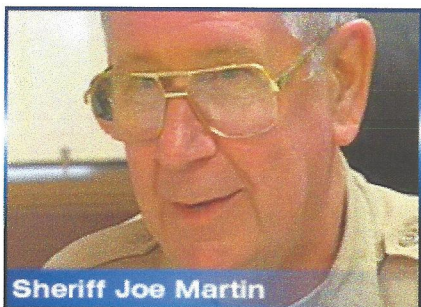


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# Clallam County Sheriff Investigation Results In Shakeup

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CLALLAM COUNTY - The Sheriff is shaking up Clallam County.

He's asked his undersheriff to resign and taken action against two others. The moves involve a deputy having an affair on department time, a second swiping sunglasses, and a third covering for a friend.

"I don't stand for that and I'm their leader. I don't believe in that. I Have high principles and morals and I will do the right thing," said Sheriff Joe Martin. "And I've done the right thing by taking care of business. I will not strand for that."

Undersheriff Steven Snover is a veteran of the department. Just five years ago he got a special commendation following the shooting of deputy Wally Davis.

It was Snover who spent 25 hours negotiating the surrender of the shooter, Thomas Roberts.

But this time the undersheriff downplayed an action by a friend, Detective Sergeant Dave Fontenot, calling what he did just an error in judgment.

What did Fontenot do?

"He took a pair of sunglasses from a warrant search that were not in the scope of the warrant," said Martin. "They were a pair of old aviator sunglasses that he just took from the scene."

You might wonder 'what's the big deal of antique sunglasses?'

The big deal is it happened during an official search. Now the detectives credibility is in question and the prosecutor has put several criminal cases on hold.

KOMO 4 News has learned that ten cases including two assaults and eight drug cases have already been dismissed or pleaded down.

The other incident involving deputy Dwane Hayden is a matter of sex on the job. It does not threaten any cases.

Long time members of the department are applauding the sheriff's action