

State of Minnesota

County
Ramsey

District Court

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| Judicial District: | Second |
| Court File Number: | |
| Case Type: | Personal Injury |

Timothy Hutchinson
Plaintiff

vs

Civil Complaint

Steven Anderson
Defendant

LEGAL CAUSE(S) OF ACTION

▪ **Defamation**

- A false or offensive statement, either verbal or written, about the plaintiff was made by the defendant
- The defendant made such statement to a third party (someone other than the plaintiff)
- The defendant acted negligently or with malice in making such statement
- The plaintiff suffered damages, including damage to his reputation specifically caused by the defamatory statement

▪ **Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress**

- The actions or conduct of the defendant were extreme and outrageous
- The defendant acted intentionally and/or recklessly
- The defendant’s actions or conduct caused severe emotional distress to the plaintiff

The Plaintiff makes the following complaints against the Defendant:

If you have more than 1 complaint against Defendant, list each complaint separately, including any supporting facts.

1. Steven Anderson caused undue stress and separation between my daughter and I.

My daughter, Brittany, and I were very close and spent time together frequently. See Facebook screenshots, (Exhibit A). She began dating Steven Anderson, director of youth services at Calvary Church in 2020. Within a few months Brittany came to me and said she was breaking up with him. She said that she felt as though she couldn’t be herself around him because was too controlling. She later said that she had another meeting with him, during which time he “shared his heart” with her. Brittany said that Steven told her due to his upbringing he had difficulty

properly expressing himself. Because of his explanation, she decided to again date him. Upon hearing that I decided to give him a wide swath of grace and patience when dealing with him. He took advantage of this, as documented below.

Shortly thereafter Steven approached me to help support his ministry – which is his full-time job. He says Calvary Church cannot afford to pay him a salary, so he fundraises as a substitute. I began supporting him financially and further worked with him to improve his presentation in an effort to find others who would also be supportive. I continued sending money every month for 2 ½ years – even during the time when he would file an HRO against me, as I still had hope we would settle things peacefully. My wife later said that Steven told Brittany that I wasn't sending money and had refused to help them. I eventually stopped sending money after the June 2024 payment. This is when my wife moved out of our family home due to the stress of the problems Steven caused after becoming engaged to our daughter, Brittany.

Within months after he began dating my daughter, Steven approached me and asked what it would take to have my blessing for him to marry her. One of the things I mentioned was spending more time with our family - we barely knew him. I told Steven that family was important to us, and that if he was to marry my daughter then we would want him to feel welcomed in our family and hopefully would be an active part of it.

Afterwards he made an effort to be at our house almost on a weekly basis, and things seemed to be going well.

One day he called to ask if we could hang out sometime. I said yes and we picked a date and time. When that time came, he arrived at our house, and we talked for quite a while. I sensed he had something he wanted to say or possibly ask me - maybe even permission to marry Brittany. Finally, after 3 hours I asked him *"Is there something you wanted to ask me?"* He then asked for my blessing on marrying my daughter, and I gave him that blessing. My wife and I even helped with a temporary ring until he could buy one.

Once he proposed and my daughter accepted, his entire demeanor towards myself and our family changed. Documented below are lies and exaggerations he said about me in an HRO (Harassment Restraining Order) and my response which reveals how Steven has engaged in a campaign of libel, slander and harassment which has caused significant harm to both myself, and my family.

Shortly after their engagement, he manipulated her and convinced her to stop talking with me so they could *"focus on their relationship"*. That was the last time I ever spoke with her. The last thing she said to me was *"Dad, I love you so so so so much!"*

Steven's manipulation of my daughter has included making her fearful of me through a false narrative of his claim of me threatening him with a gun, being an overall dangerous person to him, her, and the church, and convincing her to join him in filing for an HRO under false pretenses. I asked many times what the problem was and also asked to resolve any differences. He never responded. After trying for a long time without any response, I texted him the following: *"You lost far more than you gained."* Meaning, we could have had a great relationship, but he had another agenda. I tried to make peace and amends 15 times. Steven made zero attempts and refused all of my attempts at making peace.

During this time, I had been offering blanket apologies for things I had not done, just to have a relationship with my daughter. He never responded and instead continued taking everything I've done, as pure and honest as my actions were, and greatly exaggerated them and spun them into looking like everything I do is a threat to him.

His deliberate actions, hyper-exaggerated claims and outright lies have caused significant harm; due to the stress of Steven's actions, my wife and I ended our 31-year marriage. We sold the family home where we lived for 24 years, and I became homeless. I had to quit my job as a Safety and Compliance Manager. I enjoyed a corner office and had 70 people working for me - but had to quit due to my declining work performance as a result of the stress caused by Steven's negative actions and words. The day prior to selling our home I moved my belongings into a storage unit. Within a short period of time that unit was broken into and most of my valuable possessions were stolen.

It is important to note that I have enjoyed a great relationship with the others my children have dated or married. With one notable exception; a man named Kyle, who assaulted my daughter and subsequently assaulted myself. (More details on this later). Prior to Steven, my daughter Brittany dated a man name David Zimmerman for several years. David and I got along exceptionally well. When Brittany decided to break up with David, he came directly to our family home to spend time with me. I explained that since Brittany is my daughter, I needed to advocate for her. He responded, *"I know, but I feel so much better being with you."*

My youngest daughter, Vanessa, was dating a man named James Anderson (a common last name – no relation to Steven.) When he was homeless, I took him into our home just a week prior to our home being sold due to my divorce. Despite going through my own personal challenges, I still helped him. One of the ways was to help James come up with a life plan and I even rented him a hotel room. Later, when my daughter decided to end that relationship, I continued paying for his hotel room and gave him money for food and other expenses.

