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## UPDATE: CARTER COUNTY SHERIFF ADMITS TO ILLEGAL BUGGING

Carter County Sheriff Chris Bryant issued a statement on November 9th, admitting that a recording device was installed in the attorney room at the jail. Bryant claims that the device has been installed in the room since 2002, and that it was placed there by former Carter County Sheriff Harvey Burkhart, who happens to be Bryant's ex father-in-law and is also deceased.

Bryant also admitted in his statement to tampering with a crime scene, saying that he removed the device and turned it over to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. This action is a direct violation of law enforcement protocols as that room should have been secured until proper authorities could fully examine the device.

There are several aspects of Bryant's statement that appear to be false. First, Bryant claims that he had no knowledge of the device until after my press release was issued on November 9th. However, this doesn't explain why the missing screw that exposed the camera lens was present at the time I notified the Attorney General's Office on November 3rd, but had been replaced to conceal the lens when I inspected the fixture again on November 8th. Bryant, or someone else with access to the attorney room, obviously replaced that screw in order to conceal the camera, but left the recording device in place until it was "discovered" by Bryant on November 9th.

Bryant's assertion that the device had been there for twenty years without his knowledge also seems strange since fluorescent tube bulbs like those used in the attorney room light fixture have an average life expectancy of 9-12 months. Are we supposed to believe that during the approximately 20-27 times that those bulbs would have been replaced in the last two decades no one noticed the obvious recording device attached to the fixture?

I also received a phone call yesterday afternoon from a woman claiming to be a former jail employee. This woman refused to give her name for fear of retaliation by Bryant, but she called from an unblocked local number. She stated that while working at the jail she discovered the recording device in the light fixture and notified Bryant directly and was told not to tell anyone else about her discovery. Although we have been assured that OSBI is conducting a thorough investigation, I have yet to be contacted by anyone from that agency. If contacted, I will be happy to provide that phone number so that they can locate and interview this witness.

I am still holding out hope that an honest and comprehensive investigation will be conducted to reveal the full extent of this conspiracy.



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I'm curious how this could impact all the unsuspecting accused and potentially convinced inmates. The illegal intrusive nature of this act may have tainted hundreds of convictions. Could there be a chance of dismissals occurring due to this atrocity? Wow, just wow.

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