**<u>Iohnaturner</u>** replied (Fri, 25 May at 1:09 PM)

to:pdc@pdc.wa.gov,cc:johnaturner@live.com

Dear Micaiah Titus Ragins and PDC,

Thank for your contacting me. Upon reflection, I can understand the complainant's concern, however I assure you that I did not act with any malice or intent to violate any rules.

As to stationary, postage, machines, and equipment: no public stationary, postage, machine, or equipment was used in drafting my letter. The letter in question was drafted on my personal computer using a letterhead which I created on a personal word document and then saved in a personally owned PDF software format.

I understand that the letterhead I created uses the words "Office of the Sheriff," uses other factual information, and uses the badge which I personally designed. I understand how a member of the public may think that this letter was drafted at work on a public computer, however this was not the case.

As to working hours: this letter was drafted on my own time, not at work, and not at a public facility.

As to vehicles, office space, publications of the office or agency, and clientele lists of persons served by the office: this announcement letter in question was attached to a post on our Sheriff's Office Facebook page wherein the Office was saying good-bye and thanks to me for my two terms of service. This post was not done at my direction; it was done without my knowledge by someone other than myself. Once this complaint and issue was brought to my attention by the PDC, I immediately directed that the post and all related attachments and comments be removed. Later the same day, within an hour or so, I followed up and verified that the post and all related content had been immediately removed.

I apologize to the PDC and the public for any concern or confusion my letter apparently caused. Nothing like this has occurred previously during my tenure, and as stated above, any perceived or determined violation of the rules was certainly not my intent. I thank the PDC for bringing this to my attention and can assure the PDC and the public that nothing like this will occur in the future.

Sincerely,

John A. Turner johnaturner@live.com