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Weirdest Police Video

Florida Sheriff Puts Online What Looks Like ISIS Inspired Video Intended To Threaten Suspected Drug Dealers

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The Lake County, Florida Sheriff's Office is raising a few eyebrows these days over a video "public service announcement" made by Sheriff Peyton Grinnell.

In the video, Sheriff Grinnell is flanked by four, ominous looking masked men. It is not explained who they are or why they are wearing masks; masks not unlike those worn by Mexican National Police out busting or trying to locate drug cartel members or members of ISIS in their online recruitment videos.

It appears the masked men depicted are assumed to be sheriff's deputies, but definitely not "officer friendly" type deputies. More like, militaristic we're comin' to get you tough guys.

Grinnell then stares into the camera like a tough guy and talks like a tough guy from a cheesy Hollywood B-movie as he issues a warning that sheriff's SWAT teams are coming after local drug dealers and that police are going to "blow the doors off the hinges" when they arrive.

A threat of overt violence against citizens who may only be suspects in crimes? A threat of violence against suspects who may have women and kids in the house?

One YouTube reviewer who re-posted the video titled it, "Lake County Sheriff Threatens To Kill Drug Dealers In ISIS Inspired Video."

There's an interesting article [*here*](#) by the well known conservative think tank Cato Institute about the dangers inherent in militaristic type community policing.

The report notes that the federal government "has contributed to the spread of paramilitary police units and to the "warrior cop" mentality of police culture. Through federal grants and equipment transfer programs, state and local police departments have become heavily armed."

"The 1033 program, administered through the Department of Defense, allows for the free transfer of military surplus weapons, equipment, and vehicles, to state and local law enforcement. A task force commissioned by the White House in 2015 found that the 1033 program, along with similar transfer programs, were not properly overseeing local law enforcement's use of the equipment, not adequately training recipients, and not coordinating with other federal agencies to ensure that slipshod police departments were barred from the program."