

Dale Cooper: Crazy for Twin Peaks, Or Just Plain Crazy?

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TWIN PEAKS, WA – It came as a surprise to some when Twin Peaks Sheriff Harry S. Truman endorsed former Gazette editor-in-chief and legacy candidate Dwayne Milford Jr. in the mayor’s race last week, as many assumed he would throw his support behind good friend and colleague Dale Cooper. New allegations have surfaced since then that shed some light on Sheriff Truman’s reasoning.

Dale Cooper, a newcomer to Twin Peaks, resigned from the Federal Bureau of Investigation just last week after being initially assigned to investigate the murder of local teen Laura Palmer. In his time here, he has also worked extensively with the Twin Peaks Sheriff’s Department. However, his close ties to law enforcement seem to be fading in the wake of his resignation. During his endorsement of Dwayne Milford Jr., Sheriff Truman mentioned concerns over Mr. Cooper’s investigative methods. He is not the only one who shares them.

Trustworthy sources within both the FBI and the Sheriff’s Department confirm that Mr. Cooper purports to have unexplained revelatory visions and psychic intuition that help him gain insight into cases he investigates. Though Mr. Cooper’s track record cannot be denied – he did apprehend Laura Palmer’s murderer, and by all accounts ended serial killer Windom Earle’s reign of terror – these allegations throw a worrisome pall over his mayoral candidacy.

Is a man who claims to have psychic visions fit to be the most powerful man in Twin Peaks? Some who know of his supposed abilities seem to think so. A source within the Sheriff’s Department offered that “Ex-Special Agent Cooper’s instincts are so good they sometimes make the other oblivious men around here look bad.” This source also



vigorously maintains that any negative interpretation of his claims are much ado about nothing. As the source put it, “Special Ex-Agent Cooper could find all his clues at the bottom of a scorched coffee pot and I’d still believe in everything he says.”

Not everyone is so willing to suspend reality in support of Mr. Cooper, however. A source within the FBI argues strenuously to the contrary. According to this source, Mr. Cooper “has visions of giants and dancing midgets and dribbling octogenarians, and he tries to pass off this raving lunacy as honest-to-God detective work.” He also alleged that Mr. Cooper “talks to dead girls in his dreams.”

Everyone has a few quirks, and perhaps Mr. Cooper’s self-proclaimed psychic proclivities are overblown. Yet there is no discounting the level of importance it had in his time as an officer of the law, begging the question of how much these visions and dreams will guide his philosophy if he wins the upcoming election. It is up to the voters of Twin Peaks to decide whether they support a candidate with such curious tendencies and wildly unorthodox beliefs.