

Sheriff Nelson,

It was brought to my attention recently that there may be some loose ends and conflicting information in the media regarding the La Mesa PD - Vander Kamp investigation. As a citizen of Deschutes County and business partner of the Povey's in Redmond, I have some concerns that I was hoping you could clarify.

First, has the Vander Kamp investigation regarding the allegations while working with La Mesa PD concluded? If so, is it true that Vander Kamp has been exonerated of any wrongdoing? In the current state of the media, it is hard to know what is really going on, so I am asking you these questions to gain some understanding, especially with what may be at stake in the current election cycle.

Next, why hasn't Deschutes County Sheriff's Office set the record straight on where it is at in the investigation? It seems that this would be a very significant statement to make since Vander Kamp is running for Sheriff. The apparent mask of confusion and lack of forthright communication is concerning for sure.

Lastly, if Vander Kamp is found to be party to wrongdoing, could this disqualify him from holding the office of Deschutes County Sheriff? It seems that an officer or person should not be allowed to control a large police force when their conduct is questionable or found to be lacking.

Voters of Deschutes County deserve the truth directly from the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office on this matter regarding the standing of its employees, especially when one of them is potentially going to be elected Sheriff.

While I would certainly appreciate a direct response on this situation, I think a public response would best serve the community. I would like to encourage you to clear this up in a public forum so that everyone can benefit from the explanation.

Thank you for your time,