

Shame!, Shame!!, Shame!!! on the CC Sheriff's Department, State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) !!! the Shelby Star, and the "Chicken Shit" anonymous Facebook false Rumor-Mongers who have caused such unnecessary pain and emotional distress to both the families of Asha Degree and Roy Lee Dedmon as well as the whole of the Cleveland County Community!! Report, commentary and opinions by Robert A

Editor's Note: Right about now it appears that this latest of the many failed investigations into the Valentine's Day, 2000 disappearance of 9-year-old Asha Degree began as a "publicity stunt" and is about to end-up as a libelous public relations

disaster. And, probably may lead to a several lawsuits against the overzealous law enforcement agencies. And the greedy Shelby Star, who likely were only looking to make money at the expense of innocent people.

After 24 years of periodic so-called “breaks” in this Asha Degree case that quickly turned into dead ends. A missing person case that has baffled Law Enforcement at every level, whose resolution would be good news for the FBI, the NC SBI and the CC Sheriff’s Office. It goes like this;

1.The FBI High-Level phony leadership; after their years long disastrous Russian Hoax allegations against President Donald Trump turned out to be false. Plus, their disastrous investigation of the Trump assassination attempt regarding the huge lapses in Secret Service Protection. The FBI AND the Secret Service are certainly craving some good news right about now-before the 2024 Elections. Like solving a 24-year-old investigation from anywhere. Anything politically “good news” to stave off them being fired when President Trump wins the 2024 Presidential Election

2.The NC SBI, under NC Attorney General Josh Stein and Governor Roy Cooper before him have presided over 24 years of failure in the Asha Degree disappearance. Now Josh Stine is running for Governor against Mark Robinson in a very tight race. It is certain that the ever-pompous Governor Candidate Josh Stein would give his right “nut” to be able to claim that his SBI, under his leadership, had solved the highly publicized Asha Degree disappearance mystery and gotten some kind of conviction. No matter how many Constitutional violations, planting of evidence and jury tampering incidents Josh Stein and his SBI had to make.

3.The Cleveland County Sheriff’s Office, under former Sheriff Dan Crawford, started this FUBAR of an investigation when Sheriff Crawford FIRED his initial Asha Degree Disappearance Investigator (Officer Wayne Thomas) for political purposes.

(Of all things, Sheriff Dan Crawford himself stated in an official record that he believed Officer Wayne Thomas was reading Robert A's print editions of Citizens For Good Government and going back to the CC Sheriff's Office and feeding information to the "Elect Raymond Hamrick for Sheriff" Political Committee. When, in all likelihood, the entire Sheriff's Office personnel were already reading Robert A's articles for themselves. In any event, Sheriff Dan Crawford fired his initial Asha Degree Investigator and took other retaliatory actions that had the whole Sheriff's Office in a high state of continuous turmoil. Sheriff Crawford lost his run for re-election to Sheriff to Raymond Hamrick and the Asha Degree investigation is now in its 24th year. Now Sheriff Alan Norman is the Sheriff of Cleveland County, has changed his political party to Republican and has been said to be considering a run for a higher political office. Solving the Asha Degree case would certainly be a "feather" in Sheriff Alan Norman's political cap, if only to finally end his political career on high note.

But, as it stands right now, this "September Surprise" of a much too highly visible of an investigation/search: using ground penetrating radar, a "Crime Scene" van with its 30 ft. raised mast antenna, tons of marked law enforcement cars and other vehicles, and tee shirts and such, has turned up with only an old beat-up green car that was only "close" to being a match to a 24 year old glimpse of a vehicle allegedly observed in a rainstorm in the darkest of the night in 2000. And no trace of the missing Asha Degree and much of anything else has been disclosed as found. And plenty of TV news coverage that showed nothing of consequence except an obvious attempt to gain publicity for Law Enforcement and ensure that a Jury will be fully biased against anybody who might be accused of any sort of a crime they might come up with.

