

# Citizen Report No. 1668109727 - 1744374630

Individual

[Handke, Tommy "Gus"](#)

Date of Offense

Wed, 11/09/2022 - 12:00

Brady Offense(s)

[Deprivation of Rights](#)

[Cooperative Misconduct](#)

Employer

[Carter County Sheriff's Office](#)

Statement

CLEET Number : 0082427

License Type : Fulltime Peace Officer

License Status : Active

License Effective Date : 01/21/1999

License Expiry Date : N/A

On or about November 9, 2022, an Ardmore Defense Attorney, Jason D. May, disclosed to the public that he had received information that a recording device/camera was installed in the light fixture within the Attorney/Client conference room in the Carter County Jail. The attorney discovered the information to be true upon personally investigating the allegation received from an unnamed Sheriff Office employee and then inspecting the room and discovering the device.

Tommy "Gus" Handke is married to [Carter County Assistant District Attorney, Melissa Handke](#) (assistant to [DA Craig Ladd](#)) and was the Undersheriff to [Carter County Sheriff Chris Bryant](#) just prior to the discovery of the concealed camera. Handke made a recent career move that came with a significant reduction of pay, when he ceased being Bryant's "right hand man" and took the position of Chief of Police at [Healdton Police Department](#). His marriage to Melissa Handke provides an obvious venue for such a misconduct to occur, and shows him to be at a minimum cooperative in the conspiracy, as the only group who stood to benefit from such a device would be the district attorneys office responsible for prosecuting the defendants who utilized the room for legal counsel.

Supporting Document(s)

[News Article](#)

[Attorney FB Post 1](#)

[Attorney FB Post 2](#)

[DOJ Civil Rights Complaint Record #218562-JHC](#)

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