Dear Town Council,

I respectfully request an agenda item be added to discuss the addition of a town policy restricting law enforcement personnel in Coventry from sexual activities with youth in town. As you know, the age of sexual consent is 16 years of age, and although statues exist to protect students from teachers and other employees of the school itself, there is currently a large hole that must be broached with another group of persons with huge influence and power over the youth of the town. A group of person who carry multiple weapons, have power of arrest, and detainment, and are often either feared, or conversely greatly admired.

As law enforcement personnel are very active with the youth of the community and the schools, I think a clear mandate will make things clearer of what is appropriate. I do not think any parent in Coventry approves of any member of Coventry Law Enforcement using the local high school population as a source of their sexual fulfillment.

I encourage you to consider my request to add a statement as to below to your town personnel code of conduct, or otherwise. I cannot imagine the police union would fight to allow its officers to engage in sex with the local high school population.

To my knowledge no current mandate exists specifically instructing the Coventry Law Enforcement Personnel of the following. If none exists, and no policy is created, this means Coventry is in effect approving of sexual relationships between its officers and students of Coventry High School. If one does exists, please educate me on the topic. I suggest the following or similar.

"Due to the position of power and influence Coventry Police Personnel maintain over its citizens, Coventry Police Personnel as a condition of employment, effective as of this date, are hereby barred from engaging in sexual activity with citizens of Coventry who are under the age of 18, or who have attained the age of 18 and are still attending a high school program of study funded by the town of Coventry. Sexual Activity definition is to include but not be limited to the following:, exposure of genitalia, fondling, intercourse, unwelcome or inappropriate sexual remarks, masturbation, obscene phone calls, obscene text messages, sharing pornographic images, sex of any kind to include vaginal, oral, or anal; enticement to engage in sexual activity, offers of favors for sexual activity. This policy applies whether said Personnel are on or off duty.

Any law enforcement personnel under investigation of such activity shall be immediately placed on leave of police duty; and if found to have engaged in such activity as determined by review of the Police Chief, Town Manager, and Town
Council, shall be immediately terminated from their position. As well, any law enforcement personnel who are aware of such behavior by another law enforcement personnel shall incur the same discipline as if he or she had participated directly if such activity is not immediately reported to the Chief of Police, or Town Manager. "

Thank you for your consideration, I urge Coventry to be progressive and make positive changes for the psychological and physical well being of its youth.

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