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Regarding: Captain Cary Madrigal | Deputy Preston Kite (Convicted)
Racine County Sheriff's Office | Case No. 2024CF000164

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IMPORTANT NOTE: All facts cited in this package are drawn from official court records, sworn affidavits, authenticated internal investigation reports, and other public documents. This package is produced in the public interest in connection with the August 11, 2026 Racine County Republican Primary for Sheriff.

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DOCUMENT 1

Open Records Request — Racine County Sheriff's Office

June 3, 2026

SENT VIA: Email to: records@racinecounty.com

Sheriff Christopher Schmaling
Racine County Sheriff's Office
717 Wisconsin Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53403

RE: Open Records Request Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.31–19.39 — Kite/Madrigal Investigation Records

Dear Sheriff Schmaling:

Pursuant to the Wisconsin Open Records Law, Wis. Stat. §§ 19.31–19.39, H.O.T. Government (hotgovernment.com) hereby requests the opportunity to inspect and/or obtain copies of the following public records. If any fees will exceed \$25.00, please notify us before proceeding. We request a fee waiver on grounds that disclosure is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the operations of the Racine County Sheriff's Office.

The following records are requested in connection with the arrest, prosecution, and conviction of former RASO Deputy Preston Kite (Case No. 2024CF000164, Racine County Circuit Court) and the internal investigation of Captain Cary Madrigal (RASO Internal File No. 25DC20):

Category A: Kite Personnel and Conduct Records

1. The complete personnel file of former Deputy Preston Kite, including all performance evaluations, commendations, duty assignments, disciplinary records, and separation documents.

2. All internal communications — including emails, interoffice memos, text messages sent or received on department-issued devices, and radio logs — referencing Preston Kite by name between January 1, 2022 and February 4, 2024.
3. All documentation relating to any inquiry made by Preston Kite regarding joining the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) unit, including the identity of any supervisor or sergeant who received that inquiry, any written or electronic record of the inquiry, and any response provided.
4. All prior citizen complaints, internal complaints, or departmental reports referencing Preston Kite's conduct or off-duty behavior filed or received at any time prior to his February 4, 2024 arrest.
5. All records relating to Kite's assignment to Patrol Vehicle 5051 on February 3, 2024, including his duty roster, supervisor assignment, and shift log for that date.
6. All records relating to any consideration of Preston Kite for the LGBTQ Liaison position at RASO, including any communications, applications, endorsements, or written materials related to that position.

Category B: The Hall Investigation — Full, Unredacted Reports

7. The complete, unredacted Internal Review Report prepared by Attorney Samuel C. Hall Jr. of Crivello Nichols & Hall, dated December 2, 2024, referenced in the February 19, 2025 disciplinary complaint against Captain Madrigal (25DC20).
8. The complete, unredacted Follow-Up Internal Review Report prepared by Attorney Hall, dated February 4, 2025, referenced in the same disciplinary complaint.
9. All communications between Sheriff Schmaling, Chief Deputy James Weidner, Corporation Counsel, and Attorney Hall defining, limiting, or expanding the scope of the Hall investigation.
10. All records of individuals interviewed during the Hall investigation, including any written interview summaries, signed statements, or recordings.

Category C: Post-Arrest Institutional Response

11. All records relating to the open departmental forum held after Kite's February 2024 arrest, including attendance records, any written notes or minutes, and any follow-up communications arising from that forum.
12. All records of any disciplinary action, administrative leave, investigation, or inquiry opened regarding any RASO employee other than Captain Madrigal in connection with the Kite matter after February 4, 2024.

13. All records relating to any referral — or the decision not to refer — the Kite matter or the Hall investigation findings to the Wisconsin Department of Justice, the FBI, the Law Enforcement Standards Board, or any other external agency.
14. All communications between RASO and Kenosha County Sheriff's Office prior to and during the February 4, 2024 arrest of Kite, including any notification to RASO command staff and the identity of the first RASO officer notified.

