

LIBEL CASE AGAINST A.T. “TOMMY” SMITH SETTLED

RETRACTION & APOLOGY ISSUED TO CINDY BARNETTE CAMP

Former candidate for Greenville County Sheriff, A.T. “Tommy” Smith, has settled a defamation lawsuit filed against him by Cindy Barnette Camp. The defamation occurred in January 2020 as A.T. Smith ran against Hobart Lewis to represent the Republican party in the general election. Ms. Camp alleged that A.T. Smith libeled her when he sent out thousands of mailers implying she’d had an affair with Hobart Lewis, and that Hobart Lewis would not release polygraph results that backed up A.T. Smith’s claim. Another mailer indicated that a polygraph administered to Hobart Lewis backed up the claim. Hobart Lewis won the runoff in a landslide and is currently Greenville County Sheriff. In the end, it became clear that there was no evidence whatsoever to support A.T. Smith’s claim. The settlement is confidential. However, as part of the settlement, A.T. Smith issued a Retraction and Apology. It is attached.

“Cindy never had anything but a professional relationship with Hobart Lewis – and this was when they worked in Greer more than twenty (20) years ago. Hobart Lewis was Cindy’s supervisor. They were never alone – even in a patrol car.”, according to Ms. Barnette’s attorney, Doug Churdar. “At the time A.T. Smith made these desperate allegations, Cindy was living in Anderson. She was completely uninvolved with this campaign, and she did not deserve to get dragged into it by A.T. Smith.”

A. T. Smith

RETRACTION AND APOLOGY TO CINDY BARNETTE CAMP

In 2019 and 2020, I ran against Hobart Lewis in the Republican primary and runoff for Sheriff of Greenville County. My campaign sent out a mailer that contained a false statement about Hobart Lewis and a “Cindy B”– a nickname for Cindy Barnette Camp. The statement alleged adultery. There was no merit to the statement. I am personally retracting the statement, and I apologize to Cindy Barnette Camp. I regret the harm it caused.

1-22-2025

Date

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A.T. Smith". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of each name being larger and more prominent.

A.T. "Tommy" Smith