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**Sent:** Thursday, July 19, 2018 10:25 AM  
**To:** Brooke; Orischak, Josephine A; Dowling, John R; Almond, Bonnie N; Wichers, Andrew S  
**Cc:** BOEOnly  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] AFJROTC Unit SC-934 issues that need immediate attention!

Mrs. May:

As you read the email, it states that these individuals "do not fall within the realm of an Inspector General investigation since all of the cadre at the school are district employees and not members of the Air Force". As I have stated we did follow the process for individuals associated with our school district. I have also spoken with the representative this week with the JROTC program in DC and they have assured me there is not a need for an investigation nor are they waiting on me for any information or direction.

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Mr Moss,

It says right below that you are the one to pull the plug on an investigation and that they are waiting on you! Black and white facts!

Brooke May

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Holm Center/IG Org Mailbox <[Holm.CenterIG@us.af.mil](mailto:Holm.CenterIG@us.af.mil)>  
**Date:** May 21, 2018 at 5:06:19 PM EDT  
**To:** [REDACTED], Holm Center/IG Org Mailbox <[Holm.CenterIG@us.af.mil](mailto:Holm.CenterIG@us.af.mil)>  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] AFJROTC Unit SC-934 issues that need immediate attention!

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Ma'am,

Thank you for the email notification of the events taking place within the JROTC unit.

The events that you have raised do not fall within the realm of an Inspector General investigation since all of the cadre at the school are district employees and not members of the Air Force.

The appropriate avenue for recourse would be the following sequence:

1. Ranking JROTC Unit Instructor
2. School Principal
3. School Superintendent
4. School Board

It is my understanding that you have already been in contact with the Superintendent Dr. Moss.

Dr. Moss is aware that if there is a need for the AF JROTC Leadership to become involved he will contact them for assistance.

At this time AF JROTC is awaiting any call to action from Dr. Moss if or when that should happen.

If after this course of events transpires you feel the need to seek further recourse you can always contact me again and I will be happy to assist you in gaining a resolution path.

V/R,

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-----Original Message-----

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] AFJROTC Unit SC-934 issues that need immediate attention!

Good Afternoon Lieutenant Colonel Weed,

I am writing with several concerns involving Beaufort High School AFJROTC unit SC-934 that myself and many other parents have concerns about.

1. A convicted felon was cleared to volunteer as a drill team coach and was given access to the paid instructors laptops and given access to Wings beyond access he should have had as a volunteer. He was also seen on more than one occasion downloading information to flash drives from the SASI and ASI computers. He / "Michael J. Kelley Jr" was also given permission to wear his USMC uniform to events and competitions. it is not only distasteful to be seen with an AF unit but they aren't even sure he has a discharge that rates him wearing the uniform.

2. SASI " Lieutenant Colonel Wichers " Has not been doing the job that he is paid to do and has admitted it to two of the other volunteers on countless occasions. To include teaching the cadets in the classroom, keeping the information updated in Wings, organization of AF property ( supply room)

[REDACTED] r.

3. Finances The cadets/parents have paid for several items starting in September 2017 that have never been received. example ( white gloves, t-shirts) and the SASI is requesting reimbursement from the AFJROTC HQ for the same things the cadets/parents have paid for and never received.

We also just took a trip to Nationals Drill Competition in Daytona, FL that our cadets paid \$310 for and in a presentation on Thursday May 17, 2018 we were told by SASI that he was asking the AFJROTC HQ for reimbursement for that trip also. To us parents it seems that the paid instructors are charging the parents as well as the AFJROTC for the same things which doesn't seem correct.

4. Awards/ranks/ribbons Volunteer Michael Kelley Jr. was handing out ribbons like they were cookies to special teams along with ranks

5. Michael Kelley Jr. also was having orders for the Unit shipped to his personal home so we are not sure what AFJROTC property he has kept for himself

Sir,

These items listed only scratch the surface of the problems I believe and we have contacted the district and confronted the paid AFJROTC instructors and the feeling we get from all of them is they just want to sweep it under the rug and that isn't acceptable.

Below I shared one of my first emails I was born and raised in the Air Force and I highly respect all branches. My Father is a retired Air Force Colonel and My husband is also a 100% Disabled USMC Veteran. I would greatly appreciate this unit being investigated to ensure that the Cadets are getting what they are supposed to and are being taught and in a safe environment.

You can also contact my husband Brett May

[REDACTED]

I look forward to hearing back from you. Thank you and have a good day.

Brooke Ashley-May  
[REDACTED]

Sent Friday May 18th 2018 to [AFROTC1@us.af.mil](mailto:AFROTC1@us.af.mil)

Good afternoon,

With whom do I need to speak to concerning Headquarters being called in to investigate one of its ROTC units located in Beaufort, SC? My father is a retired Col, Col. Ron Ashley, and taught many years at Maxwell....he suggested I contact y'all so you can look into this unit after many unfortunate events [REDACTED].

