

**From:** Evan White  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2009 10:05 AM  
**To:** Barrow, Rickey  
**Subject:** Operation Stand II

Please let Sheriff Whetsel know that he is a hypocrite of the most extreme kind. He got on camera Saturday evening and told the people of Oklahoma County that they were being kept safe by setting up checkpoints to catch drivers with suspended licenses and a few people that had marijuana. What a joke and politician Whetsel has become! The people of Oklahoma County see through his disingenuous statements and they know the *only* reason for such lame tactics is because the force is short of funds and setting up roadblocks for citizens heading for the State Fair solves that problem. The sheriff's task force can NOT perform quality work other than checkpoints to fund their way of life.

It's a shame that he puts the citizens of Oklahoma through such nonsense in the name of 'saving lives' when the real reason for resorting to fishing with a fishnet is the almighty dollar and nothing else.

Shame on Sheriff John Whetsel

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**From:** Whetsel, John  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2009 3:48 PM  
**To:** Evan White  
**Subject:** Operation Stand II

Dear Mr Evan White,

Thank you for sharing your concern, however you unfortunately did not have correct information before you wrote your e-mail.

The Oklahoma Legislature determines where the revenue from citations go. The Sheriff's Office receives a \$5 fee for each citation after the person is found or pleads guilty, not enough to even cover the costs of writing or processing the citation. The rest goes to the state court system with specific fees added for state court costs and to other entities for specific programs, which may or may not be waived by the courts. Our partner on Saturday evening was the Oklahoma Highway Patrol who also receive minimal funding from citations they issue.

So no – it is not, nor has it ever been, about “the almighty dollar” – it truly is about saving lives.

In addition to arrests for outstanding arrest warrants, drug possession and suspended and revoked drivers licenses, we also took 28 drunk drivers off the road during this operation – drunk drivers who were prevented from causing an injury or fatal crash that night.

I don't know if you have ever lost a family member in a traffic crash. I have. My two-year old daughter and my first wife were the innocent victims of a traffic crash. My four-year old daughter was critically injured in that crash, but miraculously survived.

That is the main reason I am so passionate about savings lives through effective traffic safety initiatives – to try to save lives that are needlessly lost by preventable traffic crashes and to try

to reduce the chance that my family and other families will have to suffer the grief and pain of losing a loved one in a preventable traffic crash.

I am truly disappointed that you associated my efforts to save lives with that of money. You could not have been more wrong.

But to be truly fair, you probably should have shared with us that you were stopped at one of our traffic safety checkpoints on Saturday evening, that you were arrested on a felony charge of possession of drugs with the intent to distribute and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, that you were booked into the Oklahoma County Jail and later released on bond, that you are a state employee of Health Choice, and that your complaint e-mail was written and sent on state time and on a state computer. The citizens of Oklahoma should be really proud of you.

John Whetsel, Sheriff

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**From:** Evan White  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2009 04:25 PM  
**To:** Whetsel, John  
**Subject:** RE: Operation Stand II

As drunk driving is, indeed, more dangerous to society than possession of marijuana (which I was not or ever have tried to sell) most of the 50 or so men and women that were booked with me Saturday night were in for driving with a suspended license or the same 'crime' I was charged with.

Yes, I knew about your wife and daughter being killed by that motorcyclist almost 30 years ago; It is truly tragic. I don't know that I would ever recover from anything similar. I just wanted to voice my frustration at a system that unjustly penalizes marijuana users. Their lives are ruined for no reason at all; at least not a reason relating to justice! All I know is that there weren't any lives saved that night by arresting me and my girlfriend or any other person that was charged for the same thing.

I do appreciate your response and I'm sure the people of Oklahoma appreciate the fact that I didn't use a state computer this time ;)

Evan