

Officer Claims He Had Difficulty Guaranteeing Suspect Was Black Before Shooting

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Scene of the crime after today's incident.

"I found it tough to guarantee [the suspect] wasn't white before discharging my firearm." Last week's successful apprehension of a multi-thousand-dollar skateboard thief in Bartlesville, Oklahoma has led to a nationwide discussion on when officers should discharge their weapon.

Sherriff Brett McDaniel told Hallowed Hog correspondent Seamus DeShill that when pursuing the suspected thief and speculated skateboard terrorist he had

difficulty being certain of the citizen's race.

"I found it tough to guarantee [the suspect] wasn't white before discharging my firearm," McDaniel said.

According to McDaniel modern social media is impeding on the ability for officers to approach crime in the manner they'd like to.

"Apparently my firearm is now only to be used as a last resort, its political maneuvering like this that makes me question why I'd even want to be a police officer anymore," McDaniel said.

He explained that the ability for people to conduct their own narrative of an event over the internet has made him have to think twice when discharging his firearm, even on non-white criminals to avoid the social vilification that stems from racial issues.

"I'm going to stick to only patrolling white neighbourhoods, so if I shoot anyone, it'll be perfectly acceptable," McDaniel said.

A local business owner who wished to remain anonymous witnessed the pursuit and commented on the event that unfolded. He explained that he does his best to avoid racial minorities in general so as to stay out of the racial misconduct.

“I like black people, I have no issues with any ethnicity but to make my life easier I make an effort to not interact with minorities at all; crossing the street, refusing them entrance to my place of business, not hiring anyone with a non-white skin tone, this is all done in the attempt to avoid any inopportune comments causing any offence,” the anonymous citizen said.

Today's events raised awareness on racial oppression and has led to negative consequences for everyone.