I look forward to hearing back from you. Thank you and have a good day.

Brooke Ashley-May  
[REDACTED]

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**Cc:** Almond, Bonnie N; hq-rd6@afjrotc.com; LIPS, PAUL C Col USAF AETC HOLM CENTER/AFJROTC; LEWIS, SCOTT E CIV USAF AETC HOLM CENTER/JR  
**Subject:** RE: Allegations of Inappropriate Conduct Relating to AFJROTC: Beaufort HS

Good Morning Mr. Richerson:

I have spoken with my Chief Officer for Administration and Human Resources on this matter. She is aware and has communicated with the principal. The approval to be a volunteer was based on his background check. He is limited in his involvement around students under our volunteer policy. There is not much I can share since most is covered under our personnel policies. You may contact Ms. Alice Walton, Chief Officer for Administration and Human Relations at: [alice.walton@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:alice.walton@beaufort.k12.sc.us) for additional questions.

Thank you,

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Dr. Moss, good afternoon. We received the below message today and it certainly has our attention. All we know is what is stated below. These allegations involve a felon being around the kids, embezzlement, plus inappropriate management by the AFJROTC Instructors. As you can understand, we are very concerned.

May I ask if this matter has risen to your attention? If so, have you had an opportunity to investigate this matter and if so, what can you tell me about the effect on the AFJROTC program at Beaufort?

Please consider me the Headquarters AFJROTC point of contact on this matter. My contact info is below.

Thank you.

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Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 6:25 PM  
To: AU Outreach <[AU.CCO.AUOutreach@us.af.mil](mailto:AU.CCO.AUOutreach@us.af.mil)>  
Subject: Air University (AU) Contact Form: Embezzlement

This message was sent from the Air University (AU) website.

Message From: Carol

Email: [REDACTED]

Response requested: Yes

Message:

Someone needs to look into the Air Force ROTC unit in Beaufort, SC at Beaufort High School. The paid Rotc instructors don't do anything. The volunteer coach's do everything. Col. Andrew Witcher's gave all authority to volunteer Michael James Kelley jr. Mr. Kelley was arrested this past Tues for violating his probation...he has a felony but is allowed to coach our kids. They let him go on their laptops when they aren't around....they have let him have control of the money too. Us parents have poured so much money into rotc and we think there is some embezzlement going on. How is a felon allowed to teach our kids and then allowed to handle monies when his felony charge was bc of embezzlement. There is so much that isn't right about this picture. At the end of the day the Col should have all say...he does nothing. I am so disappointed in our ROTC program....it's sad for the kids. We want answers!!!

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 23, 2018 10:56 PM  
**To:** Sean Henrickson  
**Cc:** Moss, Jeffrey C; Walton, Alice W  
**Subject:** RE: Beaufort High AFJROTC Concern

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I also want to say that I was unaware of the JROTC parent meeting you attended. When there is a problem or issue dealing with the school our BCSD policy states that we go up the chain of command and I was confused because you went straight to the superintendent without contacting me first. I will be glad to meet with you personally if you would still like to schedule a meeting. I meet with individual parents to address their personal concerns often. Please let me know when you would be available and I will schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,  
Bonnie N. Almond, MSA  
Principal, Beaufort High School

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Dr. Moss,

Please note those on the CC line.

I am writing to express my sincere disgust with the handling of a recent incident with the drill team coach at Beaufort High School. From what we have learned "Coach" Kelley is a convicted felon, vetted by the school district, and approved to mentor our high school aged children at Beaufort High. Recently, he was arrested for a

parole violation after a three day trip to Daytona for not notifying his parole officer that he was leaving the state.

Unfortunately, we learned of this information from the students, and not from the staff at Beaufort High. A full nine days after his arrest we were invited to attend an informational meeting at the high school which was primarily intended to speak to the accolades of the program and not address the pressing issue which the ~20 parents in the room came to hear about. Sadly, there was no representation from the senior leadership at the school nor from the district to support the AFJROTC leadership. LtCol Wichers and his staff took the brunt of the criticism without support of those that were also culpable in this failure. They were ill prepared to answer the tough questions from the parents as we understand the school district vetted Mr. Kelley and his tenure at BHS predates LtCol Wichers.

I find it incomprehensible that a failure in the process led to a scenario where our children were in the care of a felon, convicted of fraud numerous times. I also cannot understand how or why the AFJROTC staff was put in a position to explain to the parents how this situation unfolded without some leadership or legal representation from BHS and the district.

