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Staff at Chappy's Golden Shores face 76 criminal charges home-care facility without

Chappy's Golden Shores of Hill City former owner. Theresa Lee Olson, was arrested Tuesday and alone faces 25 charges, including one count of manslaughter for her conduct in the death of a resident.

Ten people associated with Chappy's Golden Shores of Hill City were criminally charged in Aitkin County District Court on Monday, Sept. 23. Charges included manslaughter, assault, neglect, racketeering, theft, operating an comprehensive a license, concealing the proceeds of these crimes, perjury, and obstructing the State's criminal investigation.

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The assisted-living facility had its license revoked early this year after an investigation by the Minnesota Department of Health found multiple violations of state regulations.

Authorities continued their examination of the assisted-living facility following allegations that a 58-year-old resident with dementia died from brain injuries after being severely beaten by caregivers at the facility.

Attorney General Keith Ellison's office filed 76 criminal counts against the former owner, managers and staff of the senior home, following a extensive investigation that included a review of more than one million pages of evidence.

Chappy's former owner,

Theresa Lee Olson, was arrested Tuesday and alone faces 25 charges, including one count of manslaughter for her conduct in the death of a resident.

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In addition to Olson, the defendants are Benjiman Howard Swanson (with whom Olson shares an infant child); Olson's sister, Lisa Michelle Anderson; Olson's daughter, Monika Lynn Olson; Alexcis Elizabeth Hines; Christina Michelle Meagher; Kristin Marie Davis; and Susan Joyce Ellis, all of Hill City; Olson's niece, Janiece Freelove Mattson-Olson and Georgia Louise Salomonson, both of Grand Rapids.

The defendants have all been charged in Aitkin County District Court. The charges contained in the complaints are accusations; the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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serves to live with dignity and respect. This does not exclude the sick and the vulnerable — it includes evervone. This means that every Minnesotan who needs care deserves care, not abuse," Attorney General Ellison said. "My office is holding these defendants accountable for what we believe we can prove is systematic, intolerable abuse and neglect that in one case led to death, not to mention widespread fraud, theft, and other charges that hurt everyone.

In early 2019, the Attorney General's Office opened a criminal investigation into Chappy's upon referral from the Aitkin County Attorney's Office and found the following:

• Olson and certain Chappy's employees subjected multiple residents to neglect by failing to provide them with proper health care, supervision, food or shelter. For instance, R.M., a 72-year-old Marine Corps veteran who resided at Chappy's beginning October 2017, died in October 2018 of septic shock, an untreated urinary tract infection, and dysphasia and pneumonia complications, which resulted from improper medical care and neglect. The medical providers who treated R.M. just before his death described R.M.'s catheter as filthy and characterized his 25 x 25 cm pressure sore as "[one of] the worst [they] had ever seen," and the result of "utter, complete neglect." (Complaint pp. 25-29)

• From February 2017 to February 2019, Olson, with the assistance of the facility's manager and several employees, bilked the State of Minnesota's Medicaid program of over \$2.1 million by billing for health care services that

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AA Garrison: Monday Night AA (open) 7:30 PM and Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

ALANON - 322 1st Ave NE, Aitkin 6:30 pm Thursday evenings.

ALANON Garrison: Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St. Aitkin Friends of the Library meet 4th Tue. each

month, 1 pm, Aitkin Public Library. Aitkin IOOF 164 meeting every 4th Monday at 2

Aitkin Lions meet on the 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm at the Aitkin Forty Club restaurant. Call 218-839-

3954 for more info. Aitkin Rebekah lodge. 151. Meets the 1 st and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Come join us. We meet at the IOOF hall. 22 2nd st. Above the Napa auto parts store. The 1st tues. is a business meeting. The 3rd one is a social meeting

Aitkin Women of Today meet 2nd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Mille Lacs Energy Coop, info call 218-927-4558. Evening care is available and free. All are welcome!

Alzheimer's Support group meetings at ANGELS in McGregor meets the 1st Thurs. every

American Legion Aitkin Lee #86 & Unit 86, meets the 2nd Thurs, of each month at 7 p.m. Art Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm

"Ask An Attorney" Workforce Center - 20-3rd St. NE, Aitkin, 4th Tuesday of month at noon Pre-registration required call 218-723-4005

Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu, of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.

Buddhism-Nichiren meetings held at the Brainerd Public Library conference room on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1 pm. For information contact Mike Engblom-Bradley 936-

Care N Share Community Cafe Community Meal, Wednesdays Located in the fellowship hall in the Weslayson Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295

Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group. Meets the first Wed., 1-2 p.m. at Birchstreet Center, downtown Aitkin. 218-9271383.

Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 pm If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.

Clear Lake Grange meets second Tue. each month, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Meets at the Aitkin Library Community Center. More info call Bonnie 218-927-3485 or Roxy 218-927-4558.

Clothes Closet offers free clothing to men and women in need, open the fourth Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. - noon. Located at 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, just north of the Hwy. 6 bridge in Outing. For more information call 320-857-0182. Donations of clean, repair free clothing accepted that time also.

Co-dependants Anonymous meeting. 332 1st Av. NE Aitkin. Wednesday evenings. 5:30.

Cooks Night Out - 3rd Wed of month, McGregor Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, donations welcome.

Cuyuna Rock Gem & Mineral Club, meet 2nd Sat. each month, 2:30 at the lower level of the Franklin Arts Center at 1001 Kingwood St, Brainerd.

Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.

Dance at VFW in McGregor every 1st Monday of the month, except holidays which will be on the following Monday

Dance at Waukenabo the second and last Wednesday of the month.

Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Heartwood Senior Living Complex. Social begins at 5:30pm followed by Dinner/Meeting at 6:00pm. We are very involved in community events and would love to have you join us. If you would like to come to a meeting and see what we do or going to be doing, please call Lion Nancy at 218-678-4165 and let me know by the Thursday before our meeting.

Dyed in the Wool Spinners meeting 1st Tuesday of the month 1-4 p.m. If you knit, crochet, spin, weave or do any other fiber arts please join us in the Club Room at the Security State Bank, 402 Minnesota Ave. N., Aitkin.

Emily Community Care N Share is serving meals on Wednesdays in the fellowship hall at the Wesleyan Church, Highway 6, Emily

Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 pm, Jackson Hole, Lawler, open to public.

FASD Caregiver Support Group - For caregivers of individuals with a diagnosed or suspected Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Meet with other caregivers (adults only please) for support, understanding, and networking. Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@mofas.org

Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed. each month, at 1 pm. at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434. www.foodaddicts.org

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin

Food Shelf (Aitkin) at First Lutheran Church open on 2nd and 4th Thurs, 9:30 am-5 pm, at 107 2nd St SE, Aitkin. Must register by 4:45 pm

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.

Food Shelf (Emily) First Wednesday of the month for produce and bakery only, 9:30 - 11:00 am. Third Wednesday distribution 9:30 - 11:00 am, followed by Thursday distribution 5:30 -

6:30 pm. Enter from south door. Food Shelf (Garrison) Open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.

Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon

Garrison Fire Auxiliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.

Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4. Gamblers Anonymous 7 pm Thursdays at the Heritage Church on College Drive in Brainerd. This is a closed meeting. Anyone who has a desire to stop gambling is welcome. For more info call 715-821-1749.

Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23,

Jacobson Seniors meets every Thu., 10-2 pm at Jacobson Comm. Ctr. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-1515.

Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club, Mon. 5:30 pm in Pequot Lakes, for more info call Brett 651-270-5648 or facebook/Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club

McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month, 6:30 pm at fire station hall.

McGrath Senior Center meets every Mon. 1-4 pm, cards & games, all are welcome.

McGregor Community Meal sponsored by AN-GELS served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30 - 6:00 pm.

McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 4 pm weigh in, 4:30 meeting, Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.

McGregor VFW hosts a dance the 1st Monday every month at 1pm.

MS Support Group, meets the 1st Thu. of the month at 7 pm, 606 NW 5th St, Brainerd, 218-824-5228.

Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm except June, July & August meet only 1st Tuesday at 7 pm over the

Eye Care Center in Aitkin. National Alliance on Mental Illness meet Fri., 2:30, Community Presbyterian Church, 703 Pokegama Ave., room 105, Grand Rapids,

Call Terrence at 218-327-1347. North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of month, Blackberry Town Hall. Info:

Bruce 218-752-6592 ORDER OF EASTERN STAR, Woodland Chapter #122 in Aitkin meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month at 7PM, EXCEPT January, February and July which are dark . 4th Tuesday in June and 2nd Tuesday in August also are dark. Meetings are held on 2nd floor of the EyeCare Center 312 Minnesota Ave No. Ait-

Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanice.com.

Overeaters Anonymous 9:30am at Aitkin Library, 7:00pm at 112 1st Ave SW - house next to New Life Church. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12 step program fashioned after AA. Not a diet club, no dues

or fees or weigh-ins. For more info: OA.org, or call meeting contact Cheryl at 770-576-5984.

Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 p.m.; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10

Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Rosary is ongoing the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Big Fish, Garrison, contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.

RSVP Bone Builders (Osteoporosis exercise program) Tue & Thu: 10-11 First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30-12:30 Blackrock Terrace, Aitkin; 12:45-1:45 Journey North Church, Aitkin; Wed: 10-11 Malmo Evangelical Free Church, Malmo & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-1383.

Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments.

Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.

TOPS Aitkin (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance, First Lutheran Church, 101 2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm

TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanual Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.

Weight Watchers (now called WW) meets at Hallett Center in Crosby every Wednesday at 5:45 pm. Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information call 218-820-9725.

White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.

September

28th - The movie "Spiderman: Into the Spider-verse, Rated PG. 11 a.m. showing at the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library.

28th - Nails N Nosh: Thrivent and Habitat build to fight hunger, 1-3 p.m. at The Journey North Church, Aitkin. Fun stations, snacks, free t-shirts, donate a food shelf or birthday bag item.

October

2nd - The Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library presents Pre-school Story Hour, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and fun.

5th - Fall Bazaar at Carmel Lutheran Church, Jacobson 10 am - 2 pm. Lunch: chicken salad croissant sandwiches, sloppy joe sandwiches, soups, and desserts, will be available. There will be baked goods,

canned goods, garden produce, soup mixes, cleaning products, craft and gift items, quilts, rugs, afghans, embroidered dish towels and pillowcases, dryer balls, knitted dishcloths, baby sweater sets, hats, scarves, Christmas items, and white elephant items.

9th - The Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library presents Pre-school Story Hour, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and fun.

11th - David Huckfelt will perform at the Live Well Nightclub and Coffee Bar in the Journey Church, 5459 Lakers Lane (next to the Nisswa school) at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 and admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 with listening attention when accompanied by an adult. Seating is firstcome, first-served

12th - Teravail Oremageddon, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Trails.

12th - Cascade UMC Deerwood Pumpkin Palooza festivities for all ages, 1 - 4 p.m.

18th - 20th - Ruttger's 34th Annual Oktoberfest. Enjoy tradition live German music, beer and entertainment tents, 150+ arts and crafts booth, fabulous food and lots of beer, games and activities for all ages. Call 218-678-2885 for more information.

25th - Pre-school Story Hour at the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and fun.

25th - Antje Duvekot will perform at the Live Well Nightclub and Coffee Bar in the Journey Church, 5459 Lakers Lane (next to the Nisswa school) at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 and admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 with listening attention when accompanied by an adult. Seating is firstcome, first-served.

26th - Ruttger's 2nd Annual Zombie Apocalypse 5K Insane Brain Terror Run (or walk). Call 678-2885 or visit ruttgers.com/

for more information.

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RUSSELL MCNITT



Russell Dean McNitt, 75, of Aitkin, died Wednesday, September 18, 2019 in Riverwood Health Care Center. He was born January 6, 1944 in Mason City, Iowa to Howard and Jeanette (Wilson) McNitt. Services were held Monday, September 23 at the United

Methodist Church, Aitkin. His final resting place will be in Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery, Preston. Memorials are preferred

to The Riverwood Foundation, 200 Bunker Hill Drive, Aitkin, MN 56431.

Russell is a veteran of The United States Navy who served on the USS Whetstone during the Vietnam War. He married Kathleen Lambaere on July 1, 1967 in LeMesa, CA. Russell worked at M&S Specialties in Bethel and later at Eltronic in Fridley. Russell enjoyed tractors, Model A's, fishing, hunting, playing 500, traveling, computers and his Navy buddies. Russell especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

Russell is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen McNitt of Aitkin; 3 sons, Jeff (Shirlee) McNitt of Denver, Colorado, Mark (Shari) McNitt of Buffalo and Craig (Julie) McNitt of Brooklyn Park; grandchildren, Phillip (Claire) McNitt, Christine McNitt, Taylor McNitt, Cassie McNitt and Michael McNitt; siblings, Mary Baldwin of St. Marys, Ohio, Larae McNitt of Brooklyn Park, Sharon (Ervin) Muellner of Burtrum, Ethel (John) Becker of Wadena, Ed McNitt of Brooklyn Park and Tom (Donata) Herr of Alexandria: many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Russell's family would like to express their great appreciation to the Oncology and Infusion Staff at Riverwood Healthcare Center.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents; step-mother, Frances; brother, Roland McNitt; sister, Marlys Reiser; step-brothers, Fred Herr and John Herr, step-sisters, Nancy Williams, Margaret Schwartz and Irene Goodman; nephews, Steven Kennedy and Michael Plautz.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Go to www.srtfuneral. com to sign the online guest register.

