

Small-town Kansas paper was probing 'Gestapo' police chief over sex claims before he raided it

The police chief whose "Gestapo"-style raid on a small town newspaper has become the focus of national outrage was being investigated by its reporters over claims of alleged sexual misconduct.

Gideon Cody and every officer in the Marion Police Department stormed into the Marion County Record's offices Friday with a search warrant where they seized computers and servers.

They also raided the home of the editor and publisher, Eric Meyer, and his 98-year-old mother Joan Meyer, the paper's co-owner.

She died the following day of "shock and grief," Meyer said, stressed and unable to sleep when police seized her computer and smart speaker, as well as her son's cellphone and even his router.

He had answered the door thinking it was her Meals on Wheels delivery.

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