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# **Integrity Bulletin**

# Boy Says 'Thank You' to Cops with Over 65,000 Doughnuts

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A Florida fifth grader named, Tyler Carach may only be 11 years old, but he's been showing his gratitude to police officers all over the country in one super sweet way. The young, kind-hearted human being has brought more than 65,000 doughnuts to officers in more than 30 states. It is his mission to thank every police officer with frosting and sprinkles.

The whole thing began in August '16 when Tyler and his mom, a former police officer, saw four deputies at a doughnut shop. Tyler asked his mom if he could use his allowance money to buy them doughnuts, and the officers were thrilled.

When Tyler asked his mom why the officers were so excited for the doughnuts, his mom told him it's not about the doughnuts, but the fact they took the time to say thank you. The cops' excitement and smiles gave the mother-son duo an idea for the now nationwide campaign.

Tyler dons the moniker "Donut Boy," along with a deliciously colorful cape. His slogan ... "I donut need a reason to thank a cop."

The latest stop was a precinct in Chicago with doughnuts in hand, when the men and women in uniform decided to give Tyler a taste of his own medicine, presenting him with a cake for his 11th birthday.



Tyler and his mom have been using school holidays and summer vacation over the last couple years to hit the road and spread the love in baked goodness form, and their efforts are funded in large part by donations.



# OPR Manager's

# Note

The POST Integrity Bulletin looks at the selfimposed circumstances in which our POST certified professionals find themselves.

What causes, otherwise reasoned, rational and professional law enforcement officers, to do the stupid things they sometimes do?

Our continuing efforts to study acts of misconduct and find a solution, have met with less than positive results.

We hope the information herein will bring attention on our profession's ability to deter official misconduct, improve the public perception of Idaho's law enforcement officers, and promote responsible, ethical discourse within your agency or department.

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS



# **INSIDE STORY**

The following incidents (we say "incidents" instead of "stories" because if they were not real, you may think they are just that, "stories") are provided for your benefit and "enlightenment". You've heard the saying, "You can't make this stuff up." Well, we either say, or hear it said, on a daily basis.

These incidents were NOT ultimately entertaining for the officer experiencing the consequences that followed, but by sharing them with you, we hope to let you learn from the mistakes of others. If you can not do that, then maybe someday, you too will be prominently featured here in the Integrity Bulletin...Don't worry we will keep the names and agencies out of the story to protect (if possible) what's left of your reputation.

# "I was embarrassed by the entire situation and I did not do anything to correct it."

## **OMISSION LEGAL STUFFS**

### **IDAPA**

11.11.01.057.07...Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and regulations of my department.

### IDAPA 11.11.01.110.02

- b. A violation of the Council's Code of Ethics:
- c. Criminal conduct whether charged or not;
- f. Lying or falsifying official written or verbal communications;

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# **OMISSION**

The Police Department received information from the San Fernando Police Department (SFPD) that their former officer, Jerry Blankenship, was applying as a police officer with SFPD. During his polygraph examination, Blankenship admitted to four or five domestic violence battery incidents with his girlfriend that occurred while he was with the PD. On one occasion, Blankenship got caught having an affair after giving his girlfriend a sexually transmitted disease. So, he got very drunk one night and shoved her down the stairs while she was attempting to keep him from leaving and driving. Blankenship and his girlfriend lied to the police investigating the matter and he was not charged.

Additionally, during the polygraph examination, Blankenship admitted while a youth living in East Los Angeles, he was driving a car when his friend shot a firearm from his vehicle striking another person and was present when another friend got out of the car and stabbed another individual in the neck. Blankenship was sure to emphasize he was not in a gang although he did admit he associated with gang members.

And on top of all that, Blankenship answered, "yes" to the personal history question, "Have you ever applied for another position in law enforcement and/or tested with Public Safety Testing?" and claimed he declined a position with Canyon County Sheriff's Office due to getting hired with the Ada County Sheriff's Office. BUT he failed to disclose he had tested with the LA Police Department and was disqualified for failing to disclose information to them in their background and he failed to disclose he had tested with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, only to withdraw from the process after feeling he failed their polygraph examination.

## GENERALLY JUST A PERVERT

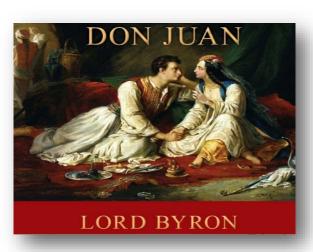
"He goes to church every Sunday, and said that his order of priorities in life are: outdoors, horses, hunting but his life centers around his family; 'God, family, my enjoyments and fourth would be dedication to my county."

