

Sarnia's police chief shouldn't be apologizing to the social do-gooders

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You won't find me on social media and therefore Police Chief Derek Davis doesn't have to apologize to me.

Not that he should have to apologize to me or to anyone else for that matter, especially those lurking on social media.

The Facebook (Meta), Twitter (X) and Instagram crowd are clamoring for the chief's head after his police service went after a serial thief who stole what appears to be mostly food products from the same Sarnia store three times.

Want to know what is wrong with the cost of food?

Try supply chain, soaring transportation costs, labour and thievery.

The latter is interesting in that the store that the serial thief shops, or should I say steals from, loses on average \$260,000 a year to people like her.

And the majority of the social media do-gooders apparently believe that's okay.

It is until the store moves away or closes.

Comments on line chastised the chief and his officers for using social media to "shame the poor" because the arrest was entitled "STRIKE 3...YOU ARE GOING FOR BAIL" followed by the hashtag five finger discount.

Police also used the hood of a police cruiser to display the stolen items to which one brilliant soul suggested was the hood of a \$100,000 Dodge Hellcat.

I haven't checked with the chief lately but I'm willing to wager that the number of Hellcats in his fleet is exactly zero.

Since late July when all Hell broke loose on social media the chief has been busy dodging verbal barbs and apologizing for doing his job.

The woman in question is spending time in jail because it was more convenient for her to steal from a local grocer than go to the Inn of the Good Shepherd or some other food bank.

First time compassion.

Second time a warning.

Third time jail.

Works for me.

I could be wrong about this but I'm usually not.