

Coffee County Mayor Dennis Hunt sent an email to General Northcott stating the following:

From: Dennis Hunt <mayor@coffeecountytn.gov>
Date: Tue, Jun 24, 2025, 10:38 AM
Subject: Misstatements
To: Craig Northcott <ccnorthcott@tndagc.org>

General, With all due respect, I am requesting a public retraction of several statements recently attributed to you in the media which I believe to be incorrect and untrue. Listed here,

Coffee County District Attorney General Craig Northcott told Thunder Radio on Monday, June 23, that he was very disappointed that Sheriff Partin and Mayor Hunt have used his name, reputation and the power of his office to “advance a political agenda.

I have never publicly used your name in this matter and certainly was never advancing a political agenda. I was addressing what I considered to be a very serious and criminal issue.

Northcott told Thunder Radio News that the Sheriff and Mayor came to see him and ask for his advice (the first week of March 2025)

This is absolutely untrue. I have never been in your office regarding this issue. In fact, I never spoke to you about this issue until you requested a meeting here at the Mayor’s office on May 30 where you inquired if I had any issues I wished to discuss with you.

Northcott explained that he told the Sheriff and the Mayor that there was no crime that had been committed.

If this statement were correct, then why did you not say that again during our meeting on May 30. Instead, you told me that an overt act was needed to initiate prosecution and you would review the information I gave you and respond in a week. There was never any further discussion regarding your opinion.

Northcott added that he conveyed to Partin and Hunt that if they moved forward with the “sting” there would be no charges brought against Goethe and Hodge. I have no idea what you are referring to with this statement. I am not aware of any “sting”. I know the Sheriff conducted surveillance on the day Mr. Hodge intended to unlawfully remove the documents from my office, but I never tried to set up any “sting”. Once again, if you said this it definitely was not said to me.

I am very troubled by the media’s reporting of these incorrect statements and I hope that you will correct them.

Dennis A. Hunt