

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CASE TYPE: HARASSMENT

In Re the Matter of:

Court File No. 62-HR-CV-21-362

Brittany Marie Anderson,

Petitioner.

Vs.

**Affidavit in Support Motion for Extension
of Harassment Restraining Order**

Timothy Allyn Hutchinson,

Respondent.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

Brittany Anderson, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the Petitioner in the above-entitled matter, and I submit this affidavit in support of my motion to modify and extend the terms of the May 27, 2021 Harassment Restraining Order (“HRO”) against the Respondent, Timothy Hutchinson based on his violations of the terms of the HRO, threatening and harassing communication sent to my husband and I, as well as my husband’s employer.
2. I am the Respondent’s daughter, and am married to Steven Anderson, who also has an HRO against my father arising out of the same acts of harassment, largely targeted by my father towards him, but directed through and to me as well. While many of the acts are separately directed towards Steven and I individually, the harassment has affected both Steven and I collectively.
3. I am employed part-time as a nurse at the University of Minnesota Medical Center – East Bank. I am also a full-time student at the University of Minnesota.

**BACKGROUND--INCIDENTS GIVING RISE TO MAY 27, 2021 HARASSMENT
RESTRAINING ORDER.**

4. By way of background, my father’s previous harassment gives context to my present fear of communicated threats to resume harassment once the current HRO expires. Previous incidents of harassment outlined in my original Petition for HRO include:

- a. My father reminded both my husband (Steven, then fiancé) and I on several occasions of a story where he insinuated that in a dating previous relationship involving one of my sisters ended with him shoving the boyfriend's head through the drywall of his apartment. My father subsequently gave Steven two books, including an autobiographical work, *Painful Secrets*, wherein he claims to have almost committed a mass shooting as a teenager.
- b. My father was excessively controlling and intrusive to my wedding planning where he would make multiple calls interrogating us (usually Steven) on various wedding planning issues. Although we asked him to stop calling, the calls only increased.
- c. I moved out of my father's home in February 2021 after he got excessively angry when he realized I had done Steven's laundry at the house and told me that he was banned from the property. His response was noticeably heightened compared to his previous rages and he even left the house to collect his firearm and returned inside still visibly angry. I felt unsafe to stay at the house any longer, so I left to stay at a friend's house for a few nights before I moved into an apartment which we tried to keep the address a secret from the respondent for fear of our safety.
- d. My father commenced an intentional and intense campaign of defamation and threats against Steven and his employer, Calvary Church in Roseville, MN. (Calvary Church has a congregation of 1,000+ with two campuses, one in Roseville and one in White Bear Township.) On March 1, 2021, the respondent appeared unannounced and uninvited at Calvary Church, 2120 Lexington Ave., Roseville, MN 55112, to deliver a defamatory letter addressed to the elder board and senior pastor of the church, Dr. Shawn Winters. The letter made false and defamatory claims about Steven's character with the intent to have Calvary terminate his employment. I also attend services at Calvary Church where Steven works.
- e. Based on the insinuated threats and potential endangerment of church staff and parishioners, Calvary Church increased security at both campuses to protect against any physical harm based on the respondent's threats to Steven and potential threats to the staff and congregation, including me. Due to the potential threat to the property, pastoral staff and potential attendees, Steven and I were unable to have our wedding ceremony at the church as we had planned and had to find a different officiant to perform the ceremony not employed by the church.
- f. Respondent hand-delivered a 15-page letter (**Exhibit A**) making false and slanderous reports about Steven to Calvary Church.
- g. On April 28, 2021, Respondent appeared at Steven's then residence uninvited at 7:50am while Steven and his roommates were all sleeping. After gaining access to Steven's building, Respondent knocked on Steven's apartment door repeatedly, but Steven did not answer. The respondent eventually left, and appeared at my apartment at 8:22am, standing outside the door. After buzzing a few times, he left, asking my sister to tell me that he had visited and left flowers on top of my car.

- h. On February 26, 2021, Respondent sent Steven a threatening email in German that read:

Kein Konflikt ist vorbei, bis eine Lösung oder eine Seite einräumt. Dies ist die Ruhe vor dem Sturm. Ich werde immer um meine Liebe kämpfen. Ich bin unerbittlich

Translation:

No conflict is over until a solution or a side concedes. This is the calm before the storm. I will always fight for my love. I am Relentless

- i. In April 2021, Respondent created a public defamatory website defaming and threatening Steven. The website referred to Steven as a “narcissistic monster who captured [his] daughter and dragged her away from [respondent] through [Steven’s] web of lies” a “[fake] youth pastor from hell” makes false claims that “Others see the truth but won’t say anything. They are concerned Steven will attack them as he has done to me.”
- j. In March of 2021, my father reported suicide ideation having held a gun to his head, as a result of the deterioration with the relationship with me, something his emails, letters and other communications clearly indicates he believes Steven had a significant role in. He was eventually checked in to a psych ward because of this incident. He seems to be unable to regulate his emotions, is willing to bring a firearm into the mix and is fixated on Steven being the cause of his broken relationship with me. I still fear that he may have another incident with a firearm and that he may attempt to include Steven or the church where Steven works, and I attend service.

VIOLATIONS OF MAY 27, 2021 HARASSMENT RESTRAINING ORDER.

5. With the pending dismissal of the HRO on May 27, 2023, the Respondent has stated his intent to resume the same level of harassment which includes picketing at the place of Steven’s employment any my place of worship, Calvary Church, Roseville and White Bear Township. The Respondent violated **Paragraph 1A of the HRO** by sending threatening emails to Steven’s employer, Calvary Church, a threatening letter to Steven, and by sending a letter threatening Steven to me.
- a. **May 5, 2023—Letter to Calvary Church:** Respondent contacted Steven’s employer, Calvary Church, by way of their legal counsel, David Lutz, via email (see **Exhibit B**). In his emailed letter to Calvary Church, the Respondent threatens that he will be going to both the White Bear Township and Roseville locations of Calvary Church to picket and protest Steven, along with friends and family, despite the church having a trespass notice against the Respondent. This action makes me feel threatened to attend Calvary Church with my husband, causes me to worry about my husband’s safety at this place of employment, and continues the same harassment patterns from the original Harassment Restraining Order.

- b. **May 4, 2023 – Threatening Letter to Steven:** Respondent sent a letter to Steven through my attorney similar to the threatening letter he sent to legal counsel for Calvary Church threatening again to protest Steven at his place of employment (See **Exhibit C**). In his letter, Respondent threatens that the only way to prevent this from occurring is to, “...*Speak up now. Once [respondent]’s plan goes into action, there is no stopping or turning back*” Respondent also accuses Steven of telling, “*bullshit lies*” and ends his letter “*There is one question you need to ask yourself; what do you think will happen to your life when the truth comes out? **Tick-tock.***” [Emphasis Added] His letter to Steven made me fear for my husband and I’s safety, especially at his place of employment, which is also our place of worship.
 - c. **December 7, 2021 Letter:** The respondent wrote a letter to me delivered through my attorney (**Exhibit F**). In it, he mentions that he has contracted a heart condition. In the letter, he blames the events of the past year for his bad sleep, eventually becoming the cause of his heart condition. In the letter, he claims that he doesn’t blame me for the events of the past year, but indirectly blaming my husband for his poor mental health and newly acquired heart condition. This letter is in violation of **Paragraph 1f** of the **Harassment Restraining Order**.
 - d. **June 4, 2021 Letter:** The week after the May 27, 2021, HRO was granted, the Respondent wrote to me and continued to accuse Steven of lying and blaming him for the broken relationship between my father and I (See **Exhibit D**). This made me feel as though his patterns of harassment would not end, even though the Harassment Restraining Order had just been issued.
 - e. **June 2021 YouTube Video.** At some point following the May 27, 2021 HRO, my father created a 90+ minute YouTube video “responding” to the HRO, but specifically speaking out and challenging the allegations in the Petition, even though he agreed to an entry of an HRO voluntarily without the court making findings of the alleged harassment. My father enlisted the help of my sister Vanessa to film it who then forwarded the video to me. The video was originally posted on a password protected webpage on his site, his “ministry” site, not the website he was required to take down after the HRO. He has since taken down his ministry website. Attached are screenshots of the video (**Exhibit E**) which is available in full detail if a contested hearing is necessary.
6. Respondent has resumed and appears to be prepared to intensify the harassment against me and my husband, Steven upon the expiration of the HRO on May 27, 2023. Although directed towards Steven, his threats of harassment involve and endanger 1,000+ congregants, including hundreds of children, at both campuses as well as the full and part time staff of both campuses. I have grown in my concern and uncertainty of what the Respondent may do or say to me, my husband Steven or those around him.
7. Respondent’s threatening letter sent to Calvary’s legal counsel is not only shocking and exhibits his intent and ability to continue his campaign of harassment against Steven. His letters to me demonstrate his intent to relentlessly pursue unwelcome reconciliation for

the relationship he himself has damaged, but for which he now blames Steven, and which he intends to resume his harassment on May 27, 2023.

