

## Brent Bader

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**From:** Jeff Grove  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 8:40 AM  
**To:** Brent Bader  
**Subject:** FW: [City of La Salle] Media Request

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** "De Mar, Charles F" <cfdemar@cbs.com>  
**Date:** 6/10/20 11:32 PM (GMT-06:00)  
**To:** Jeff Grove <j.grove@lasalle-il.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [City of La Salle] Media Request

Mayor,

I completely understand the notion that our differences and varying beliefs make this country unique. (And value that concept)

To clarify, you are ok with Lasalle officers publicly promoting extreme conspiracy theories that have no factual foundation?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 10, 2020, at 11:07 PM, Jeff Grove <j.grove@lasalle-il.gov> wrote:

### External Email

I believe it is my job, my responsibility, to make sure all officers, public works, etc. are performing their jobs to the expectations and requirements set forth. (The expectations I stated in my previous emails.) It would be hypocritical for me to pick & choose what causes people can support, plus I don't have that authority, nor would I believe in it.) Especially during these times, when I am asking our officers to support a safe environment for all during these current protests. Those protesting and those who may be protesting against the protesters.

This is what makes the United States the best Nation in the world. We have the right to freedom of speech.

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From: "De Mar, Charles F" <cfdemar@cbs.com>

Date: 6/10/20 10:45 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: Jeff Grove <j.grove@lasalle-il.gov>

Subject: Re: [City of La Salle] Media Request

Mayor,

Thank you for your response. I'm glad to hear that the protests in LaSalle have been peaceful.

The inquiry that I'm asking about is unrelated to the recent protests.

I am asking about the attached photos. Officer mark Manicki and Mathew Kunkel pictured wearing QuAnon vests. Described by the anti-defamation league as a "theory popular among a range of right-wing extremists"

<https://www.adl.org/resources/backgrounders/quanon>

Manicki's social media is filled with Quanon conspiracy theories. (Below).

<https://www.facebook.com/mark.manicki.9>

<https://twitter.com/815Patriot>

Yes, the officers appear to be off duty in the picture but LaSalle residents we spoke with expressed concerns that the officers sworn to protect and serve may have extreme views based on a conspiracy theory group they believe in.

Is there any concern that LaSalle Officers subscribe to this and promote it publicly?

Charlie

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On Jun 10, 2020, at 10:15 PM, Jeff Grove <j.grove@lasalle-il.gov> wrote:

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Good evening. Thank you for the question. Myself, the Chief, City Council, our residents and all police officers expect all our officers to perform their job responsibilities by communicating and behaving in a safe, respectful, professional, and ethical manner. When any complaint or issue is brought to our attention, it is fully investigated. This goes for all our City personnel, not just our police department. Our Team understands that there is zero tolerance for inappropriate behavior.

I am proud to say we had two peaceful protests in our City. One last Monday (June 1st) and one today. Our police Chief communicated ahead of time with the organizers to work out the details of where they planned to march, logistics, etc. The police officers were there to support and protect the protesters, as well as the people observing. I saw great interaction. Police and protesters waving and some shaking hands.

This was a welcomed sight for me. Prior to this protest, the only ones I saw were ones I saw or read about on the news that resulted in violence. I initially had concerns, but they were put to rest once the protest began.

Thank you for your time.

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From: City of La Salle <no-reply@lasalle-il.gov>  
Date: 6/10/20 8:23 PM (GMT-06:00)  
To: Jeff Grove <j.grove@lasalle-il.gov>  
Subject: [City of La Salle] Media Request

