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Around the time frame of late 1999 but no later than early 2000, I obtained a photograph of Adolph Hitler. I subsequently posted said picture on my locker wall. This occurred 20 plus years ago and the circumstances surrounding the photograph are as follows.

At the time I was sharing the locker with my night shift partner Officer Peter Moser. Moser bore a resemblance with his mustache and the way his hair was parted to Adolph Hitler. A few of the elder officers in the department as locker room talk and not in public called Moser "Little Adolph". Moser was fine with the reference and would just laugh it off. Myself being of German ancestry and having living and deceased relatives with the first name Adolph, I also thought it was funny. Funny between Moser and myself and the ones who called him Little Adolph.

I stuck the photograph on the locker wall just as one would of possibly hanging a comic strip or picture they thought was funny. The photo was out of view and could not be seen even with the locker door open. The photograph was put up for no other reason than a laugh factor poking fun at Moser. The photo was left there and basically forgotten about. It stayed in the same spot for 20 years and no one knew it was there.

At no time was it my belief that the picture was nothing more than a figure from a history book. I had no ideologies of Nazi Germany, swastikas or anything terrible that happened during WW2. Again the photo was simply just to get a laugh of the likeness of Moser.

The photo was removed in summer of 2019 along with all the other photos and stickers collected over the years. Reason being the department was moving out of those quarters into the new police building. The Hitler photo was shredded with all other contents of the locker and never was in the new building. At some point in the recent years Sergeant McGowan was able to see the Hitler photo and and take a picture of it. At no point did he mention he was disturbed by it. It would have been my wish as a Sergeant he would have taken the photo down himself or told me to take it down because he was offended. I sincerely apologize for any problems these chain of events have caused.

Respectfully submitted.

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