

October 10, 2005

TO: Colonel Julie Grimes  
FROM: Charles R. Heath  
RE: Michael Wooten

I am aware of the August 10, 2005 letter sent to you by Sarah Palin regarding Trooper Michael Wooten. Apparently, no action has been taken by his superiors, for whatever reason. He continues to intimidate members of the Palin family, most recently on September 30, 2005 when he confronted 14 yr old Bristol Palin, my granddaughter, at a Wasilla High football game. In the presence of others he called her a f---- asshole. This was while he was a member of the Wasilla High coaching staff.

Today, October 10, 2005, two Wasilla High School administrators Dwight Probasco and Mark Okeson informed me that Mr. Wooten was history and would never be involved in any activities, whatsoever, at the school in the future. This was due to the Bristol Palin incident which they investigated, which was also near the date that Wooten approached and physically and verbally intimidated the boys' cross-country running coach at Wasilla High School in front of the football team and cross-country team.

Both administrators also confirmed that Wooten had lied to them on three issues in order to get his coaching job back after he was relieved of the position last summer.

As the August 10<sup>th</sup> letter stated, Wooten, while armed, vowed that he would kill me with a lead bullet if I helped his wife by getting her an attorney to assist her after Wooten's physical abuse was exposed. He also threatened to "bring down" the Palin family, which seems to be exactly what he's attempting to do now.

My family and others who gave statements to Sgt. Ron Wahl are understandably uneasy about the fact that Wooten is still a trooper. We hope he never has the opportunity to confront any of us in a situation where there are no witnesses, since we have reason to fear him immensely. I have heard him make threats about how he would get even with other people. Regarding his illegal moose hunt, he has recently intimidated his wife Molly by saying he would have her prosecuted if she testified against him resulting in his prosecution.

The blatant illegal and unethical behavior of Wooten has put the troopers, and probably the whole Department of Public Safety, in an unfavorable light. Issues include the domestic violence charges, drinking and driving (including drinking from an open beer can in his trooper car in front of witnesses), reckless handling of weapons (including shooting his stepson with his trooper Tasar gun; firing a weapon into the driveway of their home while drunk, also in front of witnesses), illegally killing a moose while hunting with another law enforcement officer who testified against Wooten on this matter. His abusive behavior, intimidations, and abuse of authority includes demanding a responding trooper to turn off his recorder after pulling Wooten and his girlfriend over for her suspected drunk driving. Wooten has also bragged about being pulled over in response to a REDDI call this year and was transported to a friend's house by a fellow trooper instead of being tested and cited for DUI. The bartender witnessing Wooten's actions the night of the REDDI call testified that Mike was drunk, as did Mike in his call to his wife requesting she drive him home as he was too drunk to keep driving.. Any of these incidents would certainly warrant strong disciplinary action by superiors.

Wooten has bragged to others that he is not afraid to face any charges in court because he maintains that a trooper's word is believed over that of an ordinary citizen. He has stated this belief on numerous occasions in front of witnesses. He perceives himself to be above the law.

Both the public and troopers are aware of these actions, yet, as of today this trooper has still not been held accountable for his illegal actions. I would hope that there are no major problems within DPS, but we are concerned about what appears to be a case of the department taking things too lightly.

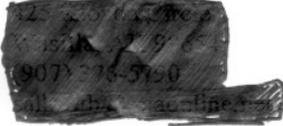
Many of Wooten's illegal activities were brought to the attention of Wooten's immediate supervisors more than seven months ago. At that time, his supervisor even advised Wooten's wife to file a restraining order

against him, for her and her family's safety. She did so after that supervisor walked her through the necessary steps of filing the domestic violence restraining order on April 11, 2005.

Many Alaskans are aware of this volatile situation. The frightening thing about this is that Wooten's personal actions reflect his problems with being a pathological liar and an abusive and manipulative individual. It's irrational to believe his unethical character that we've all witnessed is any different in his professional life. Alaskans are victims when a trooper of this character remains in a position of authority. Anyone cited by Wooten (who himself has broken many laws) has no fair opportunity or recourse to defend himself. This makes a mockery of our law enforcement systems.

I want to make sure I go on record stating to you that I truly believe Michael Wooten to be a dangerous person, a loose cannon, ready to explode.

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