SANDRA KIMBALL

of Ironton.

Sandra Kav Kimball, 78, of Irondale Township died on September 14, 2019 at Care Free Living in Brainerd.

A Memorial Service will be 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness in Brainerd. Burial was at the Woodland Cemetery in Irondale Township. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church.

She was born on July 7, 1941 to Harry and Amy (Adams) Tatro. Sandra was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness in Brainerd. Sandra is survived by one brother, Vonnie Tatro

Preceding Sandra in death are her parents; her husband, Freeman and one sister.

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AUDREY KNUTSON



Audrey Lorraine Knutson, 83, of McGregor died Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at the Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 11 a.m. from the Round Lake Presbyterian

Church with Pastor Rick Mann officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in the Round Lake Cemetery.

Audrey was born July 27, 1936 in McGregor to Ralph and Olga (Sundberg) Green. She attended the Balsam Schools in rural McGregor and then the McGregor High School from which she graduated. She worked for a time at the Klondike Lodge on Glacier Lake and that is where she met her future husband. She married Harvey Knutson on May 20, 1955 in Grand Rapids. They

made their home near Savanna State Park where Audrey worked for many years. She has resided at Aicota Health Care Center for the past year. She enjoyed gardening, working in the flower shop in Malmo and had been involved with the McGregor Angels.

She is survived by daughters and sons-inlaw: Karla Peterson, Mahtowa; Karen and Jeff Foryziak, Minneapolis; Pam and Todd Hoythya, McGrath; seven grandchildren: Kelly Peterson. Kari Jezierski, Kristin Peterson, Matt Peterson, Allen Peterson, Jeremiah Cummings and Polly Nelson; many great-grandchildren and her sisterin-law. Sue Green.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and two brothers.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest

PATRICK PIERCE, JR.

Patrick Earl Pierce, Jr., 49, of Crosby died on September 20, 2019 at Aitkin Health Services. No services are being held.

He was born on May 15, 1970 in Buffalo to Patrick and Sharon (Brown) Pierce, Sr. He was Crosby-Ironton High School graduate. He attended the Staples Technical College and Central Lakes College in Brainerd. He was a former employee of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge, giving many years of service.

Patrick is survived by his mother, Sharon; two brothers, two sisters and nieces and nephews.

Preceding Patrick in death are his father, Patrick Pierce, Sr.; two brothers: James and William Pierce and a sister, Kathryn Pierce.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

RACHELE AUER

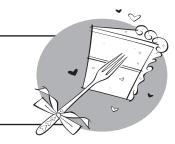
her daughter's home in Homebrook Township. A Memorial Gathering will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at the Walter Scott Erickson American

Rachele Lynn Auer, 56, of Crosslake died at Legion Post #557 in Deerwood. Burial was at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

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Baxter* — Pointway Alliance Church; Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; wwwpointway.org

Garrison* — Pastor Michael H. Palkie; Worship 9; SS 10:30. McGregor/Big Sandy - Rev. S. DeMars, 426-3408; E. of Sather's Store; Worship 9:30; Children's Church 10 Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169

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Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Hayden Loven ; Sunday Morning Service 10:45 Crosby — Pastor Dustin McCaleb; Worship 10:30

north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30, Worship at 10:45

Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-

Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9: 30 and 11, thejourneynorth.com

Baxter - The Journey North, Pastor Mark Bjorlo, 218-824-5617, Worship Saturday 5, Sunday 9, 10:30, 11:45, thejourneynorth.com

Brainerd* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Chris Erickson, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrainerd.com

Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Todd Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-562-

5252, Worship 10:30, SS 9:30. Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ

Wed. 7 pm Deerwood* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.

Glory* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12.

Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm. Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service

10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m. Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

Aitkin* — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 10 AM. Confession Sat. 10-10:45 am and 4-4:45 pm.

Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00. Brainerd — St. Francis, Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00;

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30. Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat.

Crosby* — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 4:30 pm; Sun 10:30.

Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www. ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession

Emily — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.

Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Elias Gieske, Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession Sun 7:15-7:45 am.

Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5

pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30. 218-326-2483 Hillman — Holy Family; Sun. 10 to Mass Sat. 6:30 pm (only through Labor Day) w/ confession before or by appt. McGregor - Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581;

Mass Sun. 8 am. Confession 7:15-7:45 am.

Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30. **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Aitkin - Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10 COMMUNITY

Aitkin — Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun. 10, 218-927-6959

Brainerd - Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene-Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10:45, SS 9:30 -16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005

Glen — Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 Grand Rapids — Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30;

Wed. BS 6:30 pm Jacobson — Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick Perry; Worship 9; Adult

Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256. McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church; Worship 10; 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel

McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.

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Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m. Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Uhrich;

Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10 Outing* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Stanley

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Service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; between Esquagama & Round Lake. Handicap Accessible. Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service

9:30; SS 10:45.

CONGREGATIONAL

Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Lilja Behr; Sun.10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9 Brainerd* — St. Paul's, Holy Communion Sunday 10

EVANGELICAL FREE Baxter — Lakewood EFC, Pastor Steve Anderson; Worship

at 9 & 10:45; Wed for all ages 6:30 pm

Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurch@crosslake. Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed.

Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15 Wright - Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30;

HEBREW/MESSIANIC Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell,

Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

for information 320-684-2804

Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Rebecca Hinz; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.

Aitkin - First* (ELCA) Pastor Doug Larson, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8 am & 10 am, Wed. 5:30 pm w/supper; communion every Sat. and 1st and 3rd Sun.; contemporary services 2nd & 4th Sun.; nursery staffed during 10 am Sun. service; Sunday service is live streamed on YouTube (First Lutheran Church Aitkin); broadcast on KKIN (94.3FM) and on TV cable channel 181 at 9 am Wed.; community meal every Mon. & Thu. 5 pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thu. 9:30 am-5 pm.

Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker;

Worship Sun. 9, SS 10 Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.

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3rd Sun., 10:30. Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, Sunday School 9, Worship 10 coffee fellowship 11,

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Street Brainerd - Pastor Hans Anderson Worship times September through May are 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Summer Worship time is 9:00 a.m. Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org

Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9 Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA); Worship 8:30; Holy

Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun. Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.

Crosby —Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910 Crosslake — (ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship

9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682. Crosslake - Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie

Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs;

Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday Garrison - Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.

Garrison - Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org. Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaas; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month

Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.

Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Hand-

Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30; 218-534-3069. Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30: handicapped accessible.

Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30: Worship 10:30. Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.

Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows. Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)

Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30

& 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun. McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.;

SS 10; Worship 11. McGrath - Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship

follows, SS 10.

9; SS 9. McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship

McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9.

Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30. Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday

Tamarack (AFLC) — Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210 Thor — Zion, Pastor G. Salmonson; Worship 11; 1st and 3rd

Sun. April through December. Wright —Bethlehem, Worship; SS 9.

Wright — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua

Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30; Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

Brainerd—Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Wor-

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

ship service is Sunday at 9:30 am, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984 **PENTECOSTAL**

Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship

10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.

Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler: 218-546-6523: meeting at Irondale Town Hall*. Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm. Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN

Crosslake - Pastor Tony Oltmann, 218-692-4769; Worship 10; Fellowship 11:15; Bible study on Wednesdays at 10;14444 Daggett Pine Road just passed the Community Center; www.crosslakepres.org

McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9. McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm. Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

REFORMED

Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com

Aitkin - Pastor Peter Emig; Worship Sat. 9:30 a.m., Bible Study 10:30 a.m.; Prayer Mtg. Wed. 5:30 p.m.; www. aitkinadventist.org; 423-805-0933

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Crosby/Deerwood* — Cascade, Reverend Dr. Genia Garrett; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows. Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9. Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9

Emily* — Pastors Luke and Bethany Nelson; Worship 8:30; fellowship follows.

Fleming* — (Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows.

Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10 McGregor* — (Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45;

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Making use of my 1st Amendment

I look forward to reading the NewsHopper's weekly publication, as I feel they have the ability to tell it as it is. [I] admire Kelly Avelsgard and a couple others that have that same ability and the Hopper publishes. Thank you.

I feel the city of Aitkin has many of the issues that have or still are plaguing Crosby, MN. We have a mayor and his nearly hand-picked City Council. This mayor/council is in charge of our local police department, picking and choosing who gets on our payroll. I feel one of his/their most recent pickings is a person currently on this cities law enforcement, he was promoted to, an assistant to an assistant in Aitkin's police department.

I feel once he and his council are in place, they can do anything they want, just because they can! I feel they fail to do their jobs like keeping trashy places cleaned up, not seeing the grass is being mowed here and there or sidewalks not shoveled in the winter just to name a few. I say shame on them, and they are on our payroll. They have favorites who get away with many infractions. Just a reminder these rules/ordinances are on our books and they put them there rules and regulations.

