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Commission Meeting

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Comments:

I would like to make an official complaint against the chief of police of the Rio Rancho Police department for improper hiring practices.

The police officers that are being hired are not being put in the proper positions or of the proper quality.

At least three of the officers I have met from the last two phone calls have been completely rude and made false arrests. The attitude with which they behave is as though they can do anything they want to law-abiding people that have lived here in Sandoval for their whole lives even if they have no property here, have not even lived here for more than 6 months, and graduated and were raised in other states their whole lives. One officer who probably is from New Mexico doesn't care that his mom gave birth to him when she was 12 and doesn't seem to think this matters.

I put in an application with the chief of Rio Rancho and immediately received harassment to the point where I decided to withdraw my application from somebody who probably also isn't from this area as well. I assume it was Stewart Steele of Boynton, Florida and Rio Rancho's acting chief of police since around 2016. He moved here from Florida 4 years ago to be the police chief of a police department he has no experience with in a city he's never been and he's rundown the police department of our city.

I urge the residents of Sandoval to give more attention to how the county is run and by who. Most of the city employees and top officials are disqualifiable by their own actions and are not even from the state. I'm concerned because the mayor makes half the salary of the police chief. His entire scheme comes across as sketchy. Some police officers are making \$65,000 a year but have no role in the community that I can sense after numerous attempts over the last 5 years to get some type of assistance for my mother.

I recommend Officer J.David as new police Chief. On the two occasions I met him he made thorough sense.