8. I am requesting that the court extend the harassment restraining order for another 10 years. In addition, I am requesting that the respondent be prohibited from appearing at my place of employment, but all subsequent places of employment and residences. I also request that the respondent be prohibited from appearing at my current residence at 725 4th Street E., St. Paul, MN 55016 and any future residences.

I declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §358.116, that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct.

Dated: May 17, 2023

Brittany Anderson

Brittany Anderson, Petitioner

Signed in Ramsey County, MN

EXHIBIT A

Background

My daughter, Brittany Hutchinson began dating Steven Anderson, youth pastor @ Calvary Church. Within a few months Brittany came to me and said she was breaking up with him. The reason is because she felt as though she couldn't be herself around him – almost like he was too controlling. She later said that she had another meeting with him, during which time he “shared his heart” with her. Because of that she decided to again date him.

Shortly thereafter Steven approached myself to help support his ministry – which his full-time job. He says the church cannot afford to pay him a salary, so he fundraises as a substitute. Since then, my wife and I supported his endeavor financially. Along the way I have even worked with him to improve his presentation to find others who would be supportive.

Within months Steven approached me and asked what it would take to have my blessing for him to marry my daughter. One of the things I mentioned was spending more time with our family - we barely knew him. Afterwards he made an effort to be at our house almost on a weekly basis, and things seemed to be going well. When he asked for my blessing on marrying my daughter, I said there were three things he needed to promise me. He agreed and I gave him the blessing. My wife and I even helped with a temporary ring until he could buy one.

Promise #1: Brittany was involved in an accident and we sued on her behalf. She is getting a structured settlement. My wife and I gave up our right to sue for our pain & suffering in exchange for Brittany to receive a larger settlement. Because of that, she ended up with a settlement 4 times larger than she normally would have. I told Steven to not expect Brittany to use the settlement money for typical household needs - that money was given to her so she could do something special (bucket list!) I said he should respect and encourage that. Though she has the right to do as she wishes with this money, let's remember we gave it to her to do something special with - anything other than that is not aligned with our original intentions. *(Brittany later said she had turned control of this money over to Steven by including it in their budget. Then another time said she hadn't. She seemed confused.)*

Promise #2: He would never do anything to interfere in my relationship with Brittany. *(As you'll find out later, this promise was broken many times!)*

Promise #3: He would not be cheap with her. Frugal is OK, cheap is not. We discussed the difference with examples.

First Signs of Trouble

I learned that Brittany and Steven went to pre-marital counseling. During that time they took some tests which showed they were compatible. Things seemed OK. But shortly after they were engaged, things changed. He rarely came to the house and almost never made an effort to be a part of our lives. My son shared with me that one time, before their engagement, at a family bonfire he had tried to start a conversation with him, but Steven only said "whatever", and brushed past him. My son said that Steven acted rudely towards him the rest of the evening. This was literally the first time those two had been formally introduced. I had several friends there as well who both tried to start a conversation with Steven, and they said he was very unfriendly, almost to the point of being rude.

One day Brittany was speaking to her mom and I about the guest list. It sounded as if Steven had already invited so many people there was barely any room for our side of the family. At least that was the impression I got from that conversation. At one point I heard the number of guests was already at 376. And that was before I was able to invite anyone from my family or friends. (I ended up being able to invite only 3 family members and no friends.) Brittany seemed stressed by this process, so I called Steven and asked the question: "How does the guest list honor the mother and father of the bride?" His reply was all about his family and never directly answered my question. When I brought this to his attention, he stated he would need some time to think about the answer and would let me know.

This to me really was the beginning of where I noticed things going downhill. Tensions began to run high and he avoided talking to me. I also noticed changes in my daughter - she seemed unusually stressed and was smiling less than normal.

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One time at the breakfast table she said that she was expected to take on a new attitude and way of thinking. When I asked her what she meant, she got up from the table and walked away, saying she had somewhere to go. Brittany and I have always enjoyed a very close relationship and could talk about literally anything. Her response to me was completely out of the ordinary. I asked for an answer about the guest list a 2nd time, but he did not have an answer. Then, within days they came up the "Rules of Engagement" which they presented to my wife and I at a meeting. (See attached.) You'll notice in section 3 it says; "Our desire in those disagreements is to maintain, and even deepen our relationships with out stakeholders, in particular our parents." As you read further it will become clearly obvious this is not the truth.

The question about the guest list ended up being asked 3 times. I never received an answer.

During one of my (few) phone conversations with Steven, I offered some friendly advice from future father-in-law to future son-in-law, the same as my father-in-law did 30-years ago. He became agitated and said things such as, "*I don't need to listen to you*", and "*I'm going to tell Brittany what you're doing*", and "*I don't need this advice*". Due to his rude behavior I ended the call.

Another time I called just to ask if he wanted to get together and hang-out. He replied "No", then said he had to go and hung up.

Fast-forward 30-days. During that time, Steven has made no efforts to be a part of our family or join any activities. Since I gave my blessing for him to marry our daughter, it's like a switch was flipped and he became cold towards us. He has spoken rudely to myself, guests at our house and has acted this ways towards my other children. It seems as though he was only being nice to obtain my blessing, then his real personality came out. Had I known any of this I would have never said yes to him marrying our daughter.

I have tried 7 times to make peace and preserve a relationship with my daughter. Each time has been met with either stonewalling (ignoring) and/or false accusations on the part of Steven. This period of time has been and continues to be emotionally traumatizing for myself. The ripple effect for my family has been noticeable. The pain and suffering have taken their toll. I've

gone from being a normally peaceful loving person who has done a tremendous amount of volunteer work (hospice and preventing teen suicides @ schools), to becoming withdrawn and even crying at times.

Dad Tries to Make Peace 7 Times

(ATTEMPT #1) Before being presented with rules of engagement, (which I did not know they were going to do), in an effort to make peace, I offered an apology for any of my wrongdoings. I truly did not feel as though I had actually done anything wrong, but rather have always put my family first, and am willing to swallow my pride and apologize, even when not necessary or when I feel as though I've not done anything wrong, in order for my family to be happy. I grew up in unfortunate situations, devoid of any love. I lived that way for many years until I met an amazing lady. We married and extended our love into having children, whom I love and cherish more than life itself. I have always put my family first. Always. I challenge anyone to tell of a time when I have not done this 100%.

Steven never clearly accepted the apology, and never showed any appreciation or gratitude. Basically, he ignored it and stonewalled me.

The "Rules of Engagement" seemed to contradict each other. When I emailed to ask for clarification Steven's response did not clearly answer my question. In that email he referenced "triangulating" without realizing that I studied psychology and know that word infers manipulation. I wasn't sure if he was attempting to insult my intelligence, insinuate I was being manipulative, or he really doesn't understand what the word triangulation means when used in the realm of psychology.

My email response was short and a bit pointed; however, by now I am agitated the guest list question had not been answered and it seems all efforts to resolve things have been met with him stonewalling me, ignoring us and being rude.

(ATTEMPT #2) Phone call; shortly afterwards I called Steven and told him that I do not hate him nor am I trying to stop the wedding. I have a good relationship

with my other daughters' boyfriends and hoped to have the same with him. His only response was; "thank you for sharing that" in a monotone voice. There was no appreciation or gratitude - no saying anything like, wow I'm hoping for that too. Nothing. Just another stonewall.

Later I was talking with Brittany and my frustration boiled over, and I raised my voice about how Steven would not answer this seemingly simple question and has made no effort to be a part of our family. I was also terribly upset that Brittany is showing signs of stress and I haven't seen her smile in days. I am very concerned and even heartbroken that she should have to go through this during a time when she should be celebrating. My being agitated certainly did not help matters and I felt truly awful afterwards.

A few hours later she came to me and we discussed the guest list. I accepted her explanation, apologized for raising my voice, and asked that we move forward.

The following day I went to her and asked if we could do a reset, one where we could together enjoy the journey of her getting married. She agreed and we spent some enjoyable time together.

(ATTEMPT # 3) I knew there was still some healing that needed to take place between Steven and I. Though previous attempts had been met with no response, I decided to try again. I suggested mediation to Brittany and she said she would talk to Steven about it.

(ATTEMPT #4) I saw increased sadness and pain in my daughter's eyes and felt incredibly horrible for her. So, I told Brittany and her mom that I would speak with Steven and offer to let bygones be bygones and to set simple expectations of how we communicate. He refused to meet and asked for mediation, which I had previously suggested. I asked if he was sure he wanted to do that and said we could work things out. He said no, that our next talk should be mediated. I suggested he take a screenshot of that comment as a reminder that he asked for this – meaning that mediation would include going over past hurt and

painful events.

Mediation was set for Saturday, Feb. 20th. Steven insisted we not talk about the past and only focus on how my wife and I were to speak to him and Brittany. I insisted we bring everything out in the open and resolve matters. For that reason, (according to Brittany), Steven canceled mediation.

