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### PRESS RELEASE



Michael Lansing Flynt

#### SHERIFF CAPERS REQUIRES HONESTY FROM HIS EMPLOYEES

On June 4, 2018 an anonymous tipster informed a Detective with the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office about an employee who had committed numerous crimes while employed with the Humble Police Department.

Michael L. Flynt was hired in January 2017 after retiring from the Humble Police Department. He completed the application/personal history statement required for all applicants by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). In that government document, Flynt stated "no" to issues concerning his former employment with Humble PD. Sheriff Capers hired Flynt, who by all means possible at the time, showed to be a more than acceptable candidate for employment. Flynt was brought on board to handle the Patrol Tactical Unit as a Lieutenant, a position similar to his assignment with Humble PD.

Upon learning the allegations from the tipster, Sheriff Capers ordered his Detective Division to reopen the background investigation on Flynt. The Detectives soon learned why the criminal issues were absent during the background investigation. Allegedly, the former city manager had illegally "sealed" any references to Flynt's background, even going as far as to threaten any employee from discussing the issues. Being that the background investigation is a cornerstone to law enforcement to ensure only persons of the highest caliber are accepted into the field, this omission by the City of Humble seriously jeopardized the integrity of the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office, and duly negated an important part of Sheriff Capers ability to protect the citizens of this county.

Detectives sought and received a search warrant for all records concerning Flynt at the City of Humble. Upon service of the warrant at Humble City Hall, the current City Manager cooperated with the detectives and the warrant. Upon review of the documents, it was learned that Flynt was involved as the subject of several criminal investigations, was forced to retire versus being indicted, and that Flynt did lie on his application/personal history statement when seeking employment with San Jacinto County.

Detectives presented this information to District Judge Casey Jones and warrants for the arrest of Michael Flynt were issued. Charges include 4-State Jail Felonies and 1-Misdemeanor, all dealing with the falsifying of the State Mandated Personal History Statement.

Flynt was terminated from employment with the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office early in the morning of June 20, 2018. On June 21, 2018, Flynt surrendered to the Liberty County Jail on the San Jacinto County Charges.

Investigation is continuing into other allegations of his actions while in the position he held with San Jacinto County.