My oldest daughter, Victoria, dated and married a man named Jacob Rademacher. During the 12-years my daughter has been with him, Jake (Jacob) and I have enjoyed a great relationship. He has never been fearful of me, nor felt threatened in any way, shape, form or manner. Jake and I have been to hockey games, on vacation, road trips and more together. He's a fantastic son-in-law who calls me "Dad". I hoped for the same with Steven, but the evidence will show he has a different agenda.

Exhibit / Evidence; A. Facebook screenshots.

2. Steven Anderson lied about the conversation regarding a phone call about a wedding guest list.

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"Within a week after Brittany and I began our engagement, the respondent began to take issue with our wedding planning. He began to call me to argue for things to be different on decisions that my finance and I had made."

My response;

His statement is false. One day Brittany was at our family house 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 the conversation. At one point I heard the number of guests was already more than the total amount they agreed upon. Brittany seemed stressed by this process. Her mom approached me afterwards and asked me if I could help with this matter. She suggested I make a friendly call to Steven, and I agreed. The following day I called Steven and asked one 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. He then stated that he didn't think his response answered my question. I calmly replied, *"Not really."* He then said he would get back to me about this. I offered a suggestion on how they might decide on a guest list, and he said that he would discuss this with Brittany. We then talked for a short while about other non-wedding related things and ended the call on a positive note. I then shared the details of this conversation with my wife, and we thought that call was enough and that Brittany and Steven would work things out. (He never got back to me to answer the question.)

The only other time I ever discussed the wedding with Steven was during a time when he called me about a non-wedding related topic, and I asked him if my wife and I would be able to meet his parents before the wedding. He replied, *"Not my dad, but maybe my mom when she comes to town to help me finish planning the wedding."* He made it sound as if he and his mom would be doing the wedding planning and not Brittany. I asked, *"Does Brittany know about this?"* He said yes. I then asked if there would be anything that Mrs. Hutchinson (Brittany's mom) would be able to help with. He replied, *"Maybe my mom can find something for her to do."* I then repeated an earlier question, *"And Brittany knows about this?"* He again replied, yes. I then calmly said, *"Oh, ok."* That's as far as the conversation went.

The only time I discussed the wedding with Brittany was when she came to me with a concern about their wedding photographer. I gave her some advice on how to approach Steven to discuss this topic, and nothing more.

Compare this to my oldest daughter's wedding. I caused no problems whatsoever, did not interfere with any planning, and they will both testify to that. I would have done the same for Brittany and Steven's wedding, except Steven had other plans to exclude me as the evidence will show.

Steven and Brittany were married on June 19th, 2021. I believe Steven pushed for this day to be chosen because the following day was Father's Day, and I would not be able to celebrate it with my daughter, Brittany. I allege that he did this intentionally to further harm me emotionally.

Phone Calls.

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"The frequency and hostility in Respondent's telephone calls increased. Amidst these interactions Brittany and I decided it would be best to set boundaries around our wedding planning and conversations with us about them."

My response;

There never were any harassing phone calls. This claim is a lie. I only made 6 phone calls to Steven in total the entire time I have known him. Two of those were about allowing him to borrow one of my wife's rings to propose to our daughter. Another call was to offer him the same advice my Father-in-law gave me prior to my marrying his daughter nearly 30 years prior. Steven became agitated and responded rudely to me. Another call was to ask if he wanted to get together and hang out – he said *"No"*, then hung up on me. There was a call about us doing a video chat to discuss some potential changes to his fund-raising presentation (I volunteered to help him with this). The other call was months later. I left a voicemail when I was upset with him after a long period of him intentionally doing things to harm both myself and my family. (More on this later.)

It should be noted that Steven made plenty of calls to me, however. He would say things such as;

- a) *"You're not a very good father."*
- b) *"Brittany deserves someone better than you."*
- c) *"If you want to have a relationship with your daughter, then you need to submit to me and let me control you."*

Here again I gave him a wide swath of grace and patience because of what he told my daughter about not being able to properly express himself. During these times I tried to steer the conversation away from negative comments and towards something more positive and family oriented.

3. Steven Anderson manipulated my daughter Brittany into thinking I am dangerous.

Brittany does Steven's laundry at our house, which I honestly didn'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 Steven's 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 I decided to write him a letter, and placed in in the laundry basket along with his clean clothes. It basically said I had done some research on Covid and was surprised it could last up to 48-hours on our clothes. Said I could appreciate his concern for being exposed to Covid. Maybe it's best his clothes are not washed at our house - at least now for now.

I then said it would have been nice to see him today. That we could have safely visited for a few minutes, especially since I tested Negative just the day before for Covid. I signed it by saying "Hope you have a wonderful day."

(A copy of this letter is included in Exhibit / Evidence – see end of this section.)

When his clothes were done, I placed them outside the front door as requested. When Steven arrived, he read the note, threw the clothes into his car, slammed the door, then stared at our house for a full minute with an angry look on his face. He then got into the car and sped off running through a stop sign and speeding up the street at approximately double the speed limit. My intentions in writing that letter was pure – I really wanted to have a good relationship with him, but it seemed he turned it around and used it as an opportunity to have a tantrum.

Then, just a day later, I came home from work to discover he was hanging out at our house with Brittany, for several hours. So, he can't come inside to pick up the laundry, or even ring the doorbell and say hi, but just a day later he can spend hours inside our home? And he's here without any acknowledgment of the letter. This seemed very disrespectful. As Brittany and Steven were leaving, Brittany said *"Hi dad"* – I responded, *"Hi honey!"* Then Steven said, *"Hello Mr. Hutchinson"*. I responded with a rather dry *"Hi"*. It bothered me that he was so rude just the day before, as well as multiple times previously, and now today when my daughter is there, he's acting nice and innocent. I didn't want to say or do anything that would be upsetting to Brittany, so I did not ask him for any explanation – at least not at that time.

