



Texas Home School Coalition ASSOCIATION

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Michael Brown, Police Chief
Euless Police Department
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Chief Brown:

I am in receipt of your letter dated June 10, 2013, responding to my letter of June 5, 2013, regarding your officer's contact with the S___ family on May 9, 2013. Your unwillingness to investigate this incident unless and until Mr. S___ contacts you directly, in spite of the fact that he already contacted your department and was given no information other than a recommendation to "clean up the apartment," undermines your assertion that "it is always best to hear both sides of a story before a judgment is made."

Officer Eckleston's threats against the family and your corporal's response to his phone call might give you a hint as to why Mr. S___e would ask assistance from our organization instead of calling you directly.

Let me reiterate that members of this family state that your officers took actions that by your own admission are not consistent with the standard practices of Euless PD in regard to enforcement of Euless' Daytime Curfew and CPS interventions.

Your responses that 1) "my officers wouldn't know to ask to see the curriculum; that's not part of our ordinance," 2) "that does not sound like something that is our standard practice," and 3) "if they were not contacted by CPS, then it's a pretty sure bet that Euless Police Department did not contact them" are defenses of your officers' actions without an actual acknowledgment of those actions. Whether or not these officers actually contacted CPS is irrelevant to the fact that they made such a threat and also violated the procedures of the department with regard to the Euless Daytime Curfew and CPS interventions.

Should the facts be, as you asserted, that "there had to be more to the interaction than you described," a simple investigation on your part would have determined those facts. A reasonable person would think that you would have responded with those facts instead of refusing to investigate the matter until Mr. S___ contacted you directly. This, of course, would lead one to believe that the facts are as Mr. S___ has related them.

In spite of your comments that this is a matter between the S___ family and Euless PD, it is a question of Euless police officers violating the policies and practices of the department. Rather

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than enforcing the curfew in the “interest of public safety,” they have used it to harass innocent citizens of Euless.

I will encourage Mr. S___ to contact you directly in writing to explain to you personally what he has already shared with us and we with you. Perhaps that will enable you to “look into the matter” and ensure that your officers do not continue to violate the policies and practices of Euless PD and harass innocent citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Lambert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tim Lambert

CC: Mr. C___ S___; Euless Mayor and City Council; State Senator Kelly Hancock; State Representative Jonathan Stickland; Texas home schoolers