

Re: Letter to the Brunswick News Editor:

These days, it is seldom that I express an opinion regarding politics, but I am compelled to share some thoughts that should be of interest to voters who are choosing our next State Senator from District 3. While I do not know David Sharpe personally - as a past director of FLETC, {the premier law enforcement training center in the world} and a 39 year career federal law enforcement officer, I have some deep concerns regarding his lack of transparency.

First and foremost, why hasn't Mr. Sharpe listed his brief tenure at FLETC in his message to voters? I have seen some troubling information from his former supervisor and a retired division chief at FLETC which raises serious questions regarding alleged falsifications as to his prior experience. If true and just as troubling, is this FLETC division chief has stated that Mr. Sharpe "lied and falsified his application" to become a PTD instructor" during his job interview.

During a one-year period, Mr. Sharpe according to the information provided by the former FLETC supervisor submitted over 45 applications for various FLETC positions. When confronted about information regarding his former employer, the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, the FLETC supervisor said Mr. Sharpe "grossly" falsified his federal job application and suddenly resigned.

These allegations, if true, raises many questions and voters need to give careful consideration when they decide to elect our next state senator. Once again, I ask Mr. Sharpe why he has not been forthright with his brief time at FLETC? I do not take accusations lightly, but I do take seriously the words of a retired FLETC employee who spent 15 years as a supervisor.

I believe that Mr. Sharpe owes us an explanation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. Ralph Basham". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

W. Ralph Basham

Director U.S. Secret Service (RET)