Several hours later my wife came home, and I told her about this and that it bothered me. After all, he had a history of being rude to my family and myself. I spoke loudly about how upset I was and said that I did not want Steven at our house again. I then texted Steven and said he was not welcome in our home until there was mediation.

At no time when I was venting did I make any threats against Steven. My only comments were that he was disrespecting me in my own home, and I did not want him at our house anymore until differences were resolved.

I did not know that Brittany was in her bedroom and had overheard what I said. I honestly thought she had left and had specifically waited until I thought she was gone to vent my frustrations. My wife gave me a hug and we went and made dinner together. Within 10 minutes or so, we were in the kitchen laughing about some silly memes on Facebook. Yes, I raised my voice. Yes, I was upset. He's going to marry my daughter and he's treating me poorly. Any reasonable father would also be upset. But there was no threat.

I later learned that Steven used this as an opportunity to convince my daughter to move out of our house by claiming she was in danger remaining there with me.

Exhibits / Evidence; S. Laundry Letter.

The Books.

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Repeated in Affidavit - Steven with Exhibits. Page 1.

"When I shared my desire to marry his daughter, months prior to asking for his blessing, he gave me two of his books, including an autobiographical work, Painful Secrets, wherein he claims to have almost committed a mass shooting as a teenager. With this context, the Respondent's placement of the gun on the banister was clearly meant and taken as a threat and intimidation towards me."

My response;

This is a gross exaggeration. In both filings he claims I gave him a copy of the books a "month" before in one and "months" before in another....it was actually 3 days prior to his asking to marry my daughter.

During a previous time that we had met, he mentioned that he heard I wrote several books. I confirmed that I had. He said that he would like to read them. I sell these books on Amazon so I typically do not have any extra copies at the house. When he expressed an interest in reading them, I went to see if I had any available copies. I found one copy of 'Painful Secrets' and one copy of 'Casting Out Doubt'. I then generously gave him a free copy of each. Had he not mentioned my being an author, I would never have thought to give him a copy of any of the books. I have not previously given a copy to any of my other daughter's current or former boyfriends, nor any of Brittany's former boyfriends.

Soon after, he asked if we could hang out for a while. I said yes, and he came over to our house. Once here he mentioned that he had read both books. One was my memoir, and he didn't really talk about that - it was the other book, the one about miracles. I was surprised he had read them already as I had just given them to him three (3) days prior. When I commented on this, he said that he had stayed up late at night to finish them. We talked about the book 'Casting Out Doubt' for a few minutes, then began talking about other topics. At no time did he seem concerned about the contents of my memoir, nor was it ever mentioned.

That evening, I had a feeling he was there to ask me if he could marry my daughter. This was an important evening, and I didn't want him to feel rushed - so I remained patient and waited. Finally, three hours later I asked if he was there, by chance, to ask me question. He said yes and asked if he could marry my daughter. I asked for there to be several conditions, and he agreed. One of them was not to interfere in my relationship with daughter. He promised that he wouldn't. Then we talked about a ring, and I offered to borrow him one of Brittany's mom's rings to

propose with. That would give him time to go ring shopping. (He has since broken the promise to not interfere in my relationship with Brittany many times over).

It is important to note that I have used my memoir, *'Painful Secrets'* as a tool to help make bullying awareness and prevention a national issue. Along the way I have prevented 6 school shootings and also prevented 300 teen suicides. I would never use this book as a threat to anyone. My wife is a high school science teacher who has given copies of this same book to some of her troubled students. She has witnessed their lives being changed by it and has seen them carry this book around with them every day as a sign of hope and overcoming life obstacles. (See exhibit P for feedback from notable individuals.) Here again, Steven is making wild claims that are simply not true at all.

Exhibit / Evidence; B. Books on Amazon.

Also, P. *'Painful Secrets'* feedback.

4. Steven Anderson falsely accused me of displaying my gun in an attempt to intimidate him.

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"At the time, my fiance lived in respondents home. I visited while the respondent was at work, to make plans for the wedding. He returned before I left, and we only exchanged a brief interaction on me way our the door, however, he placed his firearm on the banister by the front door, in plain sight. I couldn't help but feel as though he had intentionally placed the gun there for me to see."

My response;

This was around the time when there were riots in Minneapolis after what happened to George Floyd. There was talk about the riots going to the suburbs. At the time my wife asked me if I still had a gun. I replied yes. The fact that she asked this question shows how discreet I am with it. I never show it to anyone, open carry or even discuss it.

She then said it would make her feel safer if she could see it regularly. So, for a short while, placing my firearm on the upstairs banister became a temporary routine for me.

Again, she literally asked me to do this. This is the only reason I would ever leave my gun out; because it was at the request of my wife. I would come home from work and place it on the end railing at the top of the steps, go into the kitchen and greet my wife with a kiss, unpack my lunch bag, then go put the gun away in our bedroom. It was only out for approximately 3 minutes. I did this only for a few weeks, then asked if she was OK with me not putting it out anymore, as I never was comfortable doing this. She said yes, and I stopped leaving it out for her to see.

One day while Steven was over, he saw the handgun in its usual place and made an incorrect assumption. He then used this occasion to begin placing thoughts into my daughter's head that I am a dangerous person, and they are both at risk of me harming them with the gun.