(ATTEMPT #5) Brittany does Stevens laundry at our house, which I honestly don't mind. He makes it clear that he is concerned about Covid, so when I discovered some information about that virus and fabric, I wanted to share this with him. Soon afterwards as Brittany was leaving the house, she said Stevens laundry was in the dryer and asked that once done I place it outside the front door for him to pick up. I figured this was out of concern for Covid, so decided to write him the following letter, and placed in in the laundry basket along with his clean clothes.

Hi Steven,

I did some research and was surprised to learn the Covid virus can live for up to 48-hours on our clothing. I can understand your concern over this virus, so much so that Brittany asked me to leave your clothes outside the front door for you to pick up. I can fully appreciate that. When one considers how long the virus can live on clothing, and the fact they are inside our house - a place you're concerned about being exposed to, perhaps it would be a safer option for you to wash your own clothes at home. Something to think about.

Would have been nice to see you today - it's been a while. We could have safely visited for a few minutes, especially since I tested Negative just yesterday for Covid. But, we can't be too careful! Well, perhaps another time.

Hope you have a wonderful day.

Mr. Hutchinson

He has never said anything about this letter. Nothing. No thank you for your concern, maybe we can meet up another time, etc.

Then just two days later I came home from work to discover he was hanging out at our house with Brittany, for an extended period. (He can't come inside to pick up the laundry, or even ring the doorbell, yet two days later he can spend hours inside our home?)

The following day his laundry was again being done at our house - all without any acknowledgment of the letter. Nothing. Crickets. This to me was yet another stonewall, and quite honestly, seemed very disrespectful.

Several hours later my wife came home and I was admittedly fuming about this and even a bit emotionally charged. After all, he had a history of being rude to my family and myself. I spoke loudly about how upset I was. Brittany was in her bedroom and overheard what I said. This upset her so she went to stay at a friend's place for a few days.

Brittany later cancelled a lunch date we had set for that week. This is the first time in her life she has ever cancelled anything with me because of how she felt. We've always had an amazing, open, honest and loving father-daughter relationship. Since the engagement I've seen that erode away, and I am honestly extremely hurt by this.

I texted Steven to let him know that he was not welcome in our home and could not do laundry there until mediation. *[I later discovered that Brittany had requested his laundry be put outside due to her concern there might be a conflict between he and I, and not because of Covid. But it is still concerning that he never made any comment about the letter nor showed any appreciation.]*

To make things a bit worse on my end is the fact that cancer runs strong in my family; my grandmother, mom and 2 older brothers all died from it. I am now the eldest living male - my brothers died at an age younger than I currently am. Recently I've been experiencing some very familiar and concerning symptoms and my bloodwork is not normal. I have several upcoming tests to verify what I already believe to be true. To avoid undue stress on my family I've not shared this information, until now.

Comment: When Steven learned of this in an email, he never reached out to

offer prayer or show any type of concern. Considering that he is a youth pastor, is this really Christian behavior?

Seeing what my daughter is going through is horrible and adds to my desire to fix things so she can be happy. We had mediation scheduled but Steven cancelled it. He says it's because he doesn't want to talk about previous events, and only wants to focus on how my wife and I should be talking to him and Brittany. [Seems a bit controlling!]

To date Steven has not suggested even one single thing to help get our relationship back on-track. Thus far I've come up with 100% of the idea's and have offered 100% of the apologies, and have made 100% of the efforts, even though he cannot name one thing that I've done to offend him. Not one. I've been offering blanket apologies just to have a relationship with my daughter.

Apparently he doesn't want that? Why??

The day after I was upset about him not responding to the letter, Brittany told her mom that she and Steven were in the process of renting an apartment and would be moving out soon. The plan is for her to live in that apt. with another roommate until after the wedding. This, to me, just seems like another wedge is being unfairly driven between my daughter and myself.

Why did Steven not try to make peace during this time? To me it seems as though he used this as an opportunity to further move Brittany away from our family (both physically and emotionally).

Attempt 6: I sent everything listed above in an email to Steven, Brittany and my wife as an attachment, with this in the body of the email on February 20th:

Hello Steven,

Attached is a letter I wrote explaining my perception of how things have been going, my recollection of the events, and where it potentially went off-track. My intention is to reconcile broken relationships. You will notice the letter is addressed to the elders @ Calvary Church. The reason for this is because if we

cannot work things out between us, then I will approach church leaders and ask them to intervene.

I have no set preference as to whether we involve a mediator or not. This conversation will be about setting the record straight and moving forward. Any talks about how to communicate, etc. can come after.

I will wait ten (10) days for a meeting. After that time (March 2nd) this letter will be sent to the leadership of Calvary Church.

Sincerely,

Tim Hutchinson

CC: Brittany & Jennifer

To date I have made 6 attempts at reconciliation – the number of attempts I've seen Steven make is exactly zero. My question is how is this acceptable among Christians? Especially with him being a youth pastor. Are they not held to a higher standard as the bible mandates? Aren't we all supposed to follow Matthew 18:22? Jesus says we should forgive each other “seventy times seven times” a number that symbolizes boundlessness. That clearly is not happening. I will also add that during the past few months Brittany has become depressed, has several counseling sessions scheduled and has lost 20 lbs. unintentionally. This should be obvious to Steven. Turning this around could have been accomplished by accepting one of my numerous attempts to move our relationship in a better direction, or offered an alternative. Why he did not do any of these. Where is the compassion we should have for one another?

Attempt 7: I emailed the above letter to Brittany, Steven and my wife on February 20th. Later that day, feeling so overwhelmed at the diminished relationship with my daughter, I then sent the following email, striving for peace, and once again apologizing for things I haven't done;

This email is an open apology to my daughter, Brittany. I have failed you. Not just a little, but a lot. During the past weeks I have been so focused on being right, about winning a disagreement, that I lost sight of something far more

important; our relationship and your happiness. I have always put you first in my life, and now just months before your wedding I have fallen far short of what I should have been doing. You have every reason to be mad at me, hurt, disappointed and feeling less than loved by me. For that I apologize - profusely. I love you more than life itself and literally live in daily agony over the state of our current relationship. In response I'll say this:

I resign.

Completely and fully resign.

Not from being your dad of course, but rather from the disagreement that caused this. The [previous] letter I emailed states my position and stands as the truth as I know it. But that's as far as it goes. I'm done with any disagreement with Steven. My time and energy is now going to be focused on you, Brittany. To work hard restoring our precious relationship and ensuring this never happens again. Ever. And, to help celebrate the upcoming wedding and make these months before the wedding as enjoyable as possible.

With that in mind, I am inviting Steven to neutral ground. A place where we speak and act kindly and respectfully to each other. A place where you are fully welcomed at our house to visit, hang out, do laundry, grab a snack from the kitchen, mi casa es tu casa.

I don't want battles anymore - I just want to love my family and others with all my heart. To fully enjoy what time I have left on this planet. The past few weeks/months somehow turned ugly and I don't want that - never did. I ended up feeling ugly inside and that's not who I am. At all. I repent for my misdeeds and missteps.

Peace,

Tim/Dad

Comment: Even though I felt as though I had done nothing wrong and was apologizing for things Steven did and the stress he caused, I just want a happy relationship with my daughter again.

My wife replied:

Tim,

I want you to know those words really touched my heart. They were absolutely beautiful and honest. I appreciate you putting Britt first and your highest priority. Im proud of you and very hopeful we can begin celebrating this engagement and wedding! This makes me very happy. I love you all so much.

With Love,

Jen

Our daughter replied;

Dad,

Steven and I read your emails. We have found ourselves in the same position that we have felt trapped into for the past few weeks, unsure how to respond. We have set clear boundaries, laid out in our Rules of Engagement, and those have been violated repeatedly. The way Steven and I have been treated by you has been inappropriate and out of line. The last email we received was an apology directed towards me, and while I appreciate that I feel as if it dismissed core issues. This puts us into a difficult position of being perceived as the ones continuing conflict if we don't accept a "blank slate."

As Steven and I prepare to start our new life together, we are concerned that these patterns of behavior will continue. We believe that there are significant changes that need to occur in order to move forward in a healthy manner. We desire growing towards healthier relationships with you. Conversations with you have not lead to that thus far, so we believe a mediated conversation is the appropriate next step.

We are confirming with our mediator, but does Saturday at 10 am work for you and mom? It's important that all 4 of us will be there.

*Thanks,
Britt*

Comment: I violated the rules of engagement?? Um, no...I asked a simple question of Steven, which he never answered.

Concerned about “patterns” – what patterns? I’ve been apologizing for things I never did!!!

“Significant changes”? Should I then become an uncaring, unloving father? That’s ridiculous and clearly not my daughters voice. That has ‘Steven’ written all over.

“Conversations with you have not lead to that thus far...” What conversations??? I am literally the ONLY person trying to move things forward in a healthy way. This is a problem between Steven and I, and he has not done ANYTHING to help. Period.

