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To whom it may concern:

My name is Ben Wiley, and I am a sworn law enforcement officer in the State of Oregon and have been so since 2011. I am currently employed as a Deputy Sheriff with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office. I am also the president of the Clackamas County Peace Officers Association (CCPOA), a labor union. The CCPOA represents over 500 members across various agencies.

I write today with concerns over honesty in sworn testimony by a fellow sworn law enforcement officer, Clackamas County Sheriff Angela Brandenburg.

On 8/28/2025, the CCPOA was engaged in a labor arbitration hearing regarding a disciplinary case. Sheriff Brandenburg was a witness in the case and testified under oath. During Sheriff Brandenburg's testimony, she was presented with an anonymous letter to DPSST dated in 2020 (attached).

Within the anonymous letter, the author reported Sheriff Brandenburg is noted, among other things, to have grabbed the testicles of another co-worker, licked her own nipple in front of SWAT team members about 25-30 years ago, and engaged in an affair with a co-worker during her tenure at the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office. During her sworn testimony, Sheriff Brandenburg denied the above listed allegations. Sheriff Brandenburg was given the opportunity to correct her testimony but did not.

On 8/29/2025, the CCPOA called several witnesses to demonstrate Sheriff Brandenburg was, in fact, was dishonest during her earlier testimony.

1. Randy Crebs Sworn Testimony: Randy Crebs is a former Clackamas County Sheriff's Office Deputy who retired in 2011 from the CCSO. Mr. Crebs testified that Sheriff Brandenburg grabbed his testicles, while at work, prior to his retirement. During this time, Sheriff Brandenburg was a supervisor.

2. Lynn Schoenfeld Sworn Testimony: Lynn Schoenfeld is a former Clackamas County Sheriff's Office Sergeant who retired in 2020 from the CCSO. Mr. Schoenfeld testified that he was present at the SWAT training where Sheriff Brandenburg licked her own nipple. Mr. Schoenfeld was present and in the same area when he saw the situation with Sheriff Brandenburg and other SWAT members leading up to her licking her own nipple. Mr. Schoenfeld left the area as he did not want to witness the behavior. Mr. Schoenfeld was later told by another SWAT member that he witnessed Sheriff Brandenburg actually lick her own nipple. This incident occurred around 1997-1998.

Later in the day on 8/29/2025, I had a phone conversation with PJ Shipman, AKA Phil Blanchard. Shipman was married to Sheriff Brandenburg in the past. Shipman confirmed for me that Sheriff Brandenburg had an affair with a SWAT team member, Brett Thaxton (sp?), while she was married to him. In fact, the affair was the catalyst for their divorce.

In sum, as of 8/29/25, I witnessed and became aware of testimony and statements that directly contradicted Sheriff Brandenburg's sworn testimony on 8/28/25.

Thus, the purpose of this letter is to report misconduct in the form of dishonesty by Sheriff Brandenburg, under my obligation as a sworn law enforcement officer per Oregon Revised Statute 181A.681, Section 3(a):

"A police officer or reserve officer who witnesses another police officer or reserve officer engaging in misconduct or a violation of the minimum standards for physical, emotional, intellectual and moral fitness for public safety personnel established under ORS 181A.410 (Minimum standards and training for certification) shall report the misconduct or violation as soon as practicable, but no later than 72 hours after witnessing the misconduct or violation, to:

(A) A direct supervisor of the reporting officer;

(B) A person in the reporting officer's chain of command; or

(C) The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

If I do not report such misconduct, I could be subject to discipline or decertification under ORS 181A.681, Section 4:

"*Failure to intervene or report as required by subsections (2) and (3) of this section is grounds for disciplinary action against a police officer or reserve officer by the law enforcement unit employing the officer or for the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to suspend or revoke the officer's certification as provided in ORS 181A.630 (Procedure for denial, suspension or revocation of application or certification), 181A.640 (Grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of application or certification of person or accreditation of program) and 181A.650 (Judicial review of department's final order).*"

I wish to report this misconduct in recognition of protections under 181A.681, Section 5:

"An employer may not discharge, demote, suspend or in any manner discriminate or retaliate against a police officer or reserve officer with regard to promotion, compensation or other terms, conditions or privileges of employment for the reason that the officer intervened or reported as required by subsections (2) and (3) of this section. Violation of this subsection is an unlawful employment practice as provided in ORS 659A.199 (Prohibited conduct by employer)"

Thank you,



Ben Wiley