

File a Formal Complaint - Carl Nielsen

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Mr. Shannon is currently employed as a Police Sergeant for the Centralia Police Department. He is also the campaign manager for his wife (Carla Shannon) who is running for Lewis County Clerk.

On June 1, 2017, the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run was held in Lewis County. During that event two (2) "Elect Carla Shannon Lewis County Clerk [R]" signs were placed on a City of Centralia Police Department vehicle and was driven by an officer in full Centralia Police Department uniform through the downtown area of Centralia. As Chief of Police, this was brought to my attention and I ordered an internal investigation to be conducted to determine who had placed the signs on the department vehicle (CPD Administrative Investigation #I-17-05).

Upon conclusion of that investigation, it was determined that Sergeant Shannon had placed the election signs on a City vehicle in violation of both City of Centralia and Centralia Police Department policies. Additionally, I believe it is also in violation of RCW 42.17A.555 which is why I am advising of this complaint.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be any further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Carl E. Nielsen
Chief of Police
Centralia Police Department