Bonnie went to the police department to have her fingerprints taken for employment as an elementary teacher in Smalltown, Idaho. Unfortunately for Bonnie, Chief Byron was available to help her with the prints. While filling out the card, Byron made several

inappropriate comments to Bonnie leaving her feeling uncomfortable. When he asked what year she was born, she responded, 1969. He responded, "Oh that's a great year." The perverted tone of his response forecasted the sexual innuendoes and actions to come. While asking about her marital, and then dating status, Byron noted her chest saying, "with a chest like that you could raise the dead. I know I would come back to life." He then had her straddle his leg and stand so close to him that her breasts were touching his chest as he took her prints.

"got to be honest and say some of your pictures are just sexy as hell ... There I said it and I feel a little better. How is your mom and sister?" -text from Byron

One of Byron's department volunteers, and former DARE students, Marian, alleged that on two occasions he attempted to touch her breasts, once in his patrol car and once in his office. She was so upset that she tried to get out of the car and walk home. Byron told Marian she "would look good bent over a desk." Byron often referred to Marian's mother as "sexy" and called her breasts, "the twins".



Byron commented on a Facebook posting of another local elementary teacher who had been asking for advice about what type of stain she should use on a wood patio deck. He suggested she could "stain my deck." During his interview about this comment, he noted, "I'm guessing I was referring to my [penis]."



# Pervert

**LEGAL STUFFS** 

IDAPA 11.11.01.057:

Para II & IV ...and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. ...obeying the law...recognize the badge...as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust...

## 11.11.01.110.02:

e. Harassment or Intimidation



# **Cultivating Informants**

# **CULTIVATING:**

### **LEGAL STUFFS**

IDAPA 11.11.01.057.07

I will keep my <u>private life</u> unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or my agency.

### IDAPA 11.11.01.110.02:

- b. A violation of the Council's Code of Ethics:
- g. Inappropriate sexual conduct while on duty;
- e. An inappropriate relationship, sexual or otherwise, with a person who the officer knows or should have known is a victim, witness, defendant, or informant...

Those are just seemingly sophisticated words used to justify your inappropriate relationship with a convicted felon.

It happens every time an officer is caught messing around with a felon on parole or probation. They try to justify their actions with, "I was doing it for the good of the agency." The below noted story is a perfect example of how not to "cultivate" an informant.

So, remember Chief Byron from page 3? Elementary teachers and former DARE students were not the only objects of his affections. Even though he claimed to be impotent and not wanting a physical relationship, his texts with a former DARE student and now wanted felon seemed to suggest otherwise.

Hot Parolee: "Lol I just love waking up to a b\*\*\*\* on my a\*\*"

Byron: "I will be right over Lol"

Hot Parolee: "Arrest me?"

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Byron: "How about a naughty pic to get me started...for sure... F\*\*\* I need to get my hands on some nice t\*\*s"

Hot Parolee: "No, I'm turning myself in next Monday I promise."

Byron: "Do you have a warrant? I'm not being a cop...I'm just wanting to be naughty."

Hot Parolee: "Grandma out of town won't be home till Wednesday that's why I haven't turned myself in no one to watch [the children] I'm scared I'm going to go to prison!"

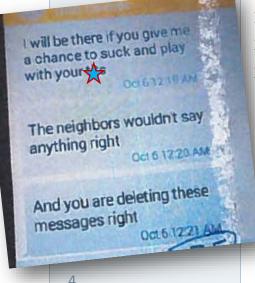
Byron: "For?"

Hot Parolee: "I'd be happy to ride your horse if you need."

Byron: "Tell your sister you need to ask the cop a couple questions and she could watch them."

Hot Parolee: "possession of methamphetamines... failed [an UA], went to jail got out and failed again that's why I'm wanted! My sister will flip she'll think I'm going to jail!..."

Byron: "...I swear all I want to do is play with your f\*\*\*\*\*\*
t\*\*s And I do give really good advice on criminal system... I
took a big chance here open myself up and was honest with
you"







# PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING

# REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (ONLY)

On 12Dec, JMB, Correction Officer, Idaho Department of Correction (IDOC), was terminated for smuggling contraband into the IDOC facilities. The criminal investigation determined JMB was paid by an inmate, via his girlfriend, to bring a cellphone and chewing tobacco into the facility. On 11Apr, JMB was indicted on multiple Federal conspiracy, extortion, and interstate commerce counts, together with two other individuals, an inmate, CMM and his girlfriend, TC. On 22Aug, JMB pleaded guilty to one count of Conspiracy to Commit Hobbs Act Extortion Under Color of Official Right and was sentenced on 07Mar to 15 months in federal prison, plus fines, penalties, forfeitures and supervised probation.

No Office of Professional Responsibility investigation was conducted due to JMB's felony conviction. As per IDAPA regulation, a felony conviction is grounds for immediate revocation of Idaho Law Enforcement Certifications.