Before meeting Steven, my daughter would never have written an email reply such as this. Never. Clearly he is manipulating her.

My reply:

Yes, mom and I can be available at that time.

I am willing to attend based upon three conditions;

1) This is about moving forward, not digging up the past. There were clearly missteps on the part of several of us, not just myself. Going over those details will serve no useful purpose other than igniting hurt feelings.

2) The meeting will be focused on ways to communicate in both directions; engaged couple to the parents, and vice-versa.

3) No expectations will be made that violate our First Amendment rights. While I agree there are acceptable ways to communicate, anything that prevents one of us from speaking at all to another person is something I won't consider. This is America - brave heroic people fought for our rights, and that should be respected.

Steven replied;

Hi all,

I agree with everything Britt said. As for your response, Mr. Hutchinson, I don't believe we can comply with them all of them the way you have requested.

- 1. There are things that have been done and said over the last two weeks that cannot be ignored, and it is not enough to ask for a "blank slate" and move forward. Some of this will be discussed in our conversation.*
- 2. We agree that communication moving forward should be an element of this conversation.*
- 3. We don't believe it's helpful for us to set expectations for the communication plan moving forward before our conversation.*

I have to admit, these last few weeks have been incredibly challenging and emotionally draining for Britt and I as we have interacted with you and we desire to move forward in a healthier direction and would appreciate your willingness to enter into that being willing to lay anything down in order to make that happen. You have emphasized how important your relationship with Britt is, and if that is really true, we believe that you will listen to what Britt and I have to say about how we can all move forward in a healthy way, even if that means that interaction with one or both of us moves forward differently than your personal preference.

Comment: "Things have been done and said that cannot be ignored". Such as?? To date neither of them can name even one single thing. Not one!

"...these past few weeks have been incredible challenging and emotionally draining for Brittany and I as we have interacted with you..." Here again, name one thing, just ONE that I've done, other than ask a question, raise my voice (to Brittany once, and to my wife once), apologize for things I never did, and strive for peace. Name one. They literally cannot.

Notice how Steven interjected himself into the equation with his comment? Other than a few emails and a letter trying to make peace, I've had ZERO interaction with Steven in the previous few weeks. None. But he's trying to pretend to be a victim here.

"We desire to move forward in a healthier direction..." How are we going to move forward if Steven puts zero effort into anything and my daughter will not even speak to me??

"....being willing to lay down everything in order to make that happen." Umm... I have done EXACTLY that, and Steven has done NOTHING.

It seems to me that Steven is manipulating our daughter. Clearly, I am the one trying to make peace and Steven is avoiding that. The question is why?

My reply;

Steven,

Mrs. Hutchinson and I have also been directly/indirectly impacted in a negative way by some of your words & actions. We will also be presenting a list of expectations on how we will be communicated with. We look forward to the meeting. See you then.

Mr. Hutchinson

Conclusion

The second attempt @ mediation was scheduled for Saturday, 2/27/2021 @ 10 AM. The previous weeks mediation was cancelled by Steven (through Brittany) because he did not want to discuss previous events. As you can see in the above emails, this time I agreed to no previous events be discussed, but now suddenly Steven wants them. That's a 180-degree turn-around.

Days later they cancelled mediation, again, without reason. What is being hidden? Why can we not come together as Christians and discuss things in an open and honest way? Something is very, very wrong here. Steven has somehow convinced my daughter that I have done things that are wrong, without any evidence or proof whatsoever. In fact, it has been Steven who is the one causing problems. Again, how is this Christian behavior? And from a pastor??

In my last phone call with her she said that she shows Steven all the text messages and emails from me and tells him everything we talk about on the phone, because that's how Steven says the 2 shall become 1.

She also said that she hoped in the future we could go to counseling and figure out how to have a relationship again.

She then whispered, *"Dad, I love, love, love, love, love you a lot!"*

Since then, my daughter has completely broken off communication with me. No calls, no texts, no visits, nothing. Other than a brief text reply where I invited her to her mom's birthday party she will not respond to any attempts at contacting her. (She would not come to the party – this is the first time she's ever missed something like this.) I am concerned about both her mental and physical health. She and I have always had an amazing father-daughter relationship – almost like 2 peas in pod – and now, only weeks after becoming engaged she will not even speak to me, says we need counseling, and I am being repeatedly accused of doing things which they will not specify, speak about, or go to mediation to resolve. Seems this gives Steven plenty of opportunities to make more false accusations about me without my ever having a chance to defend myself. More and deeper wedges being driven between my daughter and I. This, to me, literally sounds like the actions of a narcissist. In what other way can anyone explain how in my daughters eyes I go from being a father she loves and adores, to being treated almost like a monster in only 30-days??

I sent Steven one final email which stated: *“No conflict is over until a solution or a side concedes. This is the calm before the storm. I will always fight for my love. I am relentless.”*

This was to serve as a reminder that even though he would not discuss the things mentioned above and is now refusing to have any conversation with my wife and I to bring a resolution, there is still a conflict between us. The upcoming “storm” is when I release the truth (this document) about his actions. It is also a reminder that I will never give up on our daughter.

Steven twisted the truth (again) and told Brittany that I was threatening him. The wedge grew deeper due to this lie.

This is where things stand right now. Though this is only one-side of the equation, it shows enough for you to understand why I am concerned.

Kindest regards,

Tim Hutchinson

Follow-up Note

I redacted the names of people and church, then sent this file over to several mental health professionals, via a trusted 3rd party (to further protect all of our identities.) Their responses were similar: This is clearly a troubling situation and Steven has acted inappropriately. Every one of their responses has encouraged me to continue making this truth known and to never give up on my daughter.

EXHIBIT B

From: [Tim Hutchinson](mailto:Tim.Hutchinson)
To: david@lutzlawfirm.com
Subject: Re: Calvary Church
Date: Friday, May 5, 2023 11:18:35 AM

The banners have been ordered. My family and friends are ready. The protest will happen. There is only one way to stop this, and that is for them to do the proper investigation they should've done already.

Mr. Timothy Hutchinson

On Mon, May 1, 2023 at 2:10 PM <david@lutzlawfirm.com> wrote:

Mr. Hutchinson,

I am in receipt of your request below and I have spoken with my client about the same and they respectfully decline your request. Please note that the trespass notice previously provided to you attached hereto remains in effect.

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From: Tim Hutchinson <mrhutchinson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 3:30 PM
To: david@lutzlawfirm.com
Subject: Re: Calvary Church

Hello Mr. Lutz,

I am contacting you about an unresolved matter involving Calvary Church, and someone who works there; Steven Anderson. Steven is married to my daughter and has told many terrible lies about me. As a result, I've not had a relationship with my daughter for several years. In fact, there is a harassment restraining order against me (which I allowed) that is set to expire in approximately 30 days. Previously I contacted Calvary Church for help in resolving this. Their response was to have an attorney (you) contact me and ask that I stay off their property and have no contact with them. I have honored this request.

It is my belief that a lot of the problems Steven caused could have been avoided if Calvary Church had done a proper investigation. I am writing you to ask they perform an investigation - which is long overdue! This investigation would include interviewing myself in a public hearing so my family could attend. I want Calvary to hear the truth directly from me. There are witnesses and documents that would be beneficial for them to hear from and see. No one other than Steven and Brittany (whom he lied to) believe any of the allegations against me. In short, Calvary has a monster working for them, and I can 100% prove it.

If Calvary Church is willing to move forward with this, there will be no further action against them. I will walk away and my business with them will be done. If they refuse, they should fully expect protests at both of their locations once the HRO has expired. Let me be very clear; I don't want to do anything against a church, I am a good Christian man. However, their failure to properly investigate this matter I brought to their attention has led to a lot of harm and difficulties in my family. This is their opportunity to correct a wrong.

Regards,

Timothy Hutchinson
651.724.1325

On Mon, Apr 24, 2023 at 5:11 PM <david@lutzlawfirm.com> wrote:

Tim,

I am counsel to Calvary Church.

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From: Tim Hutchinson <mrhutchinson@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 9:33 AM

To: david@lutzlawfirm.com

Subject: Re: Calvary Church

Hello Mr. Lutz,

Checking to see if you still represent Calvary Church?

Regards,

Tim Hutchinson

On Wed, Jun 9, 2021 at 12:19 PM Tim Hutchinson <mrhutchinson@gmail.com> wrote:

P.S. In the attachment there are the names Jake and James. It would be helpful to know that Jake is engaged to my oldest daughter, and James is dating my youngest daughter. The church might also be interested in knowing that 2 of Brittany's 3 siblings won't attend the wedding, and no one from my side of the family will be there either. The reasons are the same; they are shocked at the lies Steven told about me.

Regards,

Tim Hutchinson

On Wed, Jun 9, 2021 at 12:03 PM Tim Hutchinson <mrhutchinson@gmail.com> wrote:

David,

All along I've stated my desire to avoid any legal proceedings. Sad day when Christians cannot come together and resolve an issue. Attached is a letter I wrote to my daughter in response to a Restraining Order. Would appreciate you reviewing it and forwarding it to your client, Calvary Church. I'd like them to know these things, My goal has always been to have the truth told.