All in the room had been informed of the arrest from their children, the first that it was addressed by the school was this evening. I am strongly suggesting a meeting with Ms. Almond and representation from the school district as soon as possible to address these concerns. I was hoping that we would walk away from the meeting this evening to understand how and why Mr. Kelley was allowed to mentor our students, how it can be prevented in the future, and address the communication failure after the incident. None of that has been addressed.

Regards,

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If you have additional questions please do not hesitate to inquire.

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Thank you,  
Bonnie

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 5, 2018 3:53 PM  
**To:** Almond, Bonnie N  
**Cc:** Rawlins, Terry V; Bennett, Richard S  
**Subject:** FW: Beaufort High School, AFJROTC, and Volunteering.

Mrs. Almond,

I very much appreciate Dr. Moss replying succinctly to Mr. May's inquiry. Nevertheless, Mr. May persists in making false allegations. For your information, we have countered his claims and present to your our answers, which are highlighted in **purple** in his email below.

Sincerely,

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SC-934 Senior Aerospace Science Instructor  
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[REDACTED]. Mrs. Roberts is also a professional photographer and was on hand to take photos of the drill team. Nothing more. Mrs. Roberts has also taken pictures of the AFJROTC Teams.

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  - d. Catholic War Veterans, Post 4
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As MSgt Rawlins indicated in his message, we believe it best to have only instructors handle all co-curricular activities for the rest of this school year and dispense of volunteers following the Kelley situation.

We will regroup in the summer in preparation for SY 2019.

Thank You for your understanding"

So based on these 2 messages that I only received from Mr. Weiss and from what I can take from reading them there are to be no volunteers helping with the AFJROTC. The funny thing about this is volunteer Mrs. Roberts helped with the color guard for both Senior night and for graduation. So I get the sense that Mr. Weiss and myself are being discriminated against as volunteers for the simple fact that we spoke out about the issues with former Volunteer Michael J Kelley JR. and the issues that plague the AFJROTC unit.

Mr. Kelley was told that he wasn't to be on school property unless it was involving something with his [REDACTED] but that was violated on multiple occasions the last time being at Senior Night.

The issues are in no way or manner being handled properly by the High school or the district for that matter!

LTC Wichers told a classroom of 10 or so parents that there was going to be refunds for the Drill Nationals Trip to Daytona, FL form between \$120 to \$130 per cadet that has yet to be addressed in any manner. Also myself and several parents paid for items to AFJROTC that were never received or refunded. For myself that is \$42.00 worth of items and for the drill team members at minimum \$8 per Cadet for white gloves.

The fact that items were being mailed to Mr.Kelley's house for the AFJROTC unit has also not been addressed.

All issues listed above display the incompetence of the leaders which is unacceptable. These issues all need to be addressed and dealt with in the appropriate manner. The parents of our children have a right to know what is occurring in our schools.

Sincerely,  
Brett May

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**From:** Almond, Bonnie N <Bonnie.Almond@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 31, 2018 11:46 AM  
**To:** Sean Henrickson  
**Cc:** Moss, Jeffrey C  
**Subject:** RE: Safety of my Children

Mr. Henrickson,

I cannot and will not discuss any personnel information of anyone on my staff with you. I have followed the procedures that BCSD requires when there is an issue or concern that has been brought to my attention.

Thank you,  
Bonnie Almond

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**From:** Sean Henrickson <shenrickson@tcl.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 31, 2018 11:35 AM  
**To:** Almond, Bonnie N <Bonnie.Almond@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**Cc:** Tooman, Daniel S <Daniel.Tooman@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Walton, Alice W <Alice.Walton@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; BRM <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Safety of my Children

Ms. Almond,

I would like to know which members of the AFJROTC staff were aware that Mr. Kelley was on campus last night and why they did not take immediate action.

Regards,

Sean



**Sean Henrickson**  
**Vice President for Continuing Education**  
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**Sent:** Thursday, May 31, 2018 11:24 AM

**To:** BRM

**Cc:** Almond, Bonnie N; Dunkle, Joseph R; Tooman, Daniel S; Sean Henrickson; Walton, Alice W; Gregory, Cynthia W

**Subject:** Re: Safety of my Children

Mrs. May:

I have met with Ms. Almond and discussed your concerns. Mr. Kelly did show up at the event last night, but administration was not aware until this morning. It was communicated to him that he was not to come on campus unless there were parent concerns [REDACTED].

