

ADDENDUM MATERIAL

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Call To The Public

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District 2

Re: Sheriff Nano's Victim's Plea For Internal Investigation

I am speaking today on behalf of victims of sexual assault and as a concerned citizen of Pima County. As a survivor of sexual assault, I feel compelled to speak out on this matter as many victims are silenced and have no voice. You now have details regarding the incident that occurred last December when a Deputy was raped by her Sergeant at a party. A subsequent victim's plea for investigation nine months later has brought forth details, and it is up to you to determine the facts. In doing so you must ask some serious questions. Who made the call to send a Lt. and Chief to the scene? Was Nano's involved in that decision making process? Does that Chief have a personal relationship with the suspect? Why wasn't a sex crimes unit dispatched to the scene? Who paid for the deputy to have a rape kit done? Were any Sheriff's Command Staff placed on Admin Leave pending an investigation? Why was the Chief who arrived on scene promoted to Internal Affairs? Have you asked to see the department's policy and procedure manual regarding incidents of this nature? Have you investigated associations of the suspect? For instance, maybe his girlfriend who might work for the Pima County Attorney's Office.

A transparent chain of cronyism has led to an interdepartmental coverup.

The Deputy has been victimized numerous times by those in her department who took an oath to protect and serve! Sheriff Nanos's previous term as Sheriff was not without turmoil. He was investigated for misuse of Rico funds. This investigation led to one chief being criminally charged and another committing suicide. How can we trust the highest-ranking law enforcement official in Pima County to protect and serve the citizens when he can't even defend and serve one of his own? It is my sincere hope that this board will hold Sheriff Nanos Accountable for his actions or lack thereof.

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Honorable Chair and Board of Supervisors,

With disgust I read the article about the deputy who was allegedly raped by her superior. I say allegedly, because it has yet to be fully adjudicated. But I believe women. You know why? Because Me Too.

Thank you to the Board for placing this item on the agenda, for hearing women and holding powerful predators and those who enable them accountable.

Sheriff Nanos had my vote once before, and I am ashamed of that vote. His quotes in the Green Valley News this weekend has made me lose all confidence in his ability to oversee the Sheriff's Department.

His word salad of a quote included sentiments like "it was real simple" and "this is an easy one." Sir, there's nothing simple or easy about rape, and certainly not about holding officers accountable. Especially if allegations that officers waited 80 minutes to intervene while this woman was being assaulted were never investigated immediately.

He dips into a typical blame shift when he tells the newspaper that "the alleged victim...never expressed concerns about her other colleagues, nor did she request an investigation into their actions..." How disgusting to try and place this weight on a woman who is likely working through her own trauma. It isn't her responsibility to request an investigation, it is the elected Sheriff's sacred duty to maintain law and order, outside of his department as well as inside.

His last quote perfectly sums up his startling laissez-faire attitude concerning potential troubling behavior within his department. "These guys, I don't know where they're coming from but I've got bigger things to do than deal with those guys."

If it is indeed true that you're too busy to investigate the actions of those officers on that ugly night, then I recommend you personally submit to the Board's request for a AG investigation. You know, to save you the time so you can go do "bigger things."

Respectfully,

Leti Mendoza
 Corona de Tucson

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