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MEMORANDUM: Deputy Ryan Reed #610

Dear Sheriff L. Tatum,

I am writing this memorandum in regard to Deputy Ryan Reed. Over the course of the month of March 2026, the Sheriff's Office, particularly Patrol Shift "B" nights were met with two (2) critical incidents. I happened to be the Lead Investigator on both incidents and observed a familiar theme to one (1) Deputy's "Ryan Reed" actions.

On March 1, 2026, a call for service regarding was responded to by "B" nights, in which a subject shot and murdered his stepfather. The subject fled to the neighboring Dollar General, still armed with a firearm and carrying his daughter. Deputy Reed along with others made the scene at the Dollar General to take the subject into custody. While reviewing body camera and in car video of this incident, I observed Deputy Reed to be assertive in his language and actions. Deputy Reed appeared to be prepared and trusting of his training to achieve the principle of taking the subject into custody, regardless of what tactics he would have to deploy to achieve it. Once the subject was taken into custody, by applying handcuffs, Deputy Reed's demeanor and language digressed. I observed Deputy Reed to show professionalism in his actions on this date.

Later on, March 29, 2026, "B" nights were tasked with yet another critical incident. This incident truly began in Rockwall earlier in the day, and later in Greenville, in which the subject fled in a vehicle suspected to be DWI with two (2) child passengers. The supervisor staff for "B" nights were able to locate the subject, and attempted to make contact with the subject at the 7 Star gas station at the 122-mile marker eastbound. The subject rammed one patrol unit, and a pursuit ensued. The supervisor staff of the shift, proceeded to pursue the subject westbound on the south service road, which led to both the Sergeant and Corporal's units being disabled in the process of make evasive maneuvers to avoid anymore destruction or injury to the public or the child passengers in the vehicle. The subject fled back



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eastbound to the 7 Star gas station, where he exited the vehicle and surrendered. Once again, in reviewing body camera and in car video of the incident. I found Deputy Reed again prepared and trusting his training. I found Deputy Reed to be very assertive, in his language and actions, but once the subject was in custody, he again digressed in his demeanor and language.

In closing, I am making a Recommendation of Commendation for Deputy Ryan Reed for the act of Leadership and Professionalism. I have the opportunity to view many videos and reports. I found Deputy Reed's actions of being able to flip the switch very professional and showing signs of leadership. Both incidents were critical, but of different natures. One case an armed subject who has already shot one person, and the other case a subject who with complete disregard to life including, Law Enforcement and his own children. Deputy Reed was never observed losing his cool and in total control of the "Peaks and Valleys" we all operate in every day.

Thank you for your consideration,

Investigator Chris Baumann #508