

BEFORE THE WEBSTER COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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CURTIS W. RUBY,	)	CASE NO.
Appellant,	)	
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v.	)	
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WEBSTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE)	)	AFFIDAVIT OF
	)	R. DANA WILSON
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Defendants.	)	

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I, R. Dana Wilson, swear and affirm as follows:

1. I started in law enforcement with the Ft. Dodge Police Department 34 years ago. In April, 1981, I temporarily left law enforcement returning in June of 1986 as a correctional officer for Webster County and was hired in 1988 as a deputy sheriff with the Webster County Sheriff's Department. I was promoted to sergeant in July of 1994 and to lieutenant in July of 1998. I retired from my regular position as lieutenant in the Webster County Sheriff's Department on June 29, 2007. Since November 1, 2007, I work on a part time basis for the Webster County Sheriff's Department as a process server.

2. I first met Curt Ruby when we both worked for the Ft. Dodge Police Department and continued to know and work with him when he came to the Webster County Sheriff's Office.

3. While Curt Ruby worked with me, I never saw nor did I hear of him

behaving in any way other than that of a professional law enforcement officer. He had a good work ethic, his reports and other paperwork were timely, and his attendance was excellent. I never reprimanded him or disciplined him.

4. I supervised him directly from January until June of 2007. Over the years, we worked the same shift together, but I do not recall the exact dates.

5. I never observed him to fly off the handle. He is definitely not an insensitive person. In fact, I would describe him as having a very good "bedside manner." Curt Ruby is the biggest advocate and best friend the domestic violence community has in Ft. Dodge. He has also trained many in law enforcement and in the community and across the state in appropriate law enforcement techniques in handling such situations; in the needs of victims of domestic violence; and in the special problems presented by these victims and their children. He does an excellent job with people under very difficult circumstances. I have never known him to be rude or insubordinate.

6. I observed many incidences where Curt did things that were impressive to me because he did them for the betterment of the department generally. For example, Curt made up a pamphlet for all deputies several pages long. It contained useful information such as where infrequently used roads were located, where the divisions of the county were and how to get to them, where the cemeteries were and other matters of local knowledge that would be extremely useful to all the deputies in properly performing their jobs. His purpose was to make things easier for his colleagues and his actions were much appreciated.

7. He also made up a utility stick that among other things was used to direct traffic which had fluorescent tape on it to make it more efficient. He always did whatever

he could to make the job easier for others.

8. Curt lives in Badger and even when he was home, if there was a rescue call, he would come out and go on duty without claiming overtime.

9. He was devoted to his job and to his community. I believe he had the best interests of the department at heart in all his actions.

10. I am aware of a citizen named Tony Thompson. I was also aware of a very serious assault and battery on law enforcement officers by Mr. Thompson. One of the officers assaulted by Mr. Thompson was Curt Ruby. Adrenalin is activated in that kind of situation. It would not be at all unusual during a fight for a law enforcement officer to use swear words in connection with such an incident and to take awhile to calm down afterwards. It is also standard practice to turn over such a subject as quickly as possible in the hopes that the subject will calm down after the incident. It is my understanding that that is exactly what Mr. Ruby did. Though I would not be surprised or concerned to learn that obscenities or profanities were used in connection with such an incident, I myself never heard Curt use any obscenity or vulgarity in the performance of his duties.

11. While serving in his capacity as deputy for Webster County, I never knew him to say anything adverse about Brian Mickelson. I am aware, as most people are, that Curt Ruby is planning to run for the office of Sheriff in the next election.

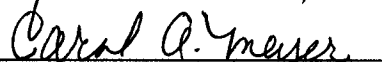
12. It is my opinion as an experienced law enforcement officer that Curt Ruby was a credit to law enforcement and to his community.

I hereby swear and affirm that the above and foregoing are matters within my personal knowledge and that they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
R. Dana Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of February, 2008.



  
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