Willowick Police Department
Departmental Information

From: **Ptl. J. Beckwith** To: **Chief Lazor**

Subject: **June 17, 2008 Stop of Bryan Ledford** Date: **June 20, 2008**

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Chief Lazor,

On June 17, 2008 at 1443 hours I was dispatched to Willowick Drive for a male walking down the street with a gun. I was the second officer on the scene. As I approached the area Ptl. Spakes had already began speaking with a white male. This male was later identified as Bryan Ledford. Ptl. Spakes was standing in front of Mr. Ledford who was on his knees with his hands on top of this head. Ptl. Spakes was asking him questions about why he was walking down the street with the gun on his side. He then asked for his identification. Mr. Ledford stated that his identification was in his wallet but he did not want to reach for it. I asked him where his wallet was and he explained that it was in his back pocket. I asked if I could get it for him and agreed to this. I retrieved the wallet and he pointed out that his permit to carry a concealed weapon was in the middle section. I removed this from his wallet and handed it to Sgt. Turner. While retrieving the wallet I noticed that he had two pocket clip knifes in his right pocket, a large knife in a sheath on his right side and at least one more pocket clip knife in his left pocket.

Sgt. Turner then began to interview Mr. Ledford. He asked why he would carry a gun in this fashion. Mr. Ledford stated that he did not need a reason that it was his second amendment right to do so. I then asked him if he felt so strongly about his second amendment right to carry a weapon openly, then why would he take the time to go and get his carry conceal permit? He explained that someone gave him a free class to do so. I tried to explain that in today's society with all the school shootings and other issues that maybe carrying a gun in this manner was not a good idea. Sgt. Turner then continued his conversation with him. After arguing with Mr. Ledford for a period of time of weather or not this was crime of disorderly conduct and or inducing panic, Sgt Turner explained to him that he had spoken with and Eastlake officer about him. In this he stated that the Eastlake officer stated that he knew him and that he vouched for his character. At this point Sgt. Turner told him to conceal the weapons, gave back his permit and he was sent on his way.

Respectfully Submitted,

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