Regards,

Tim Hutchinson

On Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 12:29 PM <david@lutzlawfirm.com> wrote:

Tim,

I have advised my client not to meet and discuss due to the threat of litigation. My client has received and reviewed your written communication.

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From: Tim Hutchinson <mrhutchinson@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:02 AM

To: david@lutzlawfirm.com

Subject: Re: Calvary Church

Dear Mr. Lutz,

I have received the notice, have honored it and will continue to do so. I recently became aware of the allegations being made against me which are horrible and unfounded. Is there a possibility of presenting my side of this ordeal? If your client, Calvary Church, would be open to a meeting with me, it can be at a place and time of their choice. The only goal is to clear my name and I come in a spirit of peace and truth. The Bible says we should choose a good name rather than riches, and I would appreciate an opportunity to prove to your client the truth.

Respectfully,

Tim Hutchinson
651-724-1325

On Fri, May 7, 2021 at 8:41 AM <david@lutzlawfirm.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Hutchinson,

Please see attached correspondence which is also being sent via U.S. Mail.

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EXHIBIT C

Steven,

May 27th is almost here. Then the HRO will expire, and you will quickly realize that your lies are going to be exposed. I have plans, including protests at the church. I feel bad for them being dragged into this mess, however, they failed to do a proper investigation. So, this is on them not me. I have the banners ordered and have family / friends who are going to protest the church every week – both locations. There's not been one person in the past 2 years who has told me they believe any of the bullshit lies you've told. Now we get to expose you.

If you have a suggestion on how to resolve this otherwise, you better speak up now. Once my plan goes into action, there is no stopping or turning back. This is your one and only chance to get ahead of this. Just don't waste my time with stupid self-centered ideas.

In the words of Janis Joplin;

"Freedom is just another word for nothing left to lose."

There is one question you need to ask yourself; what do you think will happen to your life when the truth comes out?

Tick-tock,

Mr. Timothy Hutchinson

EXHIBIT D

Dear Brittany,

Amazing how he has you believing that after 22 years of being an amazing father, that somehow, I have become a monster. Apparently, he has super-powers because only he can see that...and he has convinced you that his fantasy is real. I am so grateful and thankful for my children who know my heart and have stood by my side, unwavering during these difficult times. They will always have a special place in my heart. I have proven to them, over the decades, that I always put my family first. Always. They will not just give up on me when someone tells a lie. They came to me and asked what my side of the story was. I shared my heart and truth as best as possible, which again confirmed that I have put this family first, even when it caused me tremendous pain (and even resulted in my being hospitalized.) They are my family, and I am so proud of them!

All I have been doing has been to try and resolve things through making the truth known. His response has been to escalate his lies and twisting of the truth to cover his previous lies. He has done so by making even the slightest ant hill seem like a ginormous mountain. He has scrutinized every single step I have taken and found fault with it - even if that means twisting the truth, or outright lying.

Quick example: For weeks I had been coming home and placing my handgun on the top railing for a few minutes (since the riots, doing this made your mom feel safe), entering the kitchen and unpacking my lunch bag, then taking the handgun and putting it away in the bedroom. For weeks this was a daily routine (unless someone was walking down the street towards the park when I got home - in that case I waited until later to bring it into the house, when no one was around.)

One day when he was over, he noticed the gun on the railing, and automatically assumed it was there to intimidate him. That is what he stated in the Restraining Order. Again, just a small example of how he has twisted things to fit his agenda. An agenda to strip us out of each other's lives. And you just caved him and let him get away with this. That makes me feel like I really do not matter to you - it seems you just gave up so easily.

Here I am fighting to get you back and you are blindly going along with his evil plan. He has been avoiding the truth being told. He does not want mediation because he knows the truth will come out and his evil deeds will be exposed. That is also the reason why he continues to keep you isolated from me. He

is afraid of the truth. That also explains why he blatantly lied to Calvary about me; so they would not help with mediation, and instead have a lawyer ask me to stay away. I am no threat to them whatsoever. Yet he has them thinking I am such a threat they have supposedly hired additional security. That is how far he will go to cover his lies.

They are a CHURCH - I am a PASTOR. They are my brothers and sisters in Christ. I would never go there and commit any sort of act of violence. Not ever. I only went to them because previously when we were going to have mediation, someone from the church was going to be the mediator. This was in no way an attempt to have him fired - they are a church; they are supposed to help people. I went there seeking their help in resolving things. Had he worked at any other place besides a church I would have never contacted them. But he twisted this also to make it seem I was going there to somehow attack him. More lies on top of the other lies.

Remember when I said let us take a 6-month break. That took control away from him, Once I took control away, he felt a need to take it back. That is the real reason for the Restraining Order. Why file that if I am going away for 6 months? Control. The only thing I did during that time was to come over and attempt to tell you both that you are loved and forgiven. Just one time and you would never hear from me again for at least 6 months. This is about control - he wants to control, and I am in his way. Even worse; he has you believing that I am a threat and/or danger to you. Above all else that especially troubles me!!

Let me be perfectly clear on this one point: I love you. More than life itself. There is no way, and I mean literally zero chance I would ever physically hurt you. Ever. Never. You are absolutely one of the greatest things to ever happen in my life. Period. Even the mere thought of any type of harm to you is so repulsive it makes me ill to my stomach. Literally. I know that you have been emotionally hurt - some of that is likely my fault. For that I wholeheartedly apologize. I truly do. It was never my intention in any way, shape, or form to cause you any kind of pain. None whatsoever. That is a promise. A solid promise from a father to his precious daughter. I pinky swear.

I think this has been tremendously difficult for you. After all, it is not normal to become engaged, then need therapy. What's next, medication? He has painted

a picture of a fairy tale, but after the wedding he will slowly turn it into something else. There are literally thousands of stories exactly like this on the internet about guys like him. Everything seemed almost magical. No way could he ever turn out like all the others, he special, he different, he really loves me - then they changed. And the ladies who were lucky and escaped, ended up just another statistic with a sad story to tell and deep emotional scars. Sadly, I believe you will see this firsthand.

Once you walk down the aisle and I am not next to you, the door of opportunity to resolve things with him closes. After that time, I will never acknowledge him as my son-in-law. He will never call me "dad". I will never have any type of relationship with him.

Something else is going to happen after the wedding: my response. It will then be my turn, and I will expose his lies and evil ways. You see, I have been patiently waiting to see how far he would take things – and all the while I have been trying to resolve this (apologizing, offering forgiveness, seeking mediation, etc.) I've been patient, very patient, for a good reason; I want to be sure that I've given every chance possible to resolve this another way. I don't want to think about the "What if's" afterwards, wondering if there was another chance to settle this. Filing the Restraining Order was enough to show me there isn't another way – I'm left with literally no choice.

This entire time he has only done one thing: continue playing his game. So, remember this phrase:

**"He Treated Me Like a Game -
Now I'm Going to Show Him How It's Played."**

I am fairly certain your lawyer is also reading this, so here's the disclaimer (*as I've stated over and over and over again, repeatedly since this conflict began...*)

Nothing stated here is meant to infer or condone any illegal activities, or anything of a violent nature. I am a law-abiding citizen and will comply with all laws, including the Restraining Order.

Step #1 is to file a lawsuit against Steven, and possibly Calvary. He will have to answer questions during the lawsuit proceedings, and the truth will come out!

There will be other (legal) events that will happen as well. Again, all fully legal and in compliance with the Restraining Order. But that does not make them any less effective. My entire goal is to show you, my beautiful daughter, the lies he has been telling. As I've stated so many times before; I just want the truth revealed! I will not stop until that happens. For the rest of my life I will not rest until you know the truth. I promise you this.

As these events unfold, you will reach a point in time when you realize that you joined the wrong team. When that happens, come home. No judgement, no 'I told you so' comments, no holding a grudge. Nothing but love is waiting for you here. That is a real father to daughter promise. We all make mistakes in life (myself included), and it is comforting to know we have a family that will take us back, no matter what. Because that's how real families roll.

His real battle is not with me, it is with himself. He clearly does not know how to express himself or his emotions in a healthy way and as a result, pushed me to my limits – then blamed me for the outcome; all the while lying about what he has done to cause the problem(s) to begin with. Then, in order for you to remain in a relationship with him, you had to hurt someone; me. Are you happy with that? Seems fair, right? I mean all you have to do is treat your dad like crap after he made you a priority in his life for 23 years. And did anything and everything he possibly could for you. Here's a hint: if you have to give that up to be with someone, then you're with the wrong guy! Especially if he's lying to keep you away from your own dad.

During all of this time he has not once shown any care or compassion towards me. Zip. Zilch. Nada. Nothing. How is this Christian behavior? Answer: it's not! I've offered love, forgiveness and multiple opportunities to resolve this. He's offered nothing except lies in an attempt to exacerbate things. Again, that is not Christian. At all. But somehow, he just turns things around in your mind to make me the bad guy. Again, it's amazing how awesome of a relationship we had, until he came along.

