

On 03/09/09 at approximately 1145 hours I received a call from Jim Bledsoe. Mr. Bledsoe told me he decided to respond to my inquiry himself rather than placing the burden on the assigned prosecutor, David Clay.

Mr. Bledsoe told me that after discussions between his office and Sgt. Bunch's attorney, Paul Mack, they have decided to drop the case. He told me that although what Sgt. Bunch did was a technical violation of the law and at times obviously unprofessional that he felt their job was to go after criminals and not law enforcement officers demonstrating a temporary lapse in judgment. Mr. Bledsoe explained that he believed there was a law violation but after talking to witnesses he felt Sgt. Bunch's explanation for his actions in regard to the complainant's home seemed feasible. He pointed out that there was no way for Sgt. Bunch to know what was going on in relation to the complainant's daughter. He also told me that they considered Sgt. Bunch's career in public service as one of the factors in their decision.

I asked Mr. Bledsoe if he felt that probable cause existed to arrest Sgt. Bunch for Obstructing and Resisting arrest. He told me that the SPD responded to a legitimate call. That they detained the appropriate person and Sgt. Bunch resisted the obstructing arrest. He did feel probable cause existed for the arrest. He went on to say that a little cooperation from Sgt. Bunch would have prevented this entire situation.

Mr. Bledsoe told me he was not certain what caused Sgt. Bunch to react the way he did during his contact with Police that day. He told me he was not certain if he was having personal problems at home, was feeling picked on or what. He told me that he did not want to "grind on the guy" for his use of bad judgment. He said the case was going to be dismissed without prejudice. He told me he wished Sgt. Bunch well.

Mr. Bledsoe told me that he called perhaps a little early because he did not want to delay the Sheriff getting this information. He did say he is not certain if this information has been relayed to Paul Mack or Sgt. Bunch. He told me I could call him if there were any further questions