

TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRWOMAN

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**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION ADDRESSES UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE TOHONO O'ODHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT**

SELLS, Ariz. – Greetings Tohono O'odham Nation, we want to address some unfounded rumors that have been distributed via email and appear to be circulating on social media.

Recently, anonymous individual(s) have been using fake email accounts to impersonate TOPD officers or media representatives to spread unsubstantiated allegations about TOPD and the Nation.

To be clear, the individual(s) spreading these claims are more interested in damaging reputations and creating division rather than identifying legitimate issues. The fact that these are anonymous emails, making unsubstantiated allegations through anonymous email accounts, speaks to their negative intent.

The Nation takes all allegations of this nature very seriously and will investigate legitimate issues to their fullest. If there are genuine concerns, we encourage individuals to address them through the appropriate measures. You may contact the Nation's Executive Office at 520-383-2028 to report information.

We understand activities of this nature can create concern within our community. Anyone who has information about the source of these allegations or persons behind these anonymous emails should contact the Executive Office.

The Tohono O'odham Nation will continue to seriously investigate these matters and exercise all options available as deemed appropriate.

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Verlon M. Jose  
Chairman

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Carla Johnson  
Vice Chairwoman

*Together We Are Stronger*