## IN THE NEWS

# California police officer masturbated inside family home during response call, DA says By Louis Casiano | Fox News

A Northern California <u>police officer</u> has been placed on leave over an allegation that he masturbated inside a family's home where he was dispatched for a disturbance as his department grapples with a series of recent controversies involving its personnel.



San Jose Officer Matthew Dominguez, 32, was arrested Thursday on suspicion of misdemeanor indecent exposure for an incident that allegedly occurred on April 21. "The charged behavior is beyond disturbing," Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen said. "Law enforcement officers respond to our homes to help crime victims, not terrorize, traumatize, and create new victims."

Dominguez, a four-year veteran of the force, responded with two other officers to a home for a call about a person with mental illness being violent toward family members. After beginning an investigation, Dominguez sent the other two officers to locate the person.

He then touched himself in front of two female family members and exposed himself to the mother, authorities said. The victims fled and reported the incident to two male relatives nearby. One also witnessed Dominguez allegedly exposing himself in the dining area of the home.



Detention Officer DeGenerat was asked if he ever had sexual contact with anyone while on duty. He hung his head and said, "Oldham". DeGenerat said the last week he worked in the "Control", Deputy Oldham made an off-colored comment which led to him asking if she had ever cheated on her husband. She confessed that she had. DeGenerat then asked if she was a risk taker and if she wanted to take a risk at work. You see, DeGenerat had a long-time fantasy to have sex "in public" or at work. And now, it seemed Oldham was willing to participate in his dream. Oldham expressed her concern about getting caught and DeGenerat told her there were places without cameras.

DeGenerat and Oldham went into the attorney visitation room where they kissed and groped each other's personals for about a minute. Oldham attempted to kiss DeGenerat again in Control, but he stopped her in fear of being seen by the inmates.

Funny, as one would expect, this was not DeGenerat's first rodeo. Bunny Wingnut admitted she was a detention officer for about two months before she resigned. She left for two reasons: 1. She had a day care problem for her five children and 2. She did not feel comfortable working around DeGenerat. You see, Wingnut and

DeGenerat had an extramarital affair that started over two years prior but ended five months before she started working for the Sheriff's Office because DeGenerat asked if her 15year-old daughter would consider having sex with him.

Wait What?

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Wingnut had only been in

training a couple weeks when DeGenerat tried

to rekindle their lost relationship. DeGenerat was pressuring her into having sex at work (remember the fantasy). She asked, "Don't you think this is really stupid?" He replied, "Nobody will know, and it doesn't really matter."

# **CAMERAS**

**AVOID THE** 

# LEGAL STUFFS

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- e. Harassment or intimidation:
- g. Inappropriate sexual conduct while on duty;
- i. Unauthorized use or unlawful conversion of the employing agency's property, equipment, or funds.

# **AVOID THE CAMERAS**

# LEGAL STUFFS

# Confinement

Type: County Jail

Facility: Dale Haile Detention Center

Term: 365 Days

Discretionary: 180 Days

Effective Date: 07/27/2009

Determinate: 3 Years

Indeterminate: 12 Years

Penitentiary Suspended

Concurrent with case

Details: count II

Work Release





# Continuing the trend from page 6, Mr. DeGenerat demonstrates his persistence.

Julie and her husband, Bob were friends with DeGenerat at one time, Bob and DeGenerat worked closely with the local youth baseball association. And as usual, DeGenerat had been trying to pursue a sexual relationship with Julie for about two years. DeGenerat constantly called Julie from the jail asking her to come for a tour. He told her there were great hiding places where she could give him oral sex or he could just "bend her over" outside of the view of the cameras. DeGenerat referred to the cameras and the thrill of them being dangerous. After DeGenerat came under investigation, he texted Julie and complained that he was scared and worried that if any more information came out, "it would be over."