I now present to you some answers to the false claims made in the Restraining Order. In the interest of brevity, I've not covered everything. However, if there is something you would like to know, share that with your attorney and I'll answer through him.

Love,
Dad

I have a challenge for you. Read this alone and do not let Steven read this. It was agreed upon in court that I got to share a letter with you. But just you. I want you to read this with your heart and meditate on it.

My Response to Your Order

The Kyle Situation

Kyle was Vanessa's ex, who assaulted her. After he assaulted her, Vanessa came to me and told me what happened. Vanessa didn't want me to call the police because she was embarrassed. I called Kyle, and he started to verbally assault me so I hung up. I shared this with Vanessa, who still did not want me to call the police. So I went to Kyle's apartment in person. I knocked on the door and he opened it. I identified myself as Vanessa's father and asked if he was Kyle. He said yes. I asked if he had assaulted her. He responded by saying "Yeah, and if I wanted to I could go rape your daughter." He then pushed me back with both hands. At that point I felt the need to defend myself, and struck him twice. He fell back against the wall about 6 feet behind him and his head made a dent in the wall. He looked up at me and said "Okay, okay. I'm done" I responded, "Never come near my daughter again." He responded "No sir. It's done." So, I left. He never bothered Vanessa again and this was the end of it. I never intended for anything to become physical – and I learned that in the future I would insist on calling the police and letting them handle the situation.

The Phone Calls to Steven

It was alleged that I made an increasing number of harassing calls to Steven. But I have checked my phone records, and they show that I have called Steven a total of 4 times ever. Not in a week, a month, but ever. 4 times.

Acting Out?

It's claimed that I, at one time, were stomping, slamming cabinets, and slamming doors, and raising my voice while talking about Steven. I only raised my voice to you once about Steven, but only after he treated me several times very disrespectfully. I was so disappointed in myself for having raised my voice to you (something I've not done before) that I slapped the doorway as I walked out of the kitchen. I cannot slam the doors in our kitchen, there are none. I cannot slam the kitchen cabinets as they have easy close stoppers. I never stomp my feet as I am not a child.

Inappropriate Use of My Firearm?

You said I "placed the firearm on the banister by the front door, in plain sight, as both a threat and reflecting his anger and resentment towards Steven." The truth of the matter is that I have been placing my firearm there for weeks, based on a request from your mom. It made her feel safer. Placing my firearm on the banister became an everyday routine for me. After what happened in Minneapolis with George Floyd and the protests and then the protests threatening to go to the suburbs, it made your mom feel safer to have it visible at times when I got home from work. Again, she literally asked me to do

this! One day while Steven is over he sees the handgun in its usual place, and made an incorrect assumption.

Later it's claimed that I went to the garage to retrieve my firearm and returned looking very angry. This is not true. I am very careful when retrieving my firearm from the car. In fact, for 20+ years, you didn't even know I had one. It was only after the events in Minneapolis that I started to display my firearm – and only at the specific request of your mom.

Over the years, I have been so discreet, that whenever there are people anywhere around (going to the park, out walking, working in their yard, etc.), I will wait until later to retrieve the firearm from the car so I can be as safe and discreet as possible. We have lived in that house for 22 years and our neighbors have never seen me carrying it. I only have it out in the open inside the house, and only for a short period of time. I have since asked your mom if she was okay with me being completely discreet and she said yes. I have never waved this gun around; I have never used this firearm to threaten or to harm anyone. I am a very responsible gun owner. To imply that I have used my firearm to harm or threaten someone is a lie and crazy. I made it to 60 without a criminal record, but Steven wants to paint me as this crazy man with a gun.

The second time that I raised my voice, I did not know you were even home, I thought you had left with Steven. And when I did raise my voice, it lasted maybe 15 seconds. Your mom was at the top of the stairs and I was by the door. I raised my voice towards your mom about the frustrations I was feeling with this situation. And I was shouting towards her, but not at her. After the 15 seconds had passed, your mom came and gave me a hug and said "I can see that this is clearly hurting you" She said "Let's go make supper together and have a glass of wine"; to which I responded with "Okay, the things Steven are doing and saying are bothering me." Within 10 minutes, your mom and I were in the kitchen laughing and joking about Facebook memes. You then claim I went to the car and returned with the gun, still visibly angry. That's a lie. (It should also be noted that I have not raised my voice at all since then. Not once, under any circumstances. Again, just trying to make me appear to be a bad person, which I am not.)

In the order it says, "The presence of his firearm in several incidences, along with his emotional instability, and refusal to respect boundaries that I've set in our relationship concern me that this will continue to escalate and that the result may involve his firearm and Steven or I" To that I say: First of all to talk about boundaries- the only way I have stepped over boundaries is to try to resolve this. That's all that I have been doing for months. The display of my handgun, again, was because of your mom's request. That has nothing to do with the situation between you, Steven and I. Nothing. Other than raising my voice twice, there has been no outward signs of aggression or anything being escalated. This is all a complete fabrication. Yes, this is a bold face lie. All I've been trying to do, repeatedly, is to have the truth come out. I believe the truth doesn't mind being questioned, whereas lies want to hide. (Sound familiar?)

EXHIBIT E

casting Out Doubt

(<https://www.castingoutdoubt.com>)



A letter

For My Family

Please read the following before watching the videos.

Dear Family,

I want to start by letting you how difficult it is to share the following with you. But I think it has to be done. It's about Brittany. Steven. And the Harassment Restraining Order (HRO) they filed against me. I want to clear the air and bring forth facts that you did not previously know. I've waited a long time to do this. Part of the reason was because I tried for over a year to settle things with Steven, as a family should. I tried 12 (documented) times to bring about a peaceful resolution. He made zero attempts. Another reason is because Brittany broke up with Steven shortly after dating him. She said it was because he was "too controlling". But then Steven had a meeting with her and said something about his not really knowing how to properly express himself. Said this was due to his upbringing. It was then that Brittany decided to begin dating him again.

Based upon that, and Brittany caring about him, I gave Steven a very wide swath of grace and patience. Turns out he took total advantage of my good intentions and in doing so has caused tremendous harm to this family.

Now, after more than a year of my attempts at peace, Steven has said that he does not want any reconciliation with me, at all. Out of respect for Jake and Victoria I waited until after their wedding to create and share this with my family.

It's important to note that this information is confidential, for now. Under advice of attorney, I can

share this with my immediate family, and it is protected under my constitutional right to Freedom of Speech. I attest that everything contained herein is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge.

It should also be noted that the attorney has advised me that since there is an HRO against me that any legal actions I take right now would likely fail. The reason is simple: because I am viewed by the legal system in this country as a guilty person. Despite the fact that the court never found any

wrongdoing on my part, I still allowed the HRO to be put in place (more on that in a minute). Now anything I say has that weighted against me.

Why did I allow the HRO in the first place? Simple: Because I could have fought it and easily won. (Especially if I were to provide the information that I'll share with you in the following videos.) But that would negatively affect Brittany. Anytime thereafter, and for the rest of her life, if anyone were to run a background check on her, they would discover she filed a false HRO...against her own father.

Knowing this could very well prevent her from moving forward in her career, and/or possibly even prevent her from becoming involved in an organization that does overseas missionary work (where her heart is really at), I allowed the HRO to be put on me. I now sit here being viewed as a guilty man, even though I am actually innocent. All because I wanted to protect her. This to me is what love really looks like.

There is less than one-year before the HRO expires. I need to be very careful not to break any of the rules surrounding this. If I do, then Steven could file to have it extended another 2-years. If that were to happen and I offended once more, there would be the possibility he could file and ask for the HRO to be made permanent. In other words, I would be prohibited by law from ever seeing, speaking, or interacting with my daughter again in this lifetime. The very thought of that is horrifying.

At one point on the day of the wedding I saw Brittany in The Alchemist with her mom. She clearly was sobbing. My heart and fatherly instinct was to rush to her, hold her, and even cry with her. But that would have been a violation of the HRO. In that moment my heart shattered into a million fucking pieces. She then came outside and joined the wedding party during a photo shoot. I saw

her trying to smile for the camera, knowing the pain she had inside. It was more than I could take, and I went and sat in the bathroom by myself. Any contact could move me one step closer to being permanently prohibited from ever being with her again.

Once the HRO expires in May 2023 I will immediately ask that criminal charges be brought against Steven. According to the attorney, the lies he has told, along with the pain, strife and medical problems caused by his lies, rise to the level of being criminal. I have facts, proof, evidence, and credible witnesses. Let me be clear on this point; I am not out to attack Steven at any level – I'll simply be reporting a crime. Despite my best efforts to settle this as a family should, he opened the door to the legal system. I simply walked through that door and am looking for justice. A conviction will show my family that I am innocent and go a long ways towards restoring their faith in me.

