



Texas Home School Coalition ASSOCIATION

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Michael Brown, Police Chief
Eules Police Department
1102 W. Eules Blvd. (Hwy. 10)
Eules, TX 76040

Dear Chief Brown,

Thank you for your response my letter concerning the S_____ family and the incident relating to their home schooled children that took place on May 9, 2013.

Our purpose in contacting you was to ensure an understanding of the legal status of home schooling families in Texas relating to truancy laws and Child Protective Services. As you acknowledged, home schooled students are not truant, nor does Child Protective Services have any jurisdiction over home schooling curriculum, nor does the city's daytime curfew allow for the actions of your officers.

Several members of the S_____ family clearly stated that the Eules police officers, including one named Officer Eckleston with whom they interacted, threatened action by CPS. When the father contacted your department directly after the threat, he was told by a female corporal that standard practice was to contact CPS if "things didn't seem right" although she refused to say what they meant in regard to the incident but did offer the "advice" "to clean up the apartment." Additionally, your officers demanded to examine their home school curriculum and quizzed the eldest son about how the home schooling is conducted. Based on these facts, we have very serious concerns regarding the actions of your officers.

We strongly suggest you review this matter with your officers to make sure they have a clear understanding of the legal standing of home schoolers in Texas in relation to both truancy and CPS, as well as the department's policies and procedures, in order to avoid any legal action against the city of Eules for this or similar future actions.

Sincerely,

Tim Lambert

cc: Mayor Mary Lib Saleh, Senator Kelly Hancock, Representative Jonathan Stickland, C_____ S_____