Steven claimed it was *"on the banister by the front door, ..."*. This is a false claim. It was actually on the 2nd floor of the house – Steven remained in the lower level and was never near the gun. It was also holstered, and I never went near it while he was in the house. During this entire time, he never saw me – he only heard my voice coming from the kitchen.

I have never waved this gun around or used it 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; but Steven wants to falsely portray me as a crazy man with a weapon.

5. Steven Anderson gave me a list called “Ruled of Engagement” which he required my wife and I to agree to in order for us to continue being involved in the wedding planning.

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"The respondent took issue with some of the wording in our Rules of Engagement..."

My response;

Brittany and Steven came up with something called ‘*Rules of Engagement*’, and presented them to my wife and I. We both agreed to follow these rules. At this time, we were at our house sitting at the dining room table. Afterwards, Brittany and her mom went into the kitchen. I got up and said I was going to the bathroom. I began walking away but then stopped and turned around to retrieve something from the table. At that time Steven had stood up and was bent over picking up a bag from the floor with his back towards me. He did not realize I was standing there. Just then I heard him say “Oh, this is gonna be good!” He said it in a very deep voice as though he was almost growling. To me, it sounded demonic. He suddenly stood and spun around to face me. He began smiling and started trying to tell a joke. It seemed like he was trying to cover for something. I was too stunned to speak or respond. He then called to Brittany saying they should leave.

Afterwards, my wife looked at me and asked, “*Honey, are you OK?*” I didn’t want to make a scene so I just responded by saying I was OK. We then went into our bedroom together and prayed for them as a couple. The following day I shared what happened with my brother. Shortly after that I sent them both an email asking a question about how to ask a question. Nothing more. Simply asking how they preferred me to ask a question.

Something in the ‘*Rules of Engagement*’ was not clear and I was merely asking for clarification. Steven immediately took offense to this and began accusing me of manipulation. This email conversation included Brittany, her mom, Steven and me.

Suddenly I got an email from Steven stating that if I loved Brittany that I would “*Lay down everything.*” This to me means submitting to him and goes along with his earlier comments about submitting to him if I want a relationship with my daughter.

I then realized that he had sent the email directly to me and had excluded Brittany and her mom. I then said I would not continue this conversation with him in that email thread and would only have a discussion involving Brittany and Mrs. Hutchinson. I then went back to the previous email thread and responded in a somewhat sharp manner. Afterwards I asked my wife to be the one to send out any emails from me to them. In that way I could be assured that both her and Brittany would be included in the emails.

Exhibit / Evidence; C. Copy of the Rules of Engagement.
Also, D. Seeking clarification.

6. Steven Anderson claims that because I had an emotional response and I raised my voice that I cannot control my anger.

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"On the same day he returned home and Brittany reports visible signs of anger (slamming doors, slamming things, yelling, etc.)" "This email and anger was the first clues towards irrational behavior and unwarranted responses. I only expressed my concern for effective conflict resolution....and he took it as an insult to his intelligence and he was unable to control his emotional response."

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"I then called my fiancé to share the news with her, [about a text I sent him banning him from my property} and I could hear him, yelling and angrily attacking my character because I had done laundry in his house. At this point I began to seriously fear for the emotional impact on my fiancé."

My response;

Later, after the email exchange, I was talking with Brittany and my frustration boiled over, and I raised my voice about how Steven would not answer the seemly simple question about the wedding guest list, has made no effort to be a part of our family, and has been acting rudely towards me. 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.

As I walked out of the kitchen, I was so disappointed in myself for having raised my voice (something I had never done before to her) that I slapped the doorway with my open hand. I truly felt awful about how I had acted.

She 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.

There was no slamming doors, slamming other things or emotional outbursts of any kind (other than raising my voice once to Brittany). His claim that I was "*unable to control his emotional response*" is completely false and unfounded. My wife was at home during this time – if any of this had actually happened, my wife would have come to investigate. She will testify that this never happened and it was a peaceful evening at home. This is yet another attempt by Steven at disparaging me through his lies and manipulation. In an earlier HRO filing he used words to describe my actions, such as; "*RAGE, ANGER, IMPATIENCE, SLAM, STOMP, and SCREAMING.*" No one has witnessed me doing any of these and this is nothing more than character assassination.

I had only raised my voice twice. The second time I was unaware that Brittany was home and talked loudly to my wife. She did not feel any concern for her safety, and even walked over and gave me a hug. I rarely, if ever, talk in an upset manner. My wife knew I was no danger to anyone and understood my need for a hug.

His claim to have begun to "*...seriously fear for the emotional impact on my fiancé*" is nonsense, completely baseless and all a part of his plan to cause a division in my family.

Ever since I had given Steven permission to marry my daughter, he no longer made any efforts to be a part of our family or join any activities. 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 way towards my other children. It appears he was only being nice to obtain my blessing, then his real personality came out. One day I talked to 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.

The fact that I had remained calm for so long given all the terrible things he had been saying to me, just shows how rational and peaceful of a person I really am. Since that time, over 3 years ago, not one person has witnessed me raising my voice at all. These two instances were rare and only due to the stress that Steven was causing in my family.

7. Steven Anderson refused to engage in mediation to resolve the conflict between us.

Steven was texting me some inappropriate comments and I responded by asking him to not contact me anymore in this manner. He responded by saying that Brittany suggested mediation. I said yes, and that if he wanted to pick a place for that to happen, that I would pay for those services. He responded by saying that the only way he would agree to mediation is if it were at the church where he works. This seemed to put me at a disadvantage because they are familiar with him and do not know me. But I agreed to this anyway figuring I would just set the truth free and let it defend itself.

