Video shows sheriff's candidate using excessive force

A video from 2001 involving Douglas County sheriff's Capt. Dan Coverley has resurfaced in the four-way race for sheriff.

In a statement Coverley said this of the episode, "For the incident in 2001, I was disciplined and suspended for one day for using an improper lifting technique. The incident was investigated for excessive use of force and I was cleared of those allegations. The case was reviewed by a federal judge who said that he had been involved in excessive use of force cases and this was not that. Furthermore, when I was accepted to the FBI National Academy my entire personnel file and this incident was reviewed page by page and they."

He is alleging one of his opponents is behind circulating the video as well as still photos from the incident.

LTN asked Coverley if he wanted to comment further. His response, "No, I don't. I have commented several times. The matter was settled in 2004."

The video shows Coverley choking a suspect as another officer stands by.

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