Please respond in writing within five business days as required by Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4). If any portion of this request is denied, please identify each specific exemption claimed and advise of available appeal procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

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Open Records Request — Racine County Human Resources

June 3, 2026

Racine County Human Resources Department

730 Wisconsin Avenue

Racine, Wisconsin 53403

RE: Open Records Request Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.31–19.39 — Kite/Madrigal Matter

Dear Records Custodian:

Pursuant to the Wisconsin Open Records Law, H.O.T. Government requests the following records relating to the Kite/Madrigal matter at the Racine County Sheriff's Office:

15. All records of HR involvement in the matter of former Deputy Preston Kite from February 2024 through the conclusion of the Hall investigation, including any communications with Corporation Counsel regarding the scope of the investigation.
16. All HR complaints filed by RASO employees relating to Preston Kite at any time prior to his February 4, 2024 arrest.
17. Documentation of whether any mandatory reporter obligations under Wisconsin law — including but not limited to Wis. Stat. § 48.981 (mandatory reporting of child abuse) — were triggered by the findings of the Hall investigation and, if so, how those obligations were discharged.
18. All records of any HR communications with Captain Cary Madrigal relating to the Kite matter, including any records of the Loudermill meeting held February 20, 2025.
19. All communications between HR and Sheriff Schmaling regarding the decision to impose a 10-day suspension rather than termination in the Madrigal disciplinary matter.

Please respond in writing within five business days as required by Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4). If any portion of this request is denied, please identify each specific exemption claimed and advise of available appeal procedures.

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Open Records Request — Racine County Corporation Counsel

June 3, 2026

John P. Serketich, Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel

Racine County Corporation Counsel

730 Wisconsin Avenue

Racine, Wisconsin 53403

RE: Open Records Request Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.31–19.39

Dear Mr. Serketich:

Pursuant to the Wisconsin Open Records Law, H.O.T. Government requests the following records:

20. All communications between Corporation Counsel and Sheriff Schmaling regarding the decision to commission an internal administrative review through Attorney Hall versus referring the Kite matter to an independent outside agency such as the Wisconsin DOJ, the FBI, or the LESB.
21. Any legal opinion rendered by Corporation Counsel or outside counsel regarding whether Captain Madrigal's conduct — as found by the Hall investigation — triggered any mandatory reporting obligations, criminal referral obligations, or potential liability under Wisconsin law.
22. All records related to Circuit Court Case No. 26-CV-280 (Madrigal v. Racine County / Schmaling), including all communications between Corporation Counsel and Captain Madrigal's private attorney Todd A. Terry of Terry & Nudo, LC, regarding the open records request filed by Adrienne Melby.
23. The full scope-of-engagement letter or retainer agreement with Attorney Samuel C. Hall Jr. of Crivello Nichols & Hall defining the parameters of the internal investigation.
24. Any communications between Corporation Counsel and the Kenosha County District Attorney's Office or the Racine County District Attorney's Office regarding the Kite matter or the Hall investigation findings.

Please respond in writing within five business days. If any portion of this request is denied, please cite the specific statutory exemption and advise of appeal procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

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Open Records Request — Kenosha County Sheriff's Office / District Attorney

June 3, 2026

Kenosha County Sheriff's Office / District Attorney's Office

912 56th Street

Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140

RE: Open Records Request Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.31–19.39 — State v. Kite, Case No. 2024CF000164

Dear Records Custodian:

Pursuant to the Wisconsin Open Records Law, H.O.T. Government requests the following records relating to the investigation and prosecution of former Racine County Sheriff's Deputy Preston Kite:

25. All law enforcement investigative records from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office relating to the February 3–4, 2024 incident at the Petro gas station at 717 S. Sylvania Ave., Sturtevant, Wisconsin, including Detective Moro's complete investigative file beyond what was included in the criminal complaint.
26. All records of communications between the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office and the Racine County Sheriff's Office prior to, during, and immediately after the February 4, 2024 arrest of Preston Kite — specifically: who at RASO was notified, by whom, and at what time.
27. All records relating to any tip, complaint, or flag received from any source — including social media platforms, other law enforcement agencies, national tip lines, or citizen reports — regarding Preston Kite prior to February 3, 2024.
28. All records relating to the 'Adam Westbrook' matter referenced by the sentencing court on July 22, 2025 in Case No. 2024CF000164, including any investigation opened, any referral made, and the current status of any proceedings involving that matter.
29. Following Preston Kite's in-court statement at sentencing (July 22, 2025) that an Assistant District Attorney from a neighboring county encouraged him to engage

in public sexual activity: any records of investigation, referral, or inquiry initiated in response to that sworn statement.

30. The Presentence Investigation Report referenced at the July 22, 2025 sentencing hearing, to the extent not protected by a court order, and any related assessments identifying the three 'higher-ranking' network members referenced by the prosecutor.

