



The Village of Delta

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Dear Resident,

As you may already know, Robert Austin is no longer the Chief of Police of our village. This is in the news and **I want to share what we know.**

Until just this past week, village leaders had confidence in the job Mr. Austin was doing. During his short time as chief, he'd already taken steps to upgrade police equipment and modernize our department.

Then, a TV reporter reached out to me with information about Mr. Austin, backed up by public records. These records indicate that, in 2014, he was allegedly married to two women at the same time. Also, he may have misrepresented information relating to this on official benefit forms with his previous employer. **These allegations don't involve anything that happened while he worked for Delta.**

We expect everyone who works here to follow the law and that expectation is even higher for a police chief. After we started investigating this information, we approached Mr. Austin and asked him for an explanation. Following that discussion, he resigned his position.

We then immediately reported the allegations and shared the records with both the Lucas County Prosecuting Attorney and the Ohio Auditor of State. We will fully cooperate with any investigations into his actions.

We're working to identify a new person to lead our police department. In the meantime, Sergeant Drew Walker will serve as Acting Police Chief. **The patrol duties and police protection that keeps you safe has not changed in any way.**

Thanks for your support of the Village of Delta.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen Naiber".

Allen Naiber
Mayor, Village of Delta