Afterwards, as I thought about mediation it occurred to me that mediation meant all the bad and negative things Steven had done would be revealed and that could have very negative impacts on him. After a time of prayer I sent the following email, striving for peace, and once again apologizing for things I haven't done, and admitting to things I never did, all in an effort to have a relationship with my daughter.

"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.** [Emphasis added] 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”

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 daughter’s voice. That has ‘Steven’ written all over it.

“*...and those have been violated repeatedly...*” To date neither Brittany nor Steven can clearly state what any of this alleged violations are.

Before meeting Steven, my daughter would never have written an email reply such as this. Never. I believe 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.

“*...these past few weeks have been incredible challenging and emotionally draining for Brittany and I as we have interacted with you...*” Here again, he cannot name one thing 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. They literally cannot and have not named anything.

Steven interjected himself into the equation with his comment. Other than a letter trying to make peace, I’ve had no interaction with Steven in the previous few weeks. But still, he tries to pretend to be a victim here.

“*We desire to move forward in a healthier direction...*” Clearly we cannot move forward if Steven puts zero effort into anything and my daughter will not even speak to me because of Steven’s lies.

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”

The second attempt @ mediation was scheduled for Saturday, 2/27/2021 @ 10 AM. The previous week’s mediation was cancelled by the mediator due to a scheduling conflict. It’s important to note that Steven did not want to discuss any previous events in mediation. Then he changed his mind and now wants previous events to be discussed. That’s a 180-degree turn-around.

A few days later Steven sends me a text message which says, “*Mediation is only about you and Mrs. Hutchinson learning how you two are going to talk to me.*” I showed this text message to my wife (Mrs. Hutchinson), my brother and youngest sister. They were all shocked and appalled at this.

I responded that he has been saying terrible things to me and that during mediation he would also learn how to communicate with us. Shortly afterwards he cancelled mediation and would not give us a valid reason for doing so. He also refused to reschedule mediation. It appears obvious to me that Steven has by now 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 the problems.

I apologized to my daughter and said that I didn't want to focus on any disagreement any longer – instead I wanted to focus on our relationship. I invited Steven to a neutral ground where we speak and act kindly and respectfully to each other. A place where, and I quote, *“You are fully welcomed at our house to visit, hang out, do laundry, grab a snack from the kitchen – my house is your house.”* 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. They both replied that they could not accept this. Brittany claimed I had violated the *‘Rules of Engagement’*, and Steven said; *“...these last few weeks have been incredibly challenging and emotionally draining...”* What's interesting is during the weeks before this I actually had no contact with him at all. What interaction was he talking about? There literally was none. This is another example of Steven trying to invent a make-believe world and draw my daughter into it – a world in which I am a villain – a violent person unable to control my behavior. Yet here I am, 63+ years-old, no criminal record, love doing volunteer work, no problems with any one until Steven comes along and suddenly I am a super-villain. Yet he cannot name even one threat I've made to him. Not one. Because there weren't any.

Steven Filing Part 1. Page 17.

"At this point it became clear there was significant issue, and so I suggested to the respondent that he and I find a time to connect to talk through the conflict."

My response;

Steven never made any such suggestion to me. I am the one who has been offering apologies for things I never did and trying to find a way to resolve conflict(s) when I have no idea what the issue(s) are/were. Had he reached out to me in this manner I would have gladly accepted. His claim to have reached out to try and connect to talk through the conflict is absolutely a lie. It should also be noted that at this point in time I had no idea what the problem(s) were/are. Neither Brittany nor Steven were communicating with me.

My wife tried contacting them to find out what the issue/problem were/are, but neither of them were willing to discuss this with her either. It wasn't until the first HRO was filed that I had even a glimpse of the terrible things I was being falsely accused of.

I tried a total of 15 times to make peace. Steven never suggested even one single thing to help get our relationship back on track. I came up with 100% of the ideas and have offered 100% of the apologies and have made 100% of the efforts. He could not and still cannot truthfully state one thing that I've done to threaten or even offend him. Not one. Up until the first HRO was filed, I had been offering blanket apologies in an effort to have a relationship with my daughter.

All along he took everything I've done, as pure and honest as my actions were, and greatly exaggerated them and spun them into falsely looking like it's all a threat to him. Those are all absolute lies. What's especially troubling is that he claims to be a Christian and works at a church. None of what he's done towards me reflects Christian behavior.

8. Steven Anderson accused me of being in possession of a firearm and created a false narrative that my daughter was no safe in my home.

Steven Filing Part 1. Page 18.

"Later that day I received a call from my finance that while the respondent was still visibly angry, he went out to the garage and collected his firearm, which he continued to hold while angry. Brittany felt unsafe and so she left to stay at a friend's home. At that point Brittany and I found an apartment to lease where she could live, in order to move out of the respondent's home. We decided to attempt to keep this address a secret from the respondent for fear of safety for Brittany and myself."

My response;

Within a few days Brittany moved out of our house. Supposedly because she is now suddenly afraid of me, because I raised my voice, twice. What's interesting is the very day she moved out, she returned that evening to retrieve something she had left behind. When she saw me, she gave me a hug and said *"I love you so much."* I told her it was weird seeing her move and that this was the first time she's ever moved that I didn't help. She replied that was true and yes this all seems weird. As she walked out of the house she looked back at me and though she smiled, I know her well enough that I could detect a hint of sadness – almost as if she didn't want to go.

A few days later her youngest sister, Vanessa, told me that she had gone to Brittany's apartment (that she had just moved to), and that those two stood outside the apartment building and hugged as Brittany cried, saying she didn't understand why she had to move away from her home. Vanessa said that Brittany sounded very confused about what was happening.