Please respond in writing within five business days. If any portion of this request is denied, please cite the specific statutory exemption and advise of appeal procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

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Formal Demand — Racine County Board of Supervisors

June 3, 2026

Racine County Board of Supervisors

730 Wisconsin Avenue

Racine, Wisconsin 53403

RE: Formal Public Demand for Board Action — Kite/Madriral Matter and the August 11, 2026 Sheriff Primary

Dear Chair and Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

H.O.T. Government (hotgovernment.com) submits this formal demand to the Racine County Board of Supervisors as the elected governing body of Racine County, Wisconsin. The matters described herein are of urgent public concern, directly implicated in the August 11, 2026 Republican Primary for Racine County Sheriff, and require answers on the public record.

Factual Background

Former RASO Deputy Preston Kite was convicted on November 22, 2024 and sentenced on February 28, 2025 to 55 years of initial confinement for 45 felonies and 2 misdemeanors including Possession of Child Pornography, Sexual Exploitation of a Child, and Bestiality (Case No. 2024CF000164). Captain Cary Madrigal — now a candidate for Racine County Sheriff — was found by an outside investigation to have violated RASO supervisory policy by failing to formally act on multiple complaints about Kite's predatory behavior received between June 2023 and November 2023. She accepted a 10-day suspension in February 2025.

At his July 22, 2025 sentencing, Kite stated under oath: 'I was having multiple sexual partners including two other deputies and a supervisor within my own department. And an ADA from a neighboring county who encouraged me to go to a rest stop to engage in sexual activity that he partaked in himself.' This sworn statement has never been publicly addressed by this Board, by the Sheriff, or by the District Attorney.

Demands — The Board Is Requested to Answer the Following on the Public Record

31. Has the Board been briefed on Kite's sworn in-court statement that two RASO deputies and one RASO supervisor were his sexual partners? If so, what action has the Board taken? If not, why not, and what action will the Board take now?
32. Has the Board been briefed on Kite's sworn statement that an ADA from a neighboring county encouraged him to engage in public sexual conduct? Has any referral been made to the Wisconsin DOJ or the appropriate DA's office?
33. What oversight has the Board exercised over the scope of the Hall investigation? Was the Board informed that the investigation was limited to Madrigal's supervisory conduct and did not investigate the broader departmental entanglements Kite described under oath?
34. Has the Board received any briefing on the 'Adam Westbrook' matter — in which Kite, as a sworn officer, received CSAM depicting an identified child at a specific location in Wisconsin and took no protective action? Has that matter been referred to any agency for independent investigation?
35. Does the Board believe a 10-day suspension was an adequate disciplinary response to the Hall investigation's findings, given that Kite remained on active duty for at least eight months after the first complaint reached Captain Madrigal?
36. Will the Board direct Corporation Counsel to commission an independent review — conducted by an agency with no prior relationship to RASO — of the full institutional response to the Kite matter, including the conduct of all employees implicated by Kite's sworn statement?
37. Will the Board request that the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB) conduct an independent review of the conduct documented in the Hall investigation, given that the disciplinary response was determined solely within the institutional structure that has a direct interest in the outcome of the August 2026 sheriff's election?

The citizens of Racine County deserve answers to these questions before they vote on August 11, 2026. H.O.T. Government requests that this demand be placed on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled Board meeting and that written responses be provided within 10 business days.

Respectfully submitted,

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DOCUMENT 6

Formal Demand — Racine County District Attorney Patricia Hanson

June 3, 2026

District Attorney Patricia Hanson
Racine County District Attorney's Office
730 Wisconsin Avenue, Room 200
Racine, Wisconsin 53403

RE: Formal Public Inquiry — Kite/Madrigal Matter, Pending Criminal Referral Questions, and Your Endorsement

Dear District Attorney Hanson:

H.O.T. Government submits this formal public inquiry to your office in your capacity as the chief law enforcement officer of Racine County. The questions raised herein arise directly from the public court record in *State v. Kite* (Case No. 2024CF000164) and from the documented findings of the internal investigation of Captain Cary Madrigal (RASO File No. 25DC20). You have publicly endorsed Captain Madrigal for Racine County Sheriff. The public is entitled to know whether that endorsement was made with full knowledge of the following facts, and whether your office has fulfilled its independent obligations arising from those facts.

Questions Requiring Public Response

38. Has your office reviewed the Hall Internal Review Report — the investigation that found Captain Madrigal violated supervisory policy regarding Kite — to determine whether any conduct documented therein meets any threshold for criminal referral under Wisconsin law, including but not limited to: obstruction of a law enforcement investigation, failure to report child abuse under Wis. Stat. § 48.981, misconduct in office under Wis. Stat. § 946.12, or any other applicable statute?
39. At his July 22, 2025 sentencing, Kite stated under oath that an Assistant District Attorney from a neighboring county was his sexual partner and encouraged him to engage in public sexual activity in which that ADA personally participated. Has

your office made any inquiry into that sworn statement? If the referenced ADA is from Racine County, has any internal review been conducted? If from another county, has any referral been made to that county's DA or to the Wisconsin DOJ?

