From: Ben Raymond <Ben.Raymond@shreveportla.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Angie Willhite
Subject: RE: Comment from Chief Raymond

Let's go with these responses. I discussed at length with Ben and Africa.
Ben

Ms. Bayliss,

Thank you for reaching out. Please see Chief Raymond's written response to your questions.

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From: Africa Price
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Ben Raymond
Cc: Benjamin Riggs; Angie Willhite
Subject: FW: Comment from Chief Raymond

From: Angie Willhite
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 2:50 PM
To: Benjamin Riggs
Cc: Africa Price; Ben Raymond
Subject: RE: Comment from Chief Raymond

Mr Riggs,

This is our planned response to the questions from Ms Bayliss

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From: Austin-Bayliss, Deborah [mailto:DAustinBay@gannett.com]
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It's Deborah Bayliss, reporter with the Shreveport Times. I work with Emily.

1. I'm trying to get a comment regarding the calls for Chief Raymond's and Sgt. Brent Mason's resignation, regarding Mason's Facebook post about the Minneapolis police-involved death of George Floyd. There also are calls from protestors here for Brent Mason to be fired.

1. Additionally, can you confirm there were two, police custody deaths over the past two months. There's been a lot of talk about it and one council member said he wasn't aware of it until last Wednesday. What is the protocol for the police department to report in-custody deaths to the mayor's office and were those two deaths reported to the mayor's office?

Thanks,
Deborah Bayliss
City Government Reporter
Shreveport Times

From: Angie Willhite <Angie.Willhite@shreveportla.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Austin-Bayliss, Deborah <DAustinBay@gannett.com>
Subject: RE: Comment from Chief Raymond

I am your point of contact. Please tell me who you are with and submit a list of questions.

Thank You and be safe,
Angie

From: Austin-Bayliss, Deborah [mailto:DAustinBay@gannett.com]
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Cpt. Willhite,

I'm trying to get a comment from Chief Raymond for a story I'm writing and one that was already written by my editor. Do I need to go through you for comment or can I speak directly with Chief Raymond?

Thanks,
Deborah Bayliss
Shreveport Times