"...for fear of safety for Brittany and myself." This is fear that he created through a false narrative of me being a danger to either of them. He did this intentionally and with malice towards my myself and my family.

9. Steven Anderson accused me of being delusional and unpredictable, further misleading my daughter into thinking that she was in danger.

Steven Filing Part 1. Page 18.

"On 2/2/21 Brittany reports hearing from the respondent that "[he's] so mad [he] could kill someone, so [he's] going to kill Charlie". Further claims Charlie is my "violent side" and was a "secret CIA assassin." He also states that I appear to be "delusional and out-of-touch with reality. I am afraid for my safety and Brittany's. His actions are clearly unpredictable."

My response;

In an effort to activate what I call my daughters "BS detector", by which I mean a healthy amount of skepticism, my well-meaning brother Steve, made up a story. This is really the only time in my life I've ever told Brittany something that wasn't true. But I had good intentions. He made the story so fantastical that any reasonable person would doubt it was real. That was the whole idea. To have her look at this and say wait a minute, that's not real. And then to have her look at what Steven was saying and realize what he's saying is also not real. My daughter Brittany is kind, sweet, thoughtful and a really, really wonderful person. She was also gullible as any 22-year-old is at that time. And Steven clearly took advantage of that.

I told her that "I'm so angry I could kill someone." This is a phrase I grew up hearing; no one actually killed anyone; it's like saying I'm so hungry I could eat a horse. No one eats horses and even if they did, they couldn't consume an entire horse. It's only a phrase with no factual meaning behind it. I also chose that phrase because I figured she would immediately realize that I wouldn't actually kill someone - she's only known me as a kind, loving, peaceful father who always puts his family first.

I told her the person I would kill is Charlie (you can't kill Charlie - it's just a name I was given in the military.)

I said that I was going to a DNR lab near Owatonna where I would be held down on a table and my head would be zapped with electricity. That's as crazy of a story that we could think of at the moment.

The next morning, I said that it snowed the previous night (which it did) so we met at a closed gas station and performed the procedure in a van. They zapped me while I rolled my eyes side-to-side.

I waited for her to say something like, 'Dad, this isn't real!' But she never did.

I had every intention of explaining to her why I told this fabricated story, but I wanted to do so in person. Sadly, I never saw her again.

When I shared this story with my son he began laughing. Anyone who knows me would immediately realize that this was a made-up story. Later, I shared this same story with my youngest daughter, Vanessa. Her response was the same; laughter. They both know I would never do anything like what I had described.

Before the trip to Owatonna, I had told this story to my wife. She went with me on the trip and showed no concerns about my mental health. She recognized immediately it was just a story. The fact that Brittany took this seriously showed me how much Steven had been manipulating her.

The Kyle Story

Steven Filing Part 1. Page 18.

Repeated in Affidavit - Steven with Exhibits. Page 1.

"Throughout my relationship with his daughter, the respondent reminded me on several occasions of a story where he insinuates that a previous relationship one of his other daughters had, ended with him shoving the boyfriend's head through the drywall of his apartment."

My response;

I never told him this story. Kyle was my daughter Vanessa's boyfriend. During their relationship he assaulted her. Afterwards, Vanessa came to me and told me what happened. Vanessa didn't want me to call the police because she was embarrassed. So, I called Kyle, and when he began shouting at me, 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. He then came at me with a raised fist.

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 – I only went there to ask that he stay away from my daughter.

Again, I never told Steven this story. He only overheard me telling this story, twice. Both times the telling of the story was initiated by Vanessa. The first time was to her boyfriend as the family gathered at a restaurant to celebrate her mom's birthday. The second time was at a bonfire at our family house, and she was telling the story to two friends who stopped by. I took over the telling of the story both times in order to end it quickly. After the second time I asked my daughter, Vanessa, to not tell the story anymore. She stated that she was proud of me for defending her but agreed not to tell the story anymore. She said, *"I love you dad."* I replied, *"I love you too. Thank you for agreeing to not tell this story anymore."*

Steven was not a part of either conversation, his name was not mentioned, nor did anyone acknowledge him and I never made eye contact with him at any time. During the first time, at the restaurant, he was seated 3 people away from us. At the bonfire, he was seated 4 people away from us. Both times there were other conversations happening closer to him, so there was no way he was included in the conversation pertaining to the Kyle story. His assertion that I reminded him is completely false. He overheard the story and presented it in the court filing for the HRO as if I told it directly to him and also as if it was intended to be a threat directly to him. Those assertions are completely false.

It should be noted that after the bonfire, I had 4 people tell me that Steven had acted rudely towards them. Initially I defended him saying that he works at a church and so they must be mistaken. Later, as I thought more about it, it became apparent that some of these people did not know each other and therefore could not have collaborated on the story. That, to me, gave some credence they might be telling the truth.

It should also be noted that during the bonfire my brother Steve began making what he thought were jokes about Steven. I quickly interrupted and told my brother that Steven worked at a church and asked that he please not make any jokes about him. He apologized and refrained from telling any further jokes. I defended Steven, only to have him later go and tell lies about me.

10. Steven Anderson falsely claimed I was trying to have him fired when I asked the church leadership for help in intervening in this conflict.

Steven Filing Part 1. Page 19.

Repeated in Affidavit - Steven with Exhibits. Page 1-2.

"On March 1, 2021, the respondent appeared unannounced and uninvited at Calvary church.....which is my place of employment to deliver a defamatory letter address to my superior and senior pastor of the church...The letter made false and defamatory claims about me and my character with the intent to have Calvary terminate my employment."