Hello Jeff Grove,

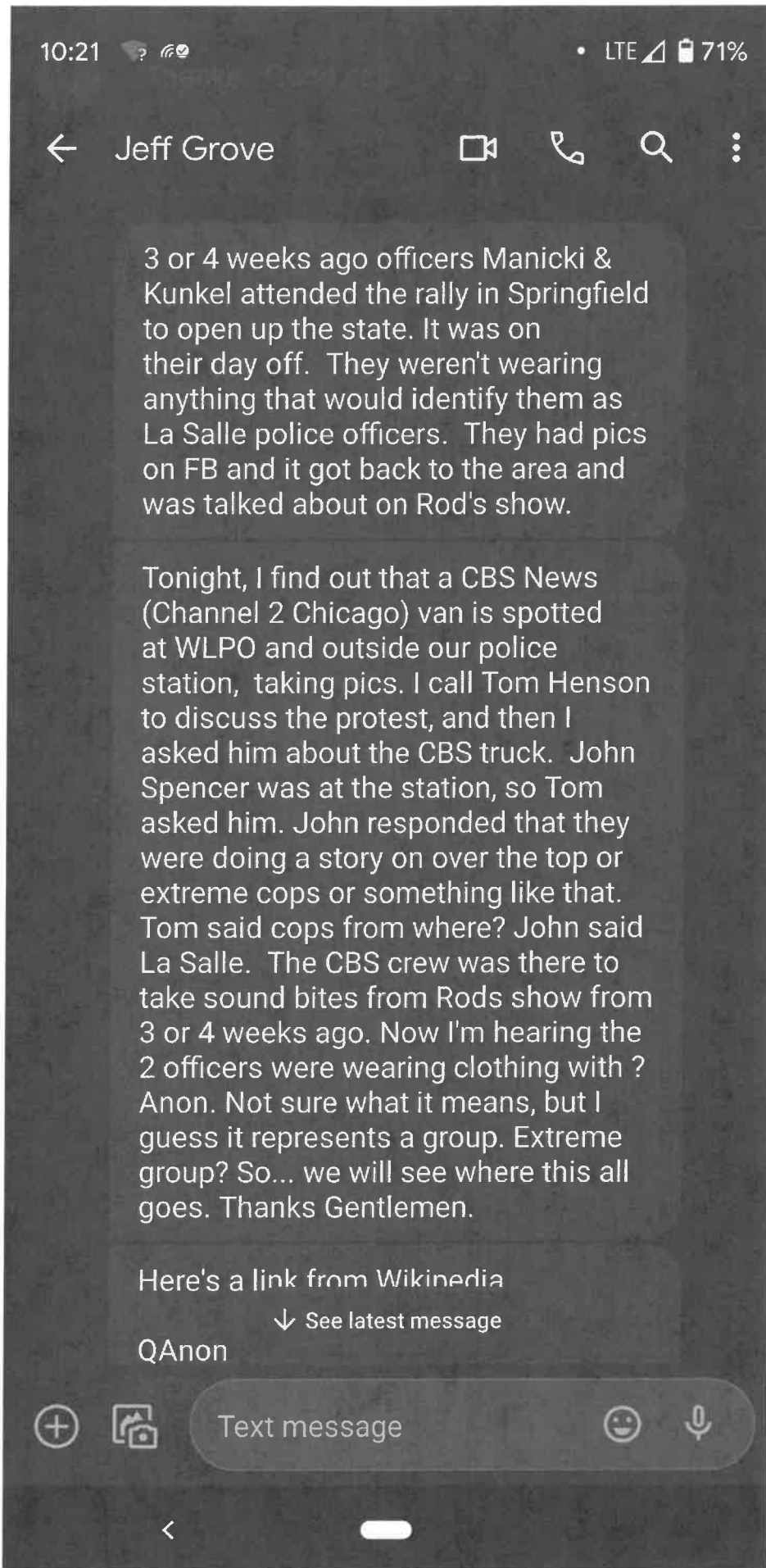
Charlie De Mar (not verified) (cfdemar@cbs.com) has sent you a message via your contact form at City of La Salle.

If you don't want to receive such emails, you can change your settings at <https://www.lasalle-il.gov/user/42/edit>.

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Mayor,

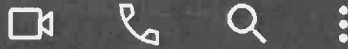
I hope all is well. My name is Charlie DeMar, I'm a reporter with CBS Chicago. We were recently contacted by several LaSalle residents about police officers Mark Manicki and Mathew Kunkel. They recently attended a re-open Illinois rally wearing Quanon vests. Quanon is considered a far right wing conspiracy theory. Mark is also very vocal about his conspiracy beliefs online. Is this of any concern to the department/City. Does this spark any type of internal investigation? Are these officers subject to discipline? Residents who contacted us raised the concern that if these officers hold these views it could impact the way they respond to calls and view certain aspects of the job. I am happy to provide pictures and discuss further. I can be reached at 312-919-9295.



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Jeff Grove



Here's a link from Wikipedia

QAnon  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/QAnon?wprov=sfla1>



QAnon  
en.wikipedia.org

<https://chicago.cbslocal.com/video/4589124-police-officers-linked-to-extremist-group/>

Wow it's on Facebook now



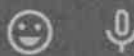
Police Officers Linked To Extremist Group

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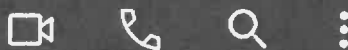
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← Jeff Grove



### Police Officers Linked To Extremist Group

Serious concerns have been raised over Illinois police officers with ties to right wing extremist  
[chicago.cbslocal.com](http://chicago.cbslocal.com)

I think they should be suspended  
Pending an investigation...  
In this tense atmosphere right now I think that's the safest thing to do for R. City...

Suspended for what? They have the right to an opinion just like everyone else. What the reporter didn't quote was that I said all our officers and all City personnel are expected to be respectful, ethical, and display good behavior in any job they performed. These two officers do their jobs and do what is expected of them.

They help keep the demonstrators safe for their freedom of speech (1st Amendment), but these officers can't go and do the same on their own time?

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