



OFFICE OF THE  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
EL DORADO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

---

**VERN PIERSON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

---

**Criminal Investigation**

went by a game or practice if it was in his beat. He would stand by the fence and watch them play. On May 2, 2022 he was on his way home from work and stopped by to say hi to the coaches. He was dressed in his Amador County Sheriff's Office uniform and driving his marked patrol vehicle.

Sgt. Gillaspie said the team was split in two. A group was practicing on the diamond and another group was in the outfield with some of the other coaches. He believed Coach [redacted] was standing nearby there too with approximately four kids playing catch just inside the fence. [redacted] was on the field and had questioned him several times throughout the season about the equipment on his belt.

[redacted] came over to Sgt. Gillaspie again to ask about his taser. On prior occasions, Sgt. Gillaspie denied [redacted] requests because they were never in a controlled setting.

Sgt. Gillaspie and [redacted] were alone so Sgt. Gillaspie thought it would be a good time to show him his taser. Sgt. Gillaspie removed his taser from the cross-draw holster. [redacted] was standing in front of him, and Sgt. Gillaspie was kneeling because he was taller than [redacted]. Sgt. Gillaspie turned it on and showed him where the power button was and kept the taser pointed at the ground and showed him the two taser lights. His intention was to pull the cartridge out. Sgt. Gillaspie said the taser was still on when he tried to pull the cartridge out with his finger in the well. When he pulled on the cartridge, the taser accidentally discharged. It was still pointed down and the barbs went into the ground which startled Sgt. Gillaspie. He did not remember if the probe ricocheted off a rock because the area it occurred was soft grass. We stood up and he demonstrated how he turned to the side and attempted to remove the cartridge. Sgt. Gillaspie saw one of the barbs was attached to [redacted] pants and appeared to be hanging loose with no electrical shock delivered. Sgt. Gillespie said [redacted] did not yell or make any noise indicating he was injured. Sgt. Gillaspie immediately shut off the taser and pulled the barb off [redacted] pants and said he played it off. Sgt. Gillaspie removed the cartridge from the taser and put it away. He told [redacted] that was how a taser works. [redacted] was not scared and said oh cool okay and ran off and went right back to practice. Sgt. Gillaspie did not remember seeing a hole in [redacted] pants after he pulled out the barb because they were baseball pants, and usually have tears on them.