a few gears later

That the Defendant,

, on or about April of

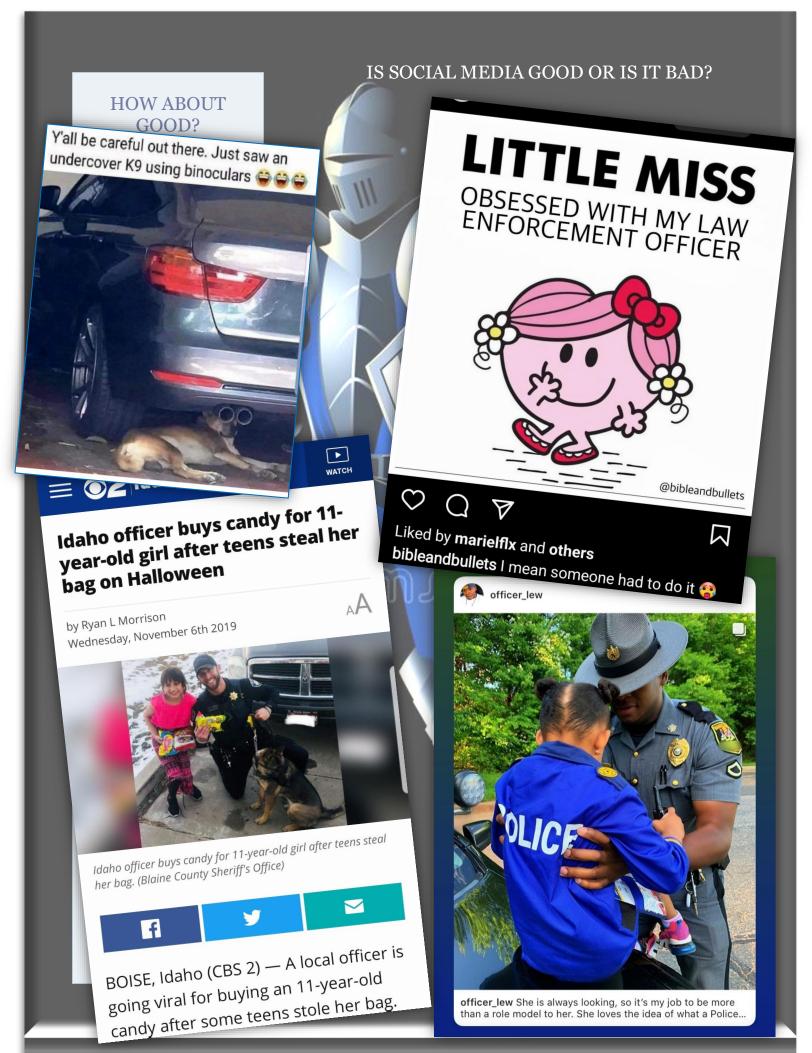


in the County of Canyon, State of Idaho, did wilfully and lewdly, commit a lewd and/or lascivious act upon and/or with the body of a minor N.G. (DOB 7/13/1992), of the age of sixteen or seventeen years, to-wit: of the age of sixteen (16) years old by having manual to genital contact with the intent to arouse, appeal to and/or gratify the lust, passion and/or sexual desire of the Defendant and/or said minor child where the Defendant was at least five (5) years older than N.G., to-wit forty (40) years old (DOB 1969).

All of which is contrary to Idaho Code, Section 18-1508A and against the power, peace and dignity of the State of Idaho.

In response to the causes of action detailed in the letter as alleged violations of the POST Council's Code of Ethics/Standards of Conduct, 11.11.01: #1 - #3 are related to the misdemeanor charge to which Mr. pled guilty and over which the council has discretion. During the investigation conducted by Idaho State Patrol, Ryan was still unrepresented and was very scared due to the whole circumstances surrounding the incident and the investigation. As noted in #4, Ryan was not truthful to the investigators initially. Cause of Action #5 details Ryan's compliance with the Code of Ethics/Standards of Conduct 063.04 when he admitted that he had lied to the ISP officers earlier and that he had been in Bar and Grill on the evening of April 18, 2012.

acknowledges and has already adknowledged a serious lapse in his judgment which led to the charges noted above and his resignation from his job as a deputy with the County Sheriff's Department. The process of the investigation and the subsequent proceedings have been a learning experience for Ryan personally and professionally. He realizes that as a peace officer, it is his job to uphold and comply with all laws and rules and that he will be held to a higher standard than a member of the general public as detailed in the Code.



# **OPR**

The Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) is an office within the Idaho Division of Peace Officer Standards and Training. OPR is staffed by OPR Manager, Dan Smith, a former NCIS Special Agent, and ten contract investigators located throughout the State of Idaho. All of the investigators are former federal, state or local law enforcement officers. POST investigators endeavor to complete thorough, competent investigations to ensure the entire story is presented during the reporting of allegations against peace officers and others we certify. It is a mainstay of POST's mission to maintain an ethical and lawful law enforcement profession for the people of Idaho.

# **BACK PAGE INFORMATION**

The Idaho Legislature formally established the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training Council (POST Council) for the purpose, among others, of setting requirements for employment, retention, and training of peace officers, including formulating standards of moral character, and other such matters as relate to the competence and reliability of peace officers. The POST Council also has the power to decertify peace officers upon findings that a peace officer is in violation of certain specified standards, including criminal offenses, or violation of any of the standards of conduct as established by the Council's Code of Ethics. Idaho Code also requires that when a peace officer resigns his employment or is terminated as a result of any disciplinary action, the employing law enforcement agency shall report the employment action to the POST Council within 15 days.

IDAPA 11, Title 11, Chapter 01



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