

RON MCNESBY FACT SHEET

MCNESBY EDUCATION

Any completed formal education? *Pensacola News Journal* states his education as “Pensacola Tech High School, 1963”. (PNJ candidate bio 7-4-04) All other candidate bios state if they graduated. *The Sheriff’s Star*, published by the FL Sheriff’s Assoc, Jan/Feb 07, states “Education Pensacola Junior College; Troy State University”. Please note there is no graduation. Magazine notes completion & graduation for other sheriffs.

MCNESBY ARRESTS & INDICTMENT

- Deputy McNesby arrest warrant dated Feb 21, 1968 states 1) giving false information in written accident report and, 2) accessory after the fact to leaving scene of accident involving injuries.
- Deputy McNesby indicted by grand jury for *falsification of an accident report* and as an *accessory after the fact of a felony* (PNJ-Feb 22, 1968)
- Cited and arrested in 1981 for **illegally hunting deer** in Escambia County, FL (Clk of Circuit Court)
- State of Wisconsin vs. Harry Ronald McNesby, 2004 (Richland Co Court Records)

Original charges: **Hunting deer during closed season; Fail/Obtain Deer Hunting License; Place Bait w/non degradable materials;** Disposition: **Guilty** due to no-contest plea on all charges. (*same WI charges levied against County Administrator Tourart and Commissioner Whitehead*)

MCNESBY GRAND JURY INVESTIGATIONS:

1. Helicopter Acquisition, July 29, 2004 (Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit)
2. Disposition of Sheriffs’ Office Property (trailers), (Circuit Court, Winter Term, 2004)
3. Allegations Against Various Public Officials. McNesby accused of *misusing his public position* by directly contacting another party to elicit information about the County Administrator [Touart]. Findings: Although cleared, “This direct contact, by the sheriff himself, could easily have been perceived as *intimidating*...the sheriff gave the impression that the county administrator was getting *preferential treatment*...” “We do not approve of...public employee attempting to *use his position*...and should strive **to avoid even the appearance of impropriety** in all their actions.” (Circuit Court, June 11, 2004)

Partial LIST OF USE OF FORCE incidents Feb 04 to Apr 07 (PNJ 4/12/07)

- Feb 3, 2004: Deputy Dix used Taser against Ms Bledsoe. **Cost to taxpayers:** \$250,000 (Dix had a previous Tasing incident costing taxpayers \$150,000) A total of **\$400,000 paid** out because Dix was not disciplined or fired after first incident.
- Mar 2005: Dep Sullivan alleged to have stomped Mr. Tabor in head during arrest. Three other excessive force instances by Sullivan. (Internal Affairs report supports this). **No action taken.**
- Aug 2005: Mr. Boggan dies while confined to a restraint chair in ESC Jail. Mr. Boggan had been shot with Taser a few days earlier. **Death determined to be a homicide.**
- Dec 9, 2005: Two deputies fired for excessive force. Sheriff didn’t follow dept policy resulting in **deputies being later reinstated.**
- June 13, 2006: Inmate Preyer dies after being shocked with Taser. Death resulted from “excited delirium.” **Death determined to be a homicide.**
- June 19, 2006. Mr. Fountain lost his left eye as a result of use of Taser.
- July 5, 2006. ESCO reaches **settlement of \$62,500** with a man who was tased.

LACK OF LEADERSHIP EXAMPLES

55 percent of ESCO personnel are administrative.

McNesby fired two deputies for alleged use of force. Both are reinstated after found not guilty (PNJ 4-12-07 and 10-5-07). McNesby failed to offer these officers due process (like he got in his Wisconsin case). Good management dictates that the officers would have been relieved of duty and investigated by ESCO. If this was done, the case would have been closed and saved taxpayers the cost of a state prosecution.

Contrast the above examples with the cases of Deputy Dix and Sullivan. In the Dix case, the sheriff's office *did not* even open an Internal Affairs investigation, when the evidence was clear that this officer had assaulted an innocent citizen. Deputy Dix was allowed to resign from the sheriff's office. It was only after the victim (Ms Martha Bledsoe) secured the services of a private attorney and sued the sheriff's office and Deputy Dix, was justice served. With Deputy Sullivan, an Internal Affairs investigation *was* completed, at the request of the sheriff. However, even after the evidence indicated at least 3 and possibly 4 felonies had been committed, by Deputy Sullivan the sheriff *did not refer* this case to the State Attorney for prosecution.

Allowed Brownsville neighborhood to deteriorate and remain a crime and drug infested neighborhood. Then, in an election year, he attempted to clean up Brownsville. (This was done two months after Candidate Morgan put out a TV show depicting the problems with Brownsville. Credit to the "Operation Brownsville" given to David by residents & a county commissioner's wife) "*McNesby and law-abiding Brownsville residents can thank 2008 sheriff candidate David Morgan for suggesting the latest cleanup.*" (IN Weekly). Note that he made same promises in '04 election year.

OUT OF CONTROL BUDGET

The population in Escambia County has not increased since 2001, McNesby's first year. McNesby stated during the last election that the crime rate went down 30 percent. Yet, he has increased the ESCO budget from \$53M to \$86M for 2008 (this does not include the \$47.3M he got in July 07 from the Local Option Sales Tax.)

Why is this budget out of control? The ESCO has

- 4 helicopters (3 operation and 1 for parts)
- command trailers *and* emergency operations center
- executive salaries out of control as evidenced by the following (IN Weekly, 9-9-07):
 - Chief Deputy salary in 2001--\$91,560; in 2007--\$127,515 – **39 % increase**
 - Dir of Homeland Security salary in 2001-\$35,960; in 2007--\$75,000 – **109% increase**
 - Chief Financial Officer salary in 2001-\$82,000; in 2007-\$108,033 – **32% increase**
 - HR Manager salary in 2001-\$40,000; in 2007-\$65,266 – **63% increase**
 - Garage Flt Maintenance Supervisor salary; 2001-\$45,631; 2007-\$61,190 – **34% incr**
 - And a newly created **Public Information Manager position** at **\$45,000**. Traditionally, this position was an additional duty handled by a sergeant or lieutenant. But rather than hiring another needed deputy to protect this county, *the sheriff chose to create another new position.*
- **Sheriff's deputy (patrol)** salary today - \$30,500 (average)
- Detention Deputy Trainee at \$11.79/hour vs. Administrative Assistant at \$12.23/hour

I reaffirm my pledge to not attack anyone personally, just bring the facts to the citizens. Please contact the David Morgan Campaign @ 969-0681 for additional information.

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