

# EDGAR COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

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On Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at approximately 9:00am, R/D and Detective Hopper went to 508 Shaw Ave., Paris, Illinois, the residence of Jason Ball. Detective Hopper knocked on the front door and Jason answered the door. He had Detective Hopper and R/D come into the living room. Detective Hopper told Jason that we (Detective Hopper and R/D) had interviewed female inmates at the jail and it was told to us that both he and Kent Rhoads had been letting female inmates have cell phones and a laptop in the cell block. Jason admitted to letting a inmate have the cell phone and laptop. Detective Hopper told Jason that the Sheriff wanted them to resign and Jason stated that he wanted to talk with Kent Rhoads first. Jason did not admit to any other wrong doing at this time.

On Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010, R/D and Detective Hopper went to the Kent Rhoads residence located at 905 Michigan Street, Paris, Illinois. It was approximately 9:40am. Kent was walking his dog in the north yard to his home. Detective Hopper and R/D approached Kent and Detective Hopper told Kent about the cell phones and laptop being let into the female cell blocks. Detective Hopper told Kent that the Sheriff wanted them to resign their positions with the department. Kent stated that he wanted to speak to Jason Ball and think about what he had done before making any decision on resigning his position at the Sheriff's Department.

End report.

Edgar County Chief Deputy #102  
Shane R. St. Clair

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