It appears to me, they seem to forget the very large percentage of elderly seniors and vulnerable, living on fixed incomes struggling to just get by in this city and perhaps county of Aitkin, MN. Many living alone perhaps not feeling safe in their own homes? All of us living here or anywhere are paying for safety. What do we do if we feel our safety is in question? A suggestion, I feel we too could use a criminal investigation!

Now consider this: It is almost impossible to get a permit to carry concealed, as many living here fear for their lives, as I feel our safely by law enforcement is questionable. First you have to take a course, which last I checked cost was \$100.00. Now I agree there is a need to know how to handle any weapon. Next is you pass that; you need to go to this sheriff. He can deny even if you pass, or he will charge the outrageous charge to do a background check, last I checked he charges \$100.00. We all know it does not cost anywhere near that much to do a background check. I feel, he and others are collaborating at keeping the cost high, therefore

and are not following their own keeping many of us unarmed who need it for our own protection. I feel our safety is questionable and it is left up to us due to insufficient or ineffective safety protecting and serving that should be provided by the current law enforcement on our payroll in the city and county of Aitkin, MN.

> A recent article about an attack that apparently happened right here in this city of Aitkin. The cops are recommending a device called. SAFE PERSON-AL ALARM. Do your own research, I feel, after my research a number of reasons to avoid it! Instead use a taser, pepper jell, and see about getting a permit to carry concealed if your county leadership allows you to without overcharging for classes and a background check, therefore again I feel a plan to keep us unarmed.

> Once again, if you tell the truth, which not many can handle, remember you may also become a target for retaliation.

Adding a bit of humor, yet I find it so true: A person about to speak the

truth should always have one foot in the stirrup!

Georgia J. Johnson Concerned Citizen/Taxpayer, City of Aitkin

"I can sleep at night"

On Friday September 13, 2019 the Crosby chief of police retired. Walking away after 15 years of service and announcing to the residents of Crosby; "I can sleep at night".

- Eight failed attempts to criminally prosecute two former mayors.
- Two failed wrongful termination lawsuits. BMS Case No 17-PA-0260, BMS Case No 13-PA-0659,13-PA-0660 where arbitrators found the former chief lies, alters documents, makes three ring binders disappear, distorts the truth, conducts biased, prejudiced, flawed investigations.

The second of many potential lawsuits has been filed against the former chief and the City of Crosby, because of the egregious acts.

Crosby is the highest taxed city in Crow Wing County. Using the property tax calculator from the League of Minnesota cites website, Imc.org, comparing similar \$200,000 property's: in Crosby, taxes are \$3,162 with the city portion being \$2,104, in Crosslake they're \$1,571, the city portion is \$500. It costs 4X more to live in Crosby than it does Crosslake.

Crosby is living beyond its means. The city administrator, former chief of police, and mayor are responsible. With millions of dollars in reserves, the council and mayor — from the advice of the city administrator, with a salary close to, or over one hundred thousand dollars a year — will vote to raise your taxes, to raise their salaries and to pay for these

Willingly and with malice, the former chief and city administrator broke data privacy laws and libeled the city by setting up, and conducting a "briefing" for incoming council person on their version of the facts that were expunged from the records.

The council and mayor have acted negligently. They did not investigate, charge, or discipline the former chief to clear the city of, or reduce liability. That failure has vicariously libeled the city. They chose to protect the former chief over the residents and the citizens will pay. They will not protect the city by investigating the city administrator either.

YOU ARE BEING SUED is how the first paragraph of a summons begins. The city and former chief have read those twice recently with many more opportunities to come. Those words mean Crosby and all the residents are being sued and the council, mayor, and former chief don't care. It's not their money. They will walk away unscathed, resign, or choose not to run in the next election. The pieces will be left to the next administration, because this one has not taken a single step to protect the residents. Crosby will be paying for the 15-year tenure of the former chief for years to come. The council and mayor must act today to minimize the losses of that fiasco of police work. The city administrator should be immediately suspended and criminally investigated for their role in the briefing—protecting the residents from liability of misconduct, criminal acts, and making sure the city administrator has not harmed the city.

When the new Crosby council and mayor attempt to solve the financial crisis — and residents are in an uproar about the limited options — raising taxes on the highest taxed city in Crow Wing County, every citizen can find "comfort" in the former chief's words, "I can sleep at night."

