

On March 30th, 2018 my squad was assigned to investigate the unattended death of Elijah Wooley. At the time of the incident, I was employed as a Lieutenant with the Wagoner County Sheriff's Office. As a Lieutenant (supervisor) my responsibilities once I arrived to the Wooley residence were to gather preliminary information from field deputies and witnesses, then disseminate that information to our investigations division.

After obtaining the required information, I spoke with Investigator Danny Elliott to provide the disposition and request a response to the location. During my conversation with Investigator Elliott it was asked if I observed anything out of place, unusual in the home, or obvious trauma to the child. I replied that nothing unusual had been noted. He (Elliott) made a comment to the effect of "Well kids don't just die, I'm going to a homicide scene. Someone in that house killed him."

It is my opinion, this type of demonstrated prejudgment and assumption of guilt creates increased likelihood for the misconstruing of facts regarding law enforcement investigations. I do believe the Wooley case specifically was nothing more than a "dog and pony show" to generate a desired political image. I personally find these types of actions to be reckless and disgusting acts.

Kyle Johnson



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Notary
Melissa Smith
Date 7/29/21