My response;

Before contacting the church I reached out to Steven in yet another attempt to make peace. He never responded.

So, I then reached out to Calvary church and approached them as respectfully as possible asking for help. I stated that Steven has been acting inappropriately and has refused to work towards a resolution. I asked them to review the facts and prayerfully consider helping bring a resolution to this situation. There was no response to the first request, so I sent a second. Shortly afterwards a

letter came in the mail from their attorney stating I was not welcome on either of their campuses and to not have any further contact with them. At that time, I respected their request and ceased contact with the church.

Later, I learned that Steven claimed he was so afraid of me being violent that he was being escorted into the church from the parking lot each day, and then back to his car when he left. He also said he was always looking over his shoulder in fear that I might attack him.

The church then said the wedding could not happen on their premises and no one from the church would officiate the wedding out of concern for their safety. Steven went so far as to make a church unduly afraid of me, with no evidence whatsoever – nothing but his false claims.

I will state this fact again; I never threatened him. Ever. If I am such a threat, such a villainous violent person, why weren't the police ever called? If Steven was really that afraid of me the police should be notified. But they weren't. Why? In the restraining order he claimed to be so afraid of me that at one point he thought about jumping out of a 2nd story window and fleeing for his life. Yet he never called the police - not even once.

He cannot state even one single threat I've ever made to him - not one - because there weren't any. Because I don't want to - I never did. Any perceived threats are made-up. Purely fabricated. I have always tried to settle this as my family should. His response has been to twist the truth, exaggerate and spread more lies about me.

At no time have I ever asked the church to fire him. My request initially was simply to nudge him towards mediation. Later, that became a request for an investigation – but only after he told me, through his attorney, that he did not want to reconcile our relationship.

"The letter made false and defamatory claims..." No, it was a respectful attempt to move things forward towards resolution. Everything in the letter and accompanying documents was/were factually true.

Exhibit / Evidence; F. Letter to Steven before contacting the church.

11. Steven Anderson falsely accused me of ill intent when I went to his apartment to offer peace.

Steven Filing Part 1. Page 20-21.

Repeated in Affidavit - Steven with Exhibits. Page 2.

"APRIL 28, 2021 - UNINVITED INTRUSION AT PERITIONER'S PERSONAL RESIDENCE." The respondent visited my apartment building on 4/28/21 at 7:50am. Steven and his roommates were all sleeping. After receiving notification that the respondent was at the front door to the building, neither Steven nor his roommates unlocked the front door to the building, which they had previously discussed to do if he came to visit the apartment. But the respondent entered anyway. He knocked on the door repeatedly but I did not answer....my heart was racing...I began to think about having to jump from my second story balcony or calling the police just to get away....After some time of knocking, it stopped...."

My response;

This is another exaggeration Steven has made. What really occurred is this; shortly before my visit I asked for an extended break - to let things calm down a bit. I then went to each of their homes for one purpose; to let them know they are both loved and forgiven. I told my wife what

my purpose was for going there, and she responded by saying my actions were beautiful and she was proud of me.

Upon arrival at Steven's apartment building, I parked my car and exited. An African American woman was walking out to her car and said hello. I responded by saying good morning. She then told me the buzzer box on the building was broken and that maintenance knew about it. She then told me I could just enter the building as the door was unlocked. I thanked her and walked towards the front door of the building. Once there I discovered the door was indeed unlocked and so I walked in without buzzing Steven's apartment. His claim of "*receiving notification that the respondent was at the front door to the building, ...*" is therefore completely false, as I never buzzed his apartment. I couldn't – the buzzer was broken.

In an earlier filing he also claimed that I had "*gained access*" to the building, making it sound as though I had broken into the building as if I were a burglar or criminal. That also is false. I simply opened the door and walked in like any normal person would.

I then went to his apartment and using the second knuckle on my right hand, knocked three times in a normal manner. I then stepped back across the hall and patiently waited. After several minutes no one answered the door, so I stepped forward and again knocked three times in a normal manner, again using the second knuckle of my right hand. It should also be noted that this was during the Covid pandemic, and I respectfully wore a mask during this entire time. When there was no answer after my second time of knocking normally, I peacefully walked out of the building and drove away calmly. From there I drove to a nearby Cub Foods store and purchased some flowers for my daughter. I went to her apartment building and buzzed her apartment; however, she didn't answer the door. So, I placed the flowers on her car and left peacefully.

I later learned she had called Steven in a panicked state because I was at the door to the apartment building she lived in and she didn't know how to respond. I went there with flowers, to tell her that I love her, and she's too afraid to answer the door. Clearly this is because of the lies Steven has told her. Does it really make sense that I am trying to make peace and threatening violence at the same time?

It's an incredibly sad day for a dad when his own daughter is afraid of him for no valid reason whatsoever. Let me be perfectly clear - I have never threatened either one of them with violence, at any time, in any way whatsoever. These are all fabricated lies of Steven.

In my journal I wrote that I was going there to tell them they were LOVED and FORGIVEN, with both of those words in uppercase letters. It was repeated this several times on the same page in the journal. In his court filing, Steven left out that page intentionally, because it tells the real story and exposes some of the lies he has told. Since he did not answer the door, Steven does not know the reason for my visit. He decided, without any evidence, to twist things around and use this against me in a manner that was intended to cause harm to myself and my family.

12. Steven Anderson falsely accused me of making threatening phone calls to him.

Steven Filing Part 1. Page 21.

"2.....THREATENTING VOICE MESSAGE...."If you want to live in peace, as I do, then if I prepare for war, any adversary will know that and basically let me be. So when you haven't heard from my these past few weeks, that's I've been doing. I've been preparing for war."