Kelly Avelsgard **Concerned Observer** Deerwood

Staff at Chappy's Golden Shores face 76 criminal charges Continued from Page 1

did not occur or were not by the Medicaid program because:

- Chappy's had no registered nurse on staff to assess and oversee the services provided to Chappy's residents, some of whom required around the clock care. To hide this fact, the defendants submitted fraudulent licensing applications using the identity of a registered nurse who no longer worked at Chappy's and forged the nurse's signature on medical records, including the records of resident R.M. who died from neglect. (Complaint, pp. 15-17, 36)
- Chappy's housed residents at unlicensed, unapproved facilities. Conditions at one of the facilities included "holes in the closet leading to the exterior of the

home, a broken window and door, visible water damage, and rodent nests and feces." (Complaint pp. 17-18, 23-24, 32)

• Chappy's billed for services provided by home health aides who had not passed required background checks. Some of the aides had convictions that would have disqualified them from providing direct care to vulnerable adults, such as assault and electronic solicitation of a minor. To conceal this from the State, Chappy's listed these aides as "maintenance" or "custodians" and made sure they were not present for State licensing reviews. For instance, on November 6, 2018, defendant Monika Olson messaged aide B.W.: "[S]tate is in the house and will be at time of night shift

as well. Please come in and

go directly to the basement so they don't see you until they are gone." B.W. had not undergone a background study and would not have passed a background study due to prior felony burglary and domestic assault convictions. (Complaint pp. 17-20, 38)

- Chappy's billed for services that could not have occurred as the residents were not at Chappy's on the dates billed. For instance, Chappy's billed and received Medicaid funds for services resident T.F. could not have received because according to Chappy's own records, T.F. was hospitalized at the time. (Complaint pp. 20-21)
- Shortly after Chappy's license was suspended by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) due to substantiated allegations of abuse and neglect, Olson sold Chappy's

to her daughter, Monika Lynn Olson, for \$1. The Olsons renamed the facility "Mont Royal" and attempted to obtain licensure from MDH. When MDH rejected Mont Royal's license applications, the Olsons and other employees continued to house former Chappy's residents and provide them with unlicensed health care services. (Complaint pp. 22-24)

• The defendants engaged in an extensive and coordinated effort to conceal evidence of fraud and maltreatment, falsify records in response to State investigations and convince potential witnesses to provide false or misleading answers to State investigators. A notebook seized during a search warrant at Olson's home included a section titled "debunk [K.P.]" and a list of reasons that 911 was not called when neglect victim K.P. fell on ice at Chappy's and broke her hip. A whiteboard seized from Chappy's appeared to be a script for employees to follow when answering State investigators' questions about neglect victim E.W. (Complaint pp. 30-32, 35-38)

• After MDH began inves-

tigating Chappy's, Olson and her husband withdrew over \$1.7 million from Chappy's bank account. When Chappy's comprehensive homecare license was suspended by MDH, Olson sold two of Chappy's buildings to co-defendants Monika Lynn Olson and Benjiman Howard Swanson for \$1. (Complaint p. 38)



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CITY OF CUYUNA

NOTICE OF HEARING ON VARIANCE

A Public Hearing will be held on October 14, 2019, at 6:45 p.m. in the City Hall in the City of Cuyuna, to consider the application for variance by Richard Jeub, 21883 Cottontail Dr. to allow him to

Construct a 20' by 20' garage at a setback of 10'from the right of way, which is 10' at variance with the required setback of 20'.

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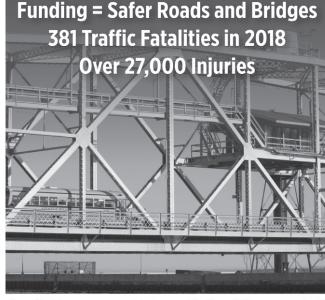
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Former mayor sues City of Crosby and former police administration

A defamation complaint was filed by former Crosby Mayor James Hunter in Crow Wing County Court on Thursday, Sept. 19 against former Police Chief Kim Coughlin, former Lt. Kevin Randolph and the City of Crosby.

In a statement, attorney for Hunter, Edward R. Shaw said they were taking the action in an effort to hold Coughlin, Randolph and the leadership of the City of Crosby responsible for their systematic harassment and the prosecution of former Mayor Hunter, which were based on accusations that they knew were false.

Shaw contends that Coughlin, Randolph, and the leaders of the City of Crosby used public resources to engage in a campaign to prevent Hunter from becoming mayor, and after Hunter became elected, to remove him from office and discredit him by using false accusations against him.

According to a statement from Shaw, this crusade began in 2016, and lasted into this year, when the last charges against Hunter were dismissed by Crow Wing County Attorney Don Ryan.

