



## Brandon Balthrop trial update in Stephens County

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DUNCAN, Okla\_ There is new information on the trial of former Stephens County Deputy Brandon Balthrop, who's accused of sexually assaulting women on the job and two teenagers he pulled over.

Today, an OSBI agent testified he didn't make any recordings of the interviews he did with several other people who had also been pulled over on routine traffic stops by Balthrop.

Defense attorney Jim Kee kept OSBI Agent Robert Williams on the stand for nearly 4 hours today, trying to poke holes in his credibility and his procedures, and kept hammering on the fact that Williams didn't record any of the statements from others who'd been pulled over by Brandon Balthrop.

Williams was also asked detailed questions from the defense attorney about the possibility of women keeping drugs or weapons in their undergarments.

Williams said while he had never personally seen it, he had heard of it being done before, meaning the possibility of Balthrop doing such an act wasn't exactly out of the question.

Duncan Police Officer Robert Lyn also testified today. He was asked about the role of the police dispatcher, who was on duty during the alleged assaults.

Lyn told the jury that the dispatcher was eventually fired because she did not keep the call logs properly. Lyn said that meant the times the calls came in and locations could have been mistaken, which also meant they were unreliable, when it came to trying to use them as evidence.

Williams also said while he was being questioned that his overall goal of the investigation was to bring out the truth. Balthrop remained calm during today's testimony, and didn't show much emotion.

The trial is expected to wrap up tomorrow.



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