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Advisory

An Open Letter to the Citizens of Pettis County from Sheriff Kevin Bond Message Expired

An Open Letter to the Citizens of Pettis County:

I need your help. We are in the midst of dealing with a tragic event in the death of Hannah Fizer, and my prayers go out to her family and friends. But the onslaught of shock, commercial media coverage, social media outcry, and raw emotion is beginning to devolve into a dangerous situation for our community.

Last night, the criminal element among us ramped up its efforts to begin its own version of "Social Justice." One of my deputies, not involved whatsoever with the shooting or its investigation, has been singled out and targeted for harassment, stalking, and has been threatened with serious assault. His name and photograph is posted on social media, and calls for his child to be harmed are rampant. There are lies circulating about both him and Hannah with this. The truth does not matter to the instigators, and unsuspecting people are being sucked into the hatred. We are beginning to see people who are willing to resort to criminal behavior and taking advantage of this situation to turn it into social chaos.

It does not stop there. Deputies addresses are being circulated, there are calls for both me and the Chief of Police to resign or be thrown out of office, and last night I received an extortion email to release my name and home address on social media if I do not comply with unreasonable demands. Your Pettis County Prosecutor is also receiving pressure and threats from fringe elements to take actions based on people's feelings, not the truth. Careless activities have been occurring around the Pettis County Courthouse complex and in the downtown Sedalia area. Do you want this to continue and cause irrevocable harm to our community?

Are you willing to allow Pettis County to become the test project for some Social Justice experiment for Rural America? I certainly hope not. Our nation is facing difficult times, and we are facing a difficult issue right here in our hometown. But it is important to remember that we must have faith in the American Way, and not allow this type of Social In-Justice to establish a stronghold here.

I am the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of this County. You have vested in me the authority to "quell and suppress assaults and batteries, riots, routs, affrays, and insurrections..." I will carry this out to the best of my ability and continue to do what I believe is in the best interest of our community. I will not tolerate criminal behavior nor allow your properties to be damaged.

I need every person's help in doing this. I need you to think rationally and not just with emotion. We are all hurting and we need time to heal. I need you to stand with me and not tolerate unreasonable behavior. I need you to step up to support and defend the rule of law. And most of all, I need for us to communicate with each other and live together peaceably. We are the Land of the Free, and the Home of the Brave. Let's keep it that way.

My door has and remains open to every one of you. Please do not allow a small but aggressive element that has reared its ugly head to take that from you.

- Sheriff Kevin C. Bond

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I so agree. Hopefully people will come to their senses. Prayers for all of you
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Resign.
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Frannie McNeal Albers
No he has absolutely no reason too. He is finding his job.
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Alena Gertz Hoeffling
He has been an exemplary Sheriff. Absolutely no reason to resign.
People need to start obeying the laws.
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Finding his job? U mean he lost it? How bout he does his job. If hes so concerned about his deputies safety and protecting the innocent he should probably give us a name.
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
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
Frannie McNeal Albers
I stand behind you Kevin 100%. The ones doing this is idiots.
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Prayers
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Teresa Lynn
You have more support than you realize. Prosecute those that break the law, including stalkers and those that threaten children.
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Kyle Bowen
I agree. Lets start with the shooting of unarmed citizens.
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Amy Fizer
This is the third response I've written. YOU are elected. Remember that
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Matt White
So sorry for what has happened.
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Tammy Cramer
You and your staff have my support.I think you all are doing what you can in this traqedv.I think you should arrest all of those threatenina you and your staff and