

Republican Party of Dane County – Fake News? Fake Endorsement.

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In Dane County we have a sitting Sheriff who has previously:

- <u>Posed for pictures with a child sex offender who was actively being pursued</u> by law enforcement at the time.
- Reportedly called the Department of Corrections on behalf of the same child sex offender after it was made public.
- <u>Retaliated against an officer for raising concerns over an illegal search.</u>
- <u>Suspended his political opponent in an unprecedented move of political retaliation.</u>

That's just what we know. How many other situations might be intimidated into silence?

Now, Sheriff Barrett has been caught advertising a false endorsement by the Madison/Dane County Tavern League. He claims it was given to him via phone – nothing in writing. Barrett acknowledges a "misunderstanding" but then places the Dane County Tavern League in the position of publicly challenging the very same, local law enforcement agency they rely on.

Can a woman who is assaulted come forward to a Sheriff who poses for pictures with a wanted child sex offender? Can businesses trust the Sheriff will be there for them if they don't toe the line for him? What is the future for the Sheriff's office when experienced officers are blatantly retaliated against for daring to ask for accountability?

Reference

• Fake News? Fake Endorsement - <u>https://danedems.fail/2022/11/03/fake-news-fake-endorsement/</u>