

# CHEATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## CHEATHAM SHERIFF NEWS RELEASE

Ashland City, TN - November 2016 - A use-of-force incident recently occurred in the Cheatham Jail involving Mr. Jordan Norris and Cheatham Correction Officers. I was briefed about the situation and shown video evidence, however, not all video footage was presented at the time of the briefing.

Prior to receiving more detailed information, I provided a statement based off of what I had initially seen, to a Nashville television reporter. After seeing the media report and videos not previously viewed, I immediately directed supervisors to examine the Sheriff's Office's current use-of-force policy. I also contacted District Attorney General Ray Crouch Jr. to request an independent investigation by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

As Sheriff, I want our citizens to know that any inappropriate behavior that may have violated an individual's rights will not be tolerated. I have placed the employees involved on administrative leave while the investigation is conducted.

We will work closely and cooperatively with the TBI and District Attorney's Office to ensure all facts are provided and all angles of this incident are thoroughly investigated.

Sheriff Mike Breedlove

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