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he Ogden Police Depart-
ment's internal investiga-
tion into a botted raid by its of-
cers that threatened a fam-
ily including two young girls, leaves
questions unanswered. People who are already skeptical of the Ogden Police will not be convinced by the internal investigation, which finds no violation of policy but calls for changes.

In non-bureaucratic speak, what that means is that the policy that led officers to terrorize an innocent family in the early hours of the morning was really bad.

We’re glad to hear Ogden Mayor Mike Caldwell say that the recent police report on the mistaken-identity incident we will make chang-
es to our arrest-warrant policy and procedure, ensuring officers are making use of available warrants and verifying addresses on arrest war-
ters. So long as the state will not be required to weigh the public safety threat of the wanted person and the risk of service the warrant during nighttime.

Other policy changes include background and address verification checks prior to arriving at a home with a warrant in the mail.

That all makes sense, but it’s police work 101. One question: why were law enforcement officers following a policy that did not prioritize those who are dangerous already? It appears that the officers who were eager to enter a home at 2 a.m. to arrest a suspect who did not live there could have easily discovered that the Hill family was residence-free there.

Also, Mayor Caldwell stated that the review studied policies from 18 other law enforcement agencies, including 12 within Utah. He said, “We found our policies regarding the serv-
ing of arrest warrants are consistent with the policies and best practices studied. Nevertheless, we think that policy improvements can be made to increase safety for our citizens and officers.

We agree with the second sentence. The first sentence concerns us, how-
ever. Do other agencies have policies that can lead to such foul-ups as what happened with the Hill family?

As we have previously mentioned, the search warrants issued in the Ogden case would have been the best option. The inter-
nal report classifies claims from the victim regarding the officers’ actions as “clear-cut,” given that the family refused to cooperate after being awakened.

We hope the policy changes lead to an improvement in the department’s performance of dangerous duties. As to what actually occurred on Dec. 20, questions remain.


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