As for the health problems, let's start with the suicidal ideations that resulted in a hospital stay; severe insomnia resulting in taking 4 different medications; therapy for depression / anxiety; and a heart problem. How many of you heard about my trip to the hospital a few months ago? I was at work and began feeling ill. I drove myself to the clinic where the doctor announced I was having a "cardiac event" and called for emergency transport. Within minutes 3 firefighters and 2 paramedics arrived and transported me to the hospital for treatment. My heart condition is stress related and I take medication on a daily basis.

The Bible says that Satan can appear as an angel of light, and Steven has brought pain, strife and division into our family. He has done this through lies, twisting of the truth, making many false accusations, and then running and hiding without providing any proof or answering any questions. He has done this while appearing to be a nice, innocent young man who says he's the victim of the father of the woman he claims to love.

One of the things that's especially sad about all of this is that I have to defend myself against Steven's lies. After 30 years of always putting my family first, I find myself in a position where I need to prove myself against someone we've only known a comparatively short period of time. Every member of this family should have had my back, and they didn't. That's totally unfair to me, and it hurts.

So now, this husband and father feels the need to defend himself and prove that I am not the horrible person as Steven has falsely claimed.

Re-read that sentence...go ahead...I'll wait...

Yet this seemingly innocent, church going, halo-wearing person has people believing I'm the bad guy.

Without further ado, here's the video's...

My Response to the HRO...

IMG 6348



A Quick Follow-up With Important

Information...

IMG 6372



Court Documents

Brittany Filing Documents: Filing (<https://www.castingoutdoubt.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Brittany-Filing.pdf>) Final
(<https://www.castingoutdoubt.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Brittany-Final.pdf>)

Steven Filing Documents: Filing 1 (<https://www.castingoutdoubt.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Steven-Filing-Part-1.pdf>) Filing 2
(<https://www.castingoutdoubt.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Steven-Filing-Part-2.pdf>)
Final (<https://www.castingoutdoubt.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Steven-Final.pdf>)

There's a reason Steven does not want mediation or to resolve things; because his lies will be exposed. So, he pretends to be afraid and paint me as a violent person to avoid the truth coming out.

The Night You Moved Out

You went to a friend's house and a few days later moved out. The night you moved, you came back because you forgot something. I was in the bedroom with your mom. I heard something moving around in the house, so I went out into the hallway to see what was going on. When I noticed it was you I said hi. You gave me a hug and said "I love you so much dad." I said "I love you too." I asked if you were okay, and you said yes. I then said, "It's kind of weird because this is the first time you have moved and I didn't help you." You smiled and said, "Yeah, it is kind of weird." YOU SMILED AND SAID YEAH IT'S KINDA WEIRD. You said you had to go, and I said, "Okay, have a good night." This is the day you moved out because you were supposedly afraid of me. How does that say you are afraid of me?

The Last Page

It's interesting that when Steven came up with this order, in his evidence, he left out the last page of my website where it talks about you guys being loved and forgiven. **LOVED AND FORGIVEN.** But that would go against his claim that I am a crazed, violent man. That doesn't fit his agenda to make you think I am this horrible violent person. What's interesting is that no one other than Steven thinks I am a violent person. Sadly, he has convinced you this lie is real. I spend time with both Jake and James and there's literally no problems between us at all. None. In fact, they have both said they would write letters in support of me. They both heard the Kyle story and are not afraid of me at all – because there's literally no reason to be. None. That's all a fabrication of Steven's. I now have over 15 people who are close to me, all willing to write letters stating they have never seen any of the behavior Steven is alleging, and that they simply do not believe any of it is true. How many do you have? I'm not a betting man, but if I was, my bet would be there are zero people to back up his claim(s). Because they are lies.

The Therapy Session

You approached me to go to therapy with you. Before you, your therapist, and I got together for a meeting, the therapist wanted to get together with me alone in a zoom type meeting. She was rude, condescending, and I really did not feel as though she cared about me or resolving anything. It was very frustrating talking to her. Nonetheless, I said any therapy sessions I was involved in I would pay for and gave her my credit card number so you would not be burdened with that. What no one, not even the therapist knows is that I was not alone in that room. When the session with myself and the therapist was scheduled, I asked your mom to be in the room with me. She sat off to one side, out of view to the camera. She witnessed how stressful this was for me. Then, at the time you and I had our session with the therapist, it was immediately stressful

again. I felt as though the therapist was condescending from the beginning. My only goal for that session was to tell you that I loved you and to validate your pain. I know you've been hurt, and it's incredibly painful to see you go through this. The therapist interrupted me repeatedly. When I didn't recite things back exactly, it seemed she was a bit condescending. Half the time I didn't look at the screen as it was too hard to see the pain on your face. I didn't even get to say anything what I really wanted to say; that I love you and to validate your feelings. At one point in time, I muted the microphone then I leaned forward to cry. You may have thought I got up and walked around the room, but I was bent over forward crying into my hands. I truly and sincerely hurt throughout this session. Having you out of my life hurts more than my brothers dying – and still does to this very day.

At this point it was clear that my message of love was not going to be conveyed to you, I became frustrated, rambled on about something and left the meeting abruptly. I think I mentioned not knowing if I wanted a relationship with you, but what I really meant was for a temporary amount of time.

(P.S. I did not slam my laptop closed – this laptop is too expensive to be slammed shut.)

With the thought of that session fresh in my mind. I ended up in a park later that night with a gun to my head. That's the reason I had suicidal ideations; the pain on your face was more than I could handle.

Word Choices

I notice that throughout the order, words were used to misdescribe the situations. "RAGE, ANGER, IMPATIENCE, SLAM, STOMP, SCREAMING". This is nothing more than character assassination. Can someone name even one person who's actually witnessed me doing anything like that? I didn't think so - because it's not true.

Trying to Get an Answer

I have been trying repeatedly for months to hear what Steven and your complaints/problems/concerns were, what the problems were. And no one has told me anything. It was only when I got the restraining order that I was informed of the problems. Not once before that did I know truly what the problems were as neither of you had told me. I had called for a 6 month break, and immediately, the 2 of you filed for a restraining order. Was this because Steven thought he was losing control? The only thing I did within that 6 months was to come to you to tell you were loved and forgiven. And now I hear that Steven thought about jumping out his 2nd story window and call 911 all because he heard the story of Kyle. Meanwhile, Jake, James and I are hanging out having a good time.

Clarifications

So let's talk about that story again, it was told twice in one year. Both times Vanessa started to tell the story. Both times I finished it quickly. After the second time, I leaned over to Vanessa and said "Please let's not tell this story again" And she responded with

“but I like to brag about you” And I said “okay thank you but let's leave this story in the past” and she said “okay dad I love you” and I said “I love you too”. Both of these times, James and Jake were present. And neither of them felt threatened by this. I did not tell this one on one with Steven. It was told in a group setting. I have since hung out many times with Jake and James. James has even shared his working schedule with me so I can call before/after he is off work to chat. Neither of them feel threatened by me at all.

You say that on February 16th, I came home and discovered Steven's laundry, I immediately responded with anger and rage. That is not true. It was an hour later, and it was in the presence of your mom, lasting about 15 seconds, as mentioned before. I was upset, but there was no “rage”. Again, character assassination.

My Military Record

Charlie was the name given to me in the military as a result of having an elevated security clearance. I served courageously, and sometimes heroically. I was honorably discharged. My military records are now sealed. That's all anyone needs to know. As I made it clear over the years, I really don't want to talk about my service to our country and I avoid the topic.

Owatonna

There is a solid, logical reason behind this event. If you heard the reason you would immediately realize it's not what it seemed at first glance. However, I am unable to write about this, and can only share this with you verbally. Perhaps some day down the road when we can speak again. I only ask that you trust me on this.

I Have Doubts

Did you even write this yourself? There are at least 5 times that it is copied and pasted from Steven's order. Also, one thing I find interesting is that when the question is asked “Do you believe that the harassment will continue?” You respond with “The respondent has made several claims that he ‘resigns’ or is done with the ‘conflict’ yet he has continued to produce more emails, the website, etc.. There seems to be no indication this will end. He continues to escalate the harassment, demonstrated by showing up at both **my apartment complex and Brittany's on 4/28/21.** This is word for word copied from Steven's order. How much of any of this did you even write yourself? Do you even know what half your order against me says? And up until now, all I have been doing is trying to resolve this. At least I'm trying. That's more than Steven and you have done collectively. Yet every single time I try to resolve things, Steven turns it around to make it seem like I am a violent person and a threat to him. What's even worse, is because of his lies, you think that I am a threat to yourself. As a father I would never be violent towards any one of my kids, ever. That's nonnegotiable in my mind.