As yet there have been no arrests, only a too thin of an implication against a well-thought-of member(s) of a well-respected Cleveland County family who have since hired a top-

notch CC lawyer who may have his eyes set on a big lawsuit against the various law enforcement agencies as well as the libelous Facebook false rumor mongers. AND, MAYBE the Shelby Star too?

Folks, the false, libelous, slanderous and just plain mean rumors, Facebook posts set off by this phony show of law enforcement attention to a 24-year-old possible crime has been especially mean and hard-hearted regarding Roy Lee Dedmon and his family. Mr. Dedmon was falsely reported as committing suicide after his FBI interview. A False Obituary was created and posted that accused a "dead" Mr. Dedmon as being an old-time segregationist who hated black people. Then Mrs. Dedmon (Connie) was falsely stated to also have also committed suicide. All false. Even Mrs. Dedmon's brother, Pastor Nicholas (Nick)" Scott Elliott, a well-respected Christian Pastor in Shelby and Greeneville, South Carolina, who passed away this past April, was stated to have had a "Death-Bed Confession" that has been alleged to have started this present day fiasco of a "Witch Hunt" investigation.

Folks, Nick Elliott was a childhood friend of Robert A. Nick's Grandfather Elliott lived directly across the street from Robert A on Beam Street in Fallston. When Nick's parents would come to visit Grandpa and Grand Ma, Nick and Robert A would play all over Beam Street and the surrounding creeks, woods and fields while Nick's sister Connie would play with Robert A's younger sisters. When Nick Elliott passed away this past April, Robert A sadly read every word of Nick Elliott's Obituary. As well as other related accolades regarding Nick Elliott's service to the Lord and his Ministry in Greeneville, SC. Robert A truly believes Nick Elliott had no deep and dark secrets that he had to confess to on his deathbed. This all was just made up vicious stuff from warped minds that were set off by the Law Enforcement establishment at every level creating evil thoughts in the minds of evil people. People that need a large lawsuit lesson in Superior Court for their

false and libelous statements. Also, the Asha Degree family has urged all these liars to stop their false and phony Facebook communications that do nothing but unnecessarily hurt innocent people,

Now, Mr. Roy Lee Dedmon has hired Shelby Attorney David Teddy to represent him and his family in this matter.

The following is the full text from a Friday September 13, 2024 WBTV Broadcast

SHELBY, N.C. (WBTV) – The attorney for the man whose house was searched by federal agents in Cleveland County earlier this week in relation to the disappearance of Asha Degree said his client denies knowing nothing (anything) about what happened to her.

David R. Teddy, who represents Roy Lee Dedmon, said the search warrant for Dedmon's Cherryville Road property will reveal someone who is no longer living will be linked to the circumstances of Degree's disappearance.

Degree, who was 9-years-old at the time she went missing in February 2000.

"It's very possible that that person who is no longer here has the answer as to what happened to Asha and the answer may very well never be known," Teddy said.

Teddy spoke to reporters Friday evening, hoping to dispel rumors that have circulated in Cleveland County about the case and Dedmon, whose Shelby home was searched by FBI agents Tuesday and Wednesday.

"I'm disturbed as a lawyer and as a citizen of this community about the information that has been spread out there," Teddy said. "I'm concerned not only for my client, Roy Dedmon, and for his family, but most importantly I'm concerned for the Degree family. I do not know Asha's parents personally but I do know a number of their relatives and they are good, honest, decent people. And they deserve better than what some people in this community have done recently."

Dedmon, along with his wife and three children, have all been questioned by authorities about Degree's disappearance, and all denied knowing anything, according to Teddy.

The search warrant could be unsealed as early as (next?) week, Teddy said.

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Editor's Note No 2: The "Dead Person" Attorney David Teddy Turner noted above could be Former CC Sheriff Dan Crawford, Former CC Sheriff Raymond Hamrick, Pastor Nick Elliott (unlikely) or somebody entirely different. We "Sane" people will just have to patiently wait and see. And hopefully the liars and troublemakers on Facebook will cease and desist in their mean, hateful and libelous behavior. Note that if Robert A gets to serve on that jury, a bunch of people will surely mend their mean and hateful ways.