Shaw also believes that Coughlin and Randolph acted in their official capacity using thousands of dollars of taxpayer staff time to attack Hunter for their own personal gain.

Shaw said Hunter endured over two years of defending himself against serious crimes, some of which could have sent him to prison.

"No citizen should have to go through what Mr. Hunter went through," Shaw said in a statement. "It is our hope that this action will achieve justice for Mr. Hunter, hold the responsible parties accountable, and allow the citizens of Crosby to finally move forward with new leadership that they can trust.

"In taking this action, Mr. Hunter and I understand that many citizens of Crosby, and many employees of the city and police department, have lived in fear over the last several years and may have seen, or even been forced to, participate in, inappropriate and illegal activities. It is our hope that with Ms. Coughlin and Mr. Randolph no longer at the police department, and other leadership changes coming in the near future, residents and city employees, and police officers will now feel free to come forward and speak the truth about what they have seen happen."

At a press conference held on Friday September 20, Shaw and Hunter added details and answered questions about the complaint filed against former Chief of Police Kim Coughlin, former Lt. Kevin Randolph and City of Crosby.

Talking about the history of the case Shaw said, "In March of 2017 Mr. Hunter, 68, at the time, [with] no criminal history, never seen a jail cell, never committed a crime, was arrested by, I think, about a dozen officers in his business in Crosby, minding his own business. And suddenly a high profile arrest, cuffed and put in back of a squad car, taken to jail. Out of the blue. His home, his business, his vehicle searched top to bottom. All of his business records, virtually everything taken and seized by the Crosby Police Department and a criminal complaint filed against him with a supporting probable cause statement but. Frankly belonged in a bad detective novel not a court pleading with every accusation you could think of. Accusing Mr. Hunter of threatening witnesses, possibly fleeing to Mexico. Complete fantasy."

Shaw spoke about motivation for the charges, "What we now know is that Mr. Randolph and Ms. Coughlin, the Lieutenant and the Chief of the police department, Mr.

Hunter had been critical of the leadership of the police department when he ran for Mayor in 2016 — and then after he was elected and after he took office. He was concerned about inefficiency in the department. A small department with two admin staff that weren't doing that much police work as you could see. He was concerned about the cost of litigation the department was involved in against Jesse Smith a former officer costing over \$200,000 which the city lost...Mr. Hunter as a candidate for office has a right to do criticize the government, proposed alternative to how a local government should be let. And in response Mr. Randolph, Ms. Coughlin starting in the summer of 2016 as Mr. Hunter announce for Mayor and was known as a candidate. Began a campaign to try to pin charges on him, to try to pin an accusation on him. To prevent him from becoming mayor. And then once he got elected mayor to force him to resign. And they were successful, he had to resign in the summer of 2017. Shortly after the charges were filed, the pressure was just to much and the damage done to his business and reputation. Having your name drug

through the mud.

"Mr. Randolph contacted media outlets to maximize visibility of the arrest, to do as much damage to Mr. Hunter," said Shaw. "If this were happening in another country, it would be called a coup d'etat... you can not have the police or public officials undermining elected representatives, people have the right to choose the government in this country."

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Jim Hunter tried to explain the toll the ordeal of the last two years have caused him

"It's very emotional, Hunter said. "I feel like every citizen should be able to stand up for what they believe in; it's been terrible."

"It's not about me, it's about the people. It's hard, it's very hard, it's very costly, it's been very, very hard on my health. All of the people need to be represented fairly... there's been an injustice and it needs to be addressed. I think that God will prevail."

Shaw added, "I think Jim deserves a lot of credit, life would have been a lot easier if he hadn't run for mayor."

When asked about a time table Shaw responded, "Once served the defense will have time to file a response. Then there will be discovery. In about two or three months a scheduling conference is called. The court picks dates for the trial. Probably six to eight months after the scheduling conference depending on the courts calendar. It takes a while probably close to a year. The city has a lot of experience with litigation in the past and currently. Jesse Smith is currently involved in a defamation suit that was filed three or four months

When asked who is paying for the former chief's and lieutenant's legal costs, Shaw responded, "That is obviously between them and the city and how their insurance is structured. And the city will pay for it. Something I don't have any control over obviously I think they should be personally responsible, but how the city's insurance works is up to them."

Attorney for the City of Crosby Joseph Flynn when asked for

In a statement, Attorney for the City of Crosby Joseph Flynn of Jardine, Logan and O'Brien, P.L.L.P. responded, "We do not believe these allegations have merit and intend to fight them in court rather than through the press."



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