This was violated and we will follow through with the next phase of our process. Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Jeff

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On May 30, 2018, at 8:51 PM, BRM <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Brooke <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** May 30, 2018 at 8:44:57 PM EDT

**To:** [communitycomments@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:communitycomments@beaufort.k12.sc.us)

**Cc:** Brooke May [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Safety of my Children

To whom it may concern,

Seeing how Mr. Moss is leaving our district I'm not sure who will be handling immediate concerns. My concerns are not new to the district....and as a tax

paying citizen I will not continue to sit here in silence and just hope the county gets their affairs in order. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I will say that I don't have any issues with LMS...Mr. Hall is absolutely amazing and in my opinion more ppl need to take "notes" from him!! I am a very busy working woman that lives in fear everyday because I fear for my children's precious lives and safety. I have had my husband, Brett May advocate for me because of my work schedule, and as all the unfortunate events continue to unfold within Beaufort High and the BCSD I will not sit around anymore and watch these happenings crumble apart all around me!! I am beyond disgusted and disappointed with the ways things have been handled in this school district. I could write a novel about the misconduct and neglect y'all have bestowed upon our children. Below I will list some of my concerns and will not silence my voice until justice is served.

Brooke May  
[REDACTED]

1. The ROTC program at BHS is under severe violations. I can not fathom how BCSD can say that our kids safety is your number one priority when a convicted felon, Michael James Kelly Jr was allowed to "coach" my Children...and when the concerns where taken to the paid ROTC instructors things were not addressed and they were swept under the rug. There are several facts surrounding this situation and nobody wants to take ownership for their wrong doings. There has been misappropriated funds and/or embezzlement with the ROTC program and with Kelly. Our children are learning that it's "ok" to lie and be outright deceitful and that's not ok!!!

2. Chain of Command at BHS is a total joke...including Mrs Almond. She told several parents, including my husband that she will not meet with all the parents (at the same time) who have our same concerns. Mrs Almond said she will meet with parents only separately and would not place herself "in the lions den to be attacked".....this is a highly concerning non approach tactic considering Almond is a principal. If you can't address a group or the public then you are incompetent and unable to perform your job in the right manner.

3. The lack of funds and security at BHS is beyond concerning! The kids at BHS can literally walk out the front door and skip class with no repercussions. I can promise you that LMS is like going into Ft Knox....going in and going out and everything in between. I know that when there is an incident at LMS that I will be notified immediately. My father, a retired Colonel from the Air Force and North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations, went through a thorough background check to be able to go on one field trip with LMS....the background check took ample time to "clear" him, but a dude with a felony is allowed to volunteer with BHS because his charges had nothing to do with children, per the BCSD.

4. Teachers are not doing their syllabus's or jobs efficiently or effectively. I say

this because the academic part of the ROTC program has been nothing less than an ongoing joke. Our children are going to school to clean the classrooms and desk(in other classes as well)...I don't understand why our children have to scrub desk with shaving cream when the district has paid janitors....where is the education?

5. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] forked out a small college fund for the peace of mind of my Children's safety. Medical circumstances happened and we had to take our children out of the school because it wasn't economical for our family anymore. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]...we had zero issues with either school....then, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] where all the "drama saga" began. Why am I going into all this....all to say that it's really pathetic that every single day I don't know if it will be the last time I see my child when I send them to school. Some of us parents can't afford a private school to insure our kids safety....

.....I could go on and on, but I'm pretty much done with this mess for the day. As me and my household continue to live in truth and justice we will make sure that this generation and the generations behind our kids get a fair shot at life and education. Pretty sad it has taken all this just to make a dent in the arena.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Moss, Jeffrey C <Jeffrey.Moss@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 31, 2018 11:27 AM  
**To:** Brett May  
**Cc:** Almond, Bonnie N; Tooman, Daniel S; Walton, Alice W; Gregory, Cynthia W; Kinton, Geraldine C; Dunkle, Joseph R  
**Subject:** Re: Senior Awards Night!!

Mr. May:

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On May 31, 2018, at 7:31 AM, Brett May <[REDACTED]> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

Myself and many others are in shock to see and hear what went on and who was there at senior awards night at Beaufort High School on Wednesday May 30th 2018.

Just to bring everyone up to speed I am writing this because many parents don't have a voice for various reasons. So the person who has started this entire issue at BHS Michael J. Kelley JR. was once again back in action at the school last night. I was alerted by several parents that he was there for awards and is [REDACTED] so he had no reason to be there. While he was there the AFJROTC color guard was preparing for the opening of the event and Mr. Kelley was trying to tell the cadets how to do their part as color guard! As I was told 1SG Rawlins one of the AFJROTC instructors gently asked MR. Kelley to stop. This is a total failure of our school administration, Mr. Kelley should not be anywhere near our children or cadets and I am outraged of why he was even at the event. I could understand him being there for awards if he had a senior that was receiving awards [REDACTED]. I am hoping someone can explain! I along with several parents are not going to just go away or let these issues go out the door. There are several issues that need to be addressed.

Brett May