I'm Not Violent

I was going to take the restraining order to trial, until your attorney told me that this is what you wanted personally. At that point in time, I asked myself "Why am I trying to fix anything?" I just want to be able to go to bed at night, knowing I have done everything I possibly could to resolve this matter peacefully. And the only reason it hasn't been, is because of Steven's lies and twisting of the truth. To date, you have not seen me respond to the damage he has done, but you will. What's especially troubling is the fact I have to add a disclaimer to everything I write now which states "Everything I do will be accomplished by legal means" all because of Steven's lies. You know I'm not a violent person. Again, 60 years old, no criminal record. That wouldn't be possible if I was such a violent person. I'm this amazing father until Steven comes around and it's like Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde that only he can see. As it only exists in his mind. And he has you convinced it's real. No one else can see it. Why? It's not real or true. There is literally no one else that I know who thinks this of me or believes any of these lies being told. That alone speaks volumes.

How I Have Handled this Emotionally

You say in your order "The respondent has shown an inability to control and regulate his emotions. He has lived out delusions of a violent nature." (Again, this is copy and pasted right from Steven's order) This has been a very emotional time for me, which it would be for any father that has their daughter unfairly stripped from their life. Considering the depth of this tragedy, aside from the regrettable evening that I held a gun to my head, I feel as though I have handled this quite well. As far as the reference of violence, this is only an illusion in Steven's mind, that he has gotten you to believe. No one else in my life believes this whatsoever. They have seen no signs of violence in me. Why? It is simply not real, it is just lies. How else do you explain that I went from an amazing dad, who has done a tremendous amount of work preventing bullying in schools, has chaperoned dances and prom for more than 25 years, and even done volunteer work at a hospice center sitting with dying people who have no family or friends to sit by their side, just so that they feel loved and cared for in their last moments, to a crazy homicidal maniac who threatens violence all in just a few months? And only Steven can see it. Maybe there's another answer? Maybe he's jealous of our relationship and set out to ruin it? That's a more likely answer in my eyes.

An Epic Storm

Let's talk about some of the things I've mentioned- starting with an epic storm. This is a real thing. I've done two so far in my life. Everything I do is completely legal in nature. We have a wonderful legal system in this country that helps defend innocent people like myself. Without going into too many details, suffice it to say, the first person ended up in prison. After which time I started dating his wife, and every month for a year, we would mail him a picture of us together. How do you know this is true? I was living with her when I met your mom. For the second time, a man threatened our family. He was well respected in the community, had a 6 figure job, a nice home and a family. In a very short period of time, again using all legal means, he lost all of that. Afterwards, sitting

alone in a motel outside of town, he called me and said "It's over, you won!" I said "No, it's not over. There are 3 more steps left." He begged, "Please, no. I have 2 daughters." I responded, "If you ever come near my family again, or come near our home again, I will finish what I started." He responded, "I'm gone." Want to know if this is true? Ask your mom, she knows.

You see here again that Steven is twisting things to seem like I'm this crazy, violent man. But I know how to defend my family using legal means. I prefer to live in peace, which is why I use the phrase "If you want peace, prepare for war." This just means to be prepared to defend yourself against people who want to take that peace away, which I am fully prepared to do through legal means. Steven has been rude to me, disrespectful, twisting my words, and pulling you out of my life. "Prepare for war" simply meant to stop what he was doing or prepare for legal consequences. The "Epic Storm" and "Prepare for war" was a deterrent to stop him from doing what he was doing, which he didn't.

My Books

Let's set the record straight. Steven had heard that I had written several books. I said I had. He said he would be interested in reading them. So, I went into the other room and got a copy of each for him. He said "Oh okay." And we changed the subject. It was after that we hung out and he mentioned he read my books. He only wanted to talk about the miracles in 'Casting Out Doubt', not my memoir. You know all the good things that have come from writing this book. I have given out hundreds of copies and no one has ever felt threatened by it.

Final Thought About Your Order

And lastly, your restraining order was centered around a claim of domestic violence. I (regrettably) raised my voice around you, but how is that violent? The answer; it is not. It doesn't even rise to the level of bullying. Therefore, your restraining order was based around a false premise to begin with. I think it was filed that way just for dramatic effect. That rises to the level of bearing false witness against your neighbor, just like Steven's.

My Response to Steven's Order

He says that I am unable to control my emotional response. Unable to control my emotional response? He was trying to talk down to me, and I was telling him to not talk down to me. He was being disrespectful to me. He is a 25-year-old man and I am a 60-year-old father. He does not have the right to talk down to me. From the beginning, all along was to control me. If he can't control me, he wants to make me look like a terrible person. Every time I have tried to stand up for myself, he has turned it around to seem like I am aggressive or violent. He was also rude to Alex, Vanesaa, and my friends Heather and Henry. They all told me independently that Steven acted very rudely towards them, and all 4 are willing to make written statements about how poorly he treated them. Interestingly enough, Alex and Vanessa do not know Heather and Henry, so there was not, nor could be, any collusion.

My Letters to the Church

About my letter to the church and that it was a threat to him. I went to the church to ask them politely and calmly to ask if they would help resolve this peacefully and without conflict. Along with the letter, I included the history of the challenges we have faced in our relationship. This documentation included emails and texts we had sent between each. Nowhere in any of the documentation did it reference any violence or threats. This was sent to the senior pastor only, in confidentiality, and he never responded. Anyone reading this letter would ask “How is this defamatory?” Steven twisted things around, again.

As for the second letter, the senior pastor did not respond, so this was addressed to the elders at the church. Nowhere in any communication do I ask to terminate his employment. All I have ever asked was that they get involved in the conflict. As far as showing up “unannounced”, I left 2 voicemails for the senior pastor the week before. As far as me being “uninvited”, I went into the lobby, rang the buzzer, and asked if I could leave the package there. I left the package in the “Leave Deliveries Here” area (the same as UPS or FedEx would). I then went back out to my car peacefully. Also “uninvited”? How can someone not be invited to a church?”

P.S. At the time I wrote this letter, there were markers that were off that led doctors to believe that I might have cancer. I had to go through numerous tests, including a colonoscopy. Along the way, the real problem was discovered after I was taken to the emergency room by my wife after being in excruciating pain one night. Once there, after going through some more tests, they discovered the real problem. For privacy reasons I will not disclose what the problem is. I have since been undergoing treatment (and as of June 4th, 2021 continue to be under the care of doctors for this condition). In conclusion, there was a serious concern that I had cancer. Fortunately, it was not cancer, but is still of great concern, and I am thankful for the medical community in helping through this difficult time.

I say in the letter that I am prepared to make some bold moves. I went to the church to ask them to help. I wanted to get mediation. Bold moves- asking you over to have cheesesteaks and talk about what each other needs to resolve the issues. Nowhere have I threatened anyone.

The Website

The website was intended as a warning. Nothing more than a warning. Yet again he has twisted things around to seem that I am going to use violence against him, even though I clearly state that everything will be done in a legal manner and not a violent one. I also had the website coded so that search engines will not pull it up or catalog it. I did that intentionally to protect privacy. It was a warning that if he continues or tries to pull anything else like what he has done to me, the site would go live. Even the screenshot Steven used in the filing says, “To be perfectly clear, everything listed above will be accomplished through legal means, I do not condone violence or any illegal activities. I

am an otherwise peaceful person who has been unfairly put in a position of having to fight back for his family.” How does that say that I am a violent man? It doesn't!

His Claim about My Gun

His whole claim about me, my gun, and him- it is baseless. All these allegations of me using my gun for a violent purpose is something he invented in his own mind. And he has caused undue concern to that church, both campuses, because of his lies. Name one time that he has seen the handgun in my hand. He has never! He is doing this to get my daughter out of my life, precisely.

FYI

About a week before we had our court meeting, I spoke to David (your ex). He said when you and Steven first broke up, you started texting and calling him trying to get back with him. Does this mean Steven is forever your second choice? He also mentioned the issue with Alex Rodriguez. But the bottom line here is that David clearly said that I treated him wonderfully and it was truly a sad day when we said good-bye for the last time. I honestly wish you were marrying David, or someone like him. He is awesome.

EXHIBIT F

Brittany,

I have a heart condition. This isn't exactly the way I wanted to tell you but thought you should know. I first became aware after having chest pains that radiated both into my left arm as well as my left shoulder. After a trip to the ER, a cardiologist visit and testing (including a heart scan) they discovered the problem. About a year ago I had some routine tests done just to check where I was at as a 60-year-old, and my heart was perfectly fine. Since then, the results are 247% worse. They are telling me this is stress related. At this level it's treatable. If I do nothing and it progresses to the next level, well, I don't want to think about that.

If you have any doubts about the authenticity of what I am saying, ask your mom. She was at the ER with me; she met the cardiologist; was there during the testing and read the results. It's real.

This past year has been the worst year of my life. By far. I sleep, at most, 3 hours per night. Most nights I lay awake in bed between 1 - 4 AM thinking sad thoughts.

But none of that is your fault. Not any of it. In fact, and I want you to know this; you don't owe me an apology or any explanation for your actions. Not at all. You've not done anything wrong. You are truly a wonderful person, and I am still very proud of you.

I've been patient, peaceful and prayerful. My reward has been a heart condition.

Sorry I had to tell you this way.

Love you,

Dad