

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

OCTOBER 23, 1991 TERM

Meeting in Adjourned Regular Session, (October 25, 1991).

REVISED REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY

We, the Grand Jury, upon our oath, report that we have reviewed the evidence in regard to certain allegations made against Cleveland City Police Chief Arnold Botts. We have heard sworn testimony from victims and other witnesses, and reviewed the independent investigation conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

After carefully considering the evidence on October 23, 1991, the Grand Jury prepared a report in which we made certain findings and recommendations. The District Attorney General was instructed to immediately send copies of the report and recommendations to the Cleveland City Police Commissioner, Mayor and Board of Commissioners. The Grand Jury files this report in lieu of the report prepared October 23, 1991.

The District Attorney General was instructed to report back to the Grand Jury on Friday, October 25, 1991 at 10:00 am. At that time, it was reported to the Grand Jury that Arnold Botts had resigned as Cleveland City Police Chief, and will not ever re-enter public law enforcement in any capacity, which the Grand Jury finds appropriate under the circumstances.

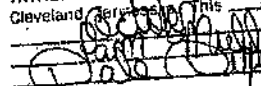
Further action by the Grand Jury would be extremely embarrassing and traumatic to the victims heard by the Grand Jury, their families and children. In view of this and the resignation of Arnold Botts as Police Chief, and a law enforcement officer, the Grand Jury will take no further action.

The Grand Jury recommends the District Attorney General forward a copy of this report to the P.O.S.T. Commission.

The Grand Jury recommends the Grand Jury subpoenas and tapes of the witnesses appearing before the Grand Jury be sealed pending Orders of the court.

This 25th day of October, 1991.

  
FOREMAN

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF BRADLEY  
I, Pam D. Mull, Clerk of the Circuit  
Court of said County do hereby certify that the  
foregoing is a true copy of the Grand Jury  
Report as same  
appears on file in my office  
WITNESS my hand and Official Seal of office in  
Cleveland, Tennessee, this 25th day of  
October, 1991  
  
Clerk  
Deputy Clerk

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October 24, 1991

POLICE DEPARTMENT & LIGHTS  
MITCHELL LYLE  
Commissioner

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
ARNOLD E. BOTTS  
Chief of Police

The Hon. Mitchell Lyle  
Commissioner of Police  
Cleveland, Tennessee 37311

Dear Commissioner Lyle:

It has been my pleasure to serve with the Cleveland Police Department for 19 years, the past 10 as Chief of Police. Through the dedicated efforts of the many fine employees of this Department, there have been many accomplishments during this period. I have always said that the Department's most valuable asset was, and still is, the dedicated and professional men and women who make up this Department, and I am deeply proud to have been associated with them.

In reviewing my career with the Department, I have come to the conclusion that certain past instances of poor judgment, on my part, have affected my ability to continue to effectively serve this Department and as a police officer.

Therefore, I hereby resign from my position as Chief of Police, and from the Police Department, effective upon your receipt of this letter.

In reaching my decision to resign, I have considered not only the interest of the Department, but the welfare of my family, which is the most important aspect of my life.

I have reached this decision through much thought and reflection, and of my own volition.

I am grateful for the cooperation given me and this Department, during the term of my service as Police Chief, by the Bradley County Sheriff's Department, the Office of the District Attorney, other state and federal agencies, and the City Commission.

I deeply appreciate the confidence you have placed in me and the support you have always given me, and I will assist in every way in insuring a smooth transition for my successor.

Sincerely,



Arnold Botts

Cleveland, Tennessee

October 24, 1991

The Hon. Jerry Estes  
District Attorney General  
Cleveland, Tennessee 37311

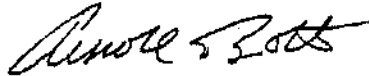
FOR HAND DELIVERY

Dear General Estes:

As you know, I have this date resigned as Chief of Police, and as a police officer from the Cleveland Police Department.

You are hereby assured that I do not intend to, and will not, at any time in the future, re-enter public law enforcement in any capacity.

Sincerely,



Arnold Botts