40. The prosecutor at sentencing described Kite as connected to three 'higher-ranking' individuals in a CSAM distribution network extending across Wisconsin. Has your office made any referral to the FBI or the Wisconsin DOJ regarding that network? If not, what is the basis for that decision?
41. The sentencing court identified a specific, named individual ('Adam Westbrook') connected to a specific location (Mount Olympus, Wisconsin Dells) and a specific child who was being victimized. Kite received CSAM from this individual while on active duty as a sworn officer and took no protective action. Has your office made any referral regarding that matter?
42. Was your office informed of the Hall investigation findings prior to endorsing Captain Madrigal's candidacy for sheriff? If so, did those findings — including the finding that she violated supervisory policy while a predator remained on active duty — factor into your endorsement decision? If not, are you aware of them now, and does that change your assessment?

H.O.T. Government requests written responses to these questions within 10 business days. These questions are being submitted publicly and the responses, or absence thereof, will be communicated to the citizens of Racine County in advance of the August 11, 2026 primary election.

Respectfully submitted,

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June 3, 2026

DOCUMENT 7

Complaint to the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB)

June 3, 2026

Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board

c/o Wisconsin Department of Justice

17 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 7857

Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7857

RE: Formal Complaint Requesting Decertification Review — Captain Cary Madrigal, Racine County Sheriff's Office, Payroll No. 7779

Dear Members of the Law Enforcement Standards Board:

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.85 and the authority of the Law Enforcement Standards Board to review officer certification, H.O.T. Government (hotgovernment.com) hereby submits this formal complaint requesting the Board initiate a review of the certification status of Captain Cary Ann Madrigal, Racine County Sheriff's Office (RASO), Payroll No. 7779, hired April 2, 2001.

Factual Basis

The following facts are established by official records including: the February 19, 2025 Disciplinary Complaint filed by Sheriff Christopher Schmaling (RASO File No. 25DC20); the summary of the Hall Internal Review Report and Follow-Up Internal Review Report contained therein; Captain Madrigal's sworn Affidavit filed in Racine County Circuit Court Case No. 26-CV-280; the Acceptance of Disciplinary Charges signed by Captain Madrigal on February 20, 2025; and the sentencing transcript from State v. Kite, Case No. 2024CF000164, dated July 22, 2025.

Grounds for Decertification Review

Ground 1: Deliberate Suppression of Formal Disciplinary Process (Summer/Fall 2023)

The Hall investigation found, and Captain Madrigal's own partial admissions confirm, that she was made aware of credible reports that Kite had sent unsolicited sexually explicit photographs to at least one deputy as early as Summer 2022, with direct reports reaching her in June–July 2023 and again in November 2023. Rather than initiating formal disciplinary proceedings as required by RASO Policy 1009.6.1 (Supervisor Responsibilities), Madrigal affirmatively chose to seek informal resolution — asking a fellow deputy to 'talk to Kite' about his behavior. This was not negligence. It was a deliberate choice to circumvent formal process while a predator remained on active duty with public access.

Ground 2: Public False Statement After Kite's Arrest (February 2024)

After Kite's February 2024 arrest, Captain Madrigal stated publicly at an open departmental forum that this was 'the first she had heard' of Kite sending sexually explicit images. This statement was directly contradicted by the findings of the Hall investigation and the testimony of multiple witnesses with corroborating accounts. Making a materially false public statement to fellow officers in the immediate aftermath of a colleague's arrest for child sex crimes — when the truthful account would have implicated her own prior inaction — constitutes a serious integrity violation independent of the underlying supervisory failure.

Ground 3: Retaliation Against a Complaining Witness (February 2024)

Following Kite's arrest, when a deputy directly confronted Madrigal about the 'dick pic' he had previously reported to her, Madrigal told him he was 'on thin ice' for identifying Kite as a pedophile. This constitutes intimidation of a witness and retaliation against a person who had reported misconduct — occurring in an active criminal investigation context.

Ground 4: Inadequacy of Internal Disciplinary Response

The internal disciplinary response — a 10-day suspension without pay — was imposed by Sheriff Schmaling, who has since publicly endorsed Captain Madrigal for the office of Racine County Sheriff. The conflict of interest inherent in this structure underscores the need for independent LESB review. The three categories of conduct described above — deliberate process suppression, public false statements, and witness intimidation — cumulatively represent a pattern inconsistent with the standards of law enforcement fitness required for Wisconsin certification.

