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**Deputy Dismissal**

According to Chief Deputy Leighta Laitinen, Officer Matt Casura's employment with the Washington County Sheriff's Office has been terminated effective immediately.

After additional review into the remark made by Officer Matt Casura on a Facebook post over the weekend, it was determined that stronger disciplinary action was warranted. Based upon his actions, Officer Casura's employment was terminated today.

"Officer Casura's comment goes against the values and standards of the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Officers must regard the discharge of their duties as a public trust and recognize their responsibilities as a public servant. Even while off-duty, officers must be mindful of their conduct in private life, how that conduct reflects on the Sheriff's Office and how it can damage the trust of the community," said Chief Deputy Laitinen.



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