

I have debated as to whether to send this email to each of you as I still cannot get answers from anyone to provide actual proof that the Board of Education Police Department is actually a legitimate law enforcement agency. I have copied several of our local media on this as well hoping that perhaps they can assist in getting some answers.

I started asking questions when the news article came out regarding the equipment that was received via a grant several months ago that was awarded to the Habersham County Sheriff's Office but was being used by Murray Kogod. It bothers me because he is supposed to be a role model in our community and for our children yet there was no discipline for his actions. I then found other things that made me question what was going on. I did meet with Mr. Franklin regarding some of those issues and he wanted proof and I actually did find proof that the BOE PD was not doing training with all the law enforcement partners in the community and I provided that to him. I also met with Mr. Leeman and Mr. Kogod but came away with more questions.

I have asked for proof that the BOE PD was legit and for a copy of the charter that was provided to POST to recognize the BOE PD as a law enforcement agency. POST stated it was given to them and the BOE PD was recognized on November 20, 2017. What is also interesting is why would this charter been done and provided to POST in 2017 when everything was being handled by the Sheriff's Office. BOE has no such records. So, I reached out to the BOC to see if they had any records and the answer was no. I reached out to the Sheriff's Office, and they were not aware of any records. I reached out the Habersham County Historical Society, and they have no such records. So, I reached out to POST again and they now say that they do not have a copy of it either. So, what exactly is going on? This paperwork has a permanent retention schedule for not only the historical value of it but for legality. It is not something that simply should have been shredded, if it has been there where is the destruction log?

IF the BOE PD is truly a legitimate police department then why are the SROs not hired under them instead of the agreements with the Sheriff's Office, Demorest PD and Baldwin PD? Why are the two employees that are currently under the PD having to be deputized? Why are they not using their own ORI to manage this latest issue with the school bus tickets? Why do they not have a TAC for their ORI? Why is the GBI not auditing their ORI? Why is Mr. Kogod presenting himself as the Chief? Why is he driving a patrol vehicle? Do they have policy and procedures for investigations, chain of evidence, and these are just to name a few as to what a real PD would have.

I provided proof on some of the issues I had seen and now As s taxpayer and as a parent, I am asking you, as our elected officials to provide proof that it is truly a legitimate law enforcement agency. If there is no proof then some changes need to made immediately before our county gets into more issues that could cost us a tax payers.

I am more than happy to talk to any of you. I am in training this week but available for a phone call after 5. My cell is [REDACTED]

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