Relief Requested

H.O.T. Government respectfully requests that the Board:

43. Open a formal review of Captain Madrigal's certification status under Wis. Stat. § 165.85.
44. Request from RASO the complete, unredacted Hall Internal Review Report and Follow-Up Report.
45. Independently evaluate whether the documented conduct meets the standard for decertification, suspension of certification, or other appropriate action.
46. Issue its findings publicly, given that Captain Madrigal is an active candidate for the office of Racine County Sheriff in an election scheduled for August 11, 2026.

Attached to this complaint as reference materials are: the February 19, 2025 Disciplinary Complaint (25DC20) and Captain Madrigal's sworn Affidavit from Case No. 26-CV-280, both of which are public records.

Respectfully submitted,

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June 3, 2026

DOCUMENT 8

Letter — FBI Milwaukee Field Office

June 3, 2026

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Milwaukee Field Office

3600 S. Lake Drive

St. Francis, Wisconsin 53235

RE: Public Interest Inquiry — Kite CSAM Network, Mount Olympus Child Victim, and RASO Institutional Response (Case No. 2024CF000164, Racine County Circuit Court)

Dear Special Agent in Charge:

H.O.T. Government (hotgovernment.com) is a Wisconsin-based citizen accountability organization. We write to formally raise the following matters arising from the public court record in State v. Preston Kite, Case No. 2024CF000164, Racine County Circuit Court, and to request confirmation of whether federal investigative jurisdiction has been or is being exercised over the related conduct.

Matters of Concern

1. The CSAM Distribution Network

At Kite's July 22, 2025 sentencing hearing, the prosecuting attorney stated that Kite was connected to three 'higher-ranking' individuals in a CSAM distribution network extending across Wisconsin and beyond. The court confirmed Kite was actively trading CSAM under encrypted identities including 'JustMe1169' on the Session app and '@pervvydadd12' on Twitter/X. The interstate and potentially international nature of this network would place it within federal jurisdiction under 18 U.S.C. § 2256 et seq.

2. The Mount Olympus / Adam Westbrook Child Victim

The sentencing judge stated on the record: 'Let's take the instance of your friend Adam Westbrook and what happened at Mount Olympus with his adopted five-year-old... You were a sworn officer. You wore that uniform. You got that image from your friend who

you knew was into child pornography. It happened days before you got it. What do you do to protect the child? You knew where they were, you knew who had him, and you knew what was going on to that child in Wisconsin at the Dells. You didn't pick up the phone. You didn't do anything to save that kid.' We request confirmation of whether this specific matter has been referred for federal investigation and whether the child has been identified and protected.

3. Law Enforcement Network Entanglement

Kite stated under oath at sentencing: 'I was having multiple sexual partners including two other deputies and a supervisor within my own department. And an ADA from a neighboring county who encouraged me to go to a rest stop to engage in sexual activity that he partaked in himself.' The internal investigation commissioned by RASO did not examine these entanglements. We request confirmation of whether federal authorities are reviewing whether Kite's law enforcement connections affected the distribution or concealment of CSAM.

Specific Requests

We understand that the FBI cannot confirm or deny the existence of specific investigations. We nonetheless formally request:

47. Confirmation of whether the CSAM distribution network identified in State v. Kite has been referred to or is under federal investigation.
48. Confirmation of whether the Mount Olympus / Westbrook child victim matter has been referred to federal authorities.
49. Confirmation of whether the FBI has received any referral from RASO, the Racine County DA, or the Kenosha County DA regarding Kite's in-court disclosure of law enforcement entanglements.

This letter is submitted as part of H.O.T. Government's public accountability work and will be referenced in materials distributed to citizens of Racine County. We recognize that national security and investigative integrity may preclude full responses and will treat any response accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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Racine, Wisconsin

June 3, 2026

What We Are Asking

H.O.T. Government has filed formal open records requests, a complaint with the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board, demands to the Racine County Board of Supervisors and District Attorney, and an inquiry to the FBI Milwaukee Field Office. We are asking every citizen of Racine County to ask their elected officials — before August 11, 2026 — one simple question:

Who were the two deputies and the supervisor that Preston Kite named under oath, and have they been investigated?

Until that question has a public answer, the citizens of Racine County do not have the information they need to make an informed choice about who should lead their Sheriff's Office.

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