

On February 24<sup>th</sup> I called the Sheriff Dept of Jackson Co. to report an aggressive and agitated male outside who was making me feel very uncomfortable. I made the first call at 5:02 PM. I had mentioned to Dispatch that the man was starting to walk across the street to the park. He then came back at least 2 more times before I called the second time at 7:02, two hours after my original call. I asked dispatch why no one had showed up. She looked into it and told me the officer signed off on the call 2 hours before that. I'm assuming as soon as I called. She said she would send them again and have the officer call me when he was on the way. At 8:04 PM officer called me from across the street in the library parking lot to ask what was going on. I told him what had been going on with the male. He then proceeded to tell me that he should explain to me the

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Contract between Gold hill and the Sheriff Dept. (I could be mistaken) I thought he said they are only contracted for 6 hrs a week. I may have misunderstood him as I'm now hearing they are contracted 40+ hours a week. He did not word it that way if so. In any case I did not call to hear about Gold hills contract & called for assistance. He then told me as soon as I had said the male walked across the street they consider my call no longer in progress and not a priority so they went to other calls instead. I had also explained to Dispatch that I was working alone at night. I asked the Sheriff at this point (mildly frustrated) if next time I should just say he is still there since he will return shortly anyway. He told me that he would have ME arrested if I did. I then asked him what I am supposed to do then? Should I let him come in and attack me or should I just shoot him first when he comes in? The officer hung up on me at this point. He did not even ask me to change my tone or anything. Just hung up. Yes I was frustrated, but who wouldn't be. I was not yelling or anything.

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The officers were not able to contact the ~~male~~ male before they left from sitting in the library parking lot. When I got off work at 10pm the male was outside my work. I also had my 15 year old daughter with me who he spoke to in a sexual kind of way and holding money up to her from outside my vehicle. He then started to approach my vehicle so I drove away. I never spoke to an officer face to face during the few hours this was going on.

This statement was written by Joy Richardson and given to me with permission to share on the evening of Thursday, Feb 25, 2021.

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