

To All,

The recent events of last week, concerning the arrest of my son, has cause the good people of this agency to suffer.

It was never my intent to cause this. I should of realized that my request for a bond on my son would have caused the uproar that has taken place. I allowed a personal/family issue to interfere in my judgment and my actions cause consternation among the staff and the public. I apologize to you for my actions.

The Sheriff and I have discussed this at length. No one person is bigger than the whole and I accept my punishment. I hope over the coming months that I will regain the confidence of the people here and I will work everyday to regain that trust.

Effective this date, I will be serving a one week suspension without pay, a reduction in rank and a salary reduction. I have been reassigned to be over all support divisions (administration, finance, 911/EM, training and IT) with the rank of major.

I ask those division captains on the operations side of the house, to keep in mind that when issues come up in your division (patrol, special ops and CID), you will have to submit them to the sheriff, for resolution. I would encourage you to address as many of them as possible, but keep the sheriff informed.

To the men and women of this agency, I again apologize.

Sincerely

W.N. Bill Chapman

Major
Walton County Sheriff's Office