My response;

I clearly stated my desire to live in peace. His actions have made that difficult. I was letting him know that I had been preparing for war – which means to expose him on social media and contact law enforcement (which I ultimately did – more details later.) I have told him all along that I wanted to resolve things in a peaceful manner. His response has been to continue telling lies about me and/or ignore my multiple request(s) for a peaceful resolution.

13. Steven Anderson falsely accused my wife of sending harassing emails on my behalf.

Steven Filing Part 1. Page 21.

"3. MARCH 24, 2021---HARASSING EMAIL. Email excerpt sent through Timothy's wife, Jennifer to Steven Anderson: "You've successfully stripped my daughter out of my life, and in the process hurt me at a level I have not been hurt before. But understand one thing; I could have stopped you by releasing the 'Epic Storm' I designed and planned."

My response;

The reason my wife began sending the emails is because during the time when Steven, Brittany, my wife and I were having an email conversation, Steven was also sending me emails directly stating things such as how he expects me to submit to him. But in the other emails which were including my wife and Brittany he was acting innocent and trying to make himself and Brittany look like victims. I showed these emails to my wife and requested that she be the one moving forward to send out the emails, that way we could be certain the four of us were seeing all the emails being sent. She readily agreed and I then blocked Steven from emailing me directly. An 'Epic Storm' is a term which describes a completely legal means of a cascading series of events designed to bring about change, or to protect someone. Again, these events are all completely legal. Nothing evil and no intent to cause physical harm at all. Several times I told Steven that I would do an epic storm if he continued ruining my relationship with Brittany and causing strife in my family. I never took any action though, because that would have been upsetting to my daughter and I was doing my best to shield her from any actions I was being forced to take.

He falsely claimed this meant I was going to be violent with him, even though I told him everything I planned on doing ahead of time, and all of it was completely legal. It stated this in my journal and in emails. Again, he took advantage of every innocent thing I did and would twist things to make my daughter think I was a crazed violent person. Something she has never seen in me before, because it's not there and is all a fabrication of Steven's.

Meanwhile, he's doing absolutely nothing to help settle things between us. His attempts thus far have amounted to exactly zero. He is a person who works in a church yet disobeys the teachings of the bible. His actions themselves expose him as a fraud.

Bold Moves

Steven Filing Part 1. Page 21.

"04. April 26, 2021---EMAIL. Email excerpt sent to Brittany about Steven "My plan is to make some bold moves to resolve things between Steven and I. For us to not have a relationship is completely unacceptable. A father should not have to stop having a relationship with his daughter so she can marry someone. This is wrong on so many levels. Given Tim's tendency towards threats and violent language these "bold moves" have cause much concern for me and have included him visiting my home and place of work..."

My response;

"Given Tim's tendency towards threats and violent language..." I have never threatened him or used any violent language. Steven has again made all of this up. Bold moves would be to do as I stated on the main page of my journal; go public with what I know about him, file a lawsuit, ask law enforcement to become involved, etc. None of the actions I mentioned were violent in nature and in fact are all completely legal. Steven has again fabricated all of the claims against me concerning threats of violence.

See previous sections for what happened during the time(s) I visited his work and/or home. None of that was even close to being threatening. Asking a church to help move things forward towards meditation is a threat? Visiting his home to tell him he is *"LOVED and FORGIVEN"* is *"violent language"*? It seems clear to me that Steven is seriously delusional and acting/acted on an evil plan to intentionally harm/destroy my family.

14. Steven Anderson falsely accused me of creating a public website he claimed was meant to publicly defame him. It was only an online journal.

Steven Filing Part 1. Page 24-25.

"PUBLIC DEFAMATORY WEBSITE....Respondent created a defamatory website and threatened to spread the link publicly.

My response:

This was a personal and private online journal. I allowed Steven to see it one time. He violated copyright law by copying the entire journal, then attempted to use it against me. This private journal did not contain any threats of violence at all. The main part of the journal contained a collection of emails that had been sent back and forth between Steven, Brittany, my wife and I, as well as some letters I had sent Brittany, and some moments of personal reflection. Again, nothing threatening violence of any type.

When Steven would not agree to meet or come together for mediation, I added a home page to the journal stating I would make this journal public if he did not work towards a resolution between us so I could have a relationship with my daughter. On that page I clearly stated that everything would be done legally. It also included a picture of Steven's face with the eyes made to look dark. That was to show how much darkness I believed was in Steven in order for him to act the way he had been, and beneath it was a **call to prayer**. [Emphasis added]. Should the private journal be made public, this would be a request for people to pray for him. Again, there was no threat of violence to him or anyone else. This was plain and obvious, but Steven instead chose to twist things around to make it seem that he was an intended victim.

Exhibit / Evidence; H. Copy of private journal.

15. Steven Anderson falsely accused me of having said he was responsible for \$350,000 in medical bills.

Steven Filing Part 1. Page 24.

"Claimed I was responsible for \$350,000 of medical damages..."

My response;

I have never claimed there were/are \$350,000 of medical damages or bills. I have health insurance and most of the medical bills have been paid through them. In recent years I have gone to the doctor's office and there have been concerns about cancer and my heart. During those times Steven has not shown any care or concern for my health. Not even an offer of prayer. This falls far beneath the level expected of a Christian, and especially of church faculty or a pastor.

More False Claims

Steven Filing Part 1. Page 26.

"...He has lived out delusions of a violent nature. In March of this year, he reported suicide ideation and holding a gun to his head, as a result of the deterioration with the relationship with his daughter....He seems unable to regulate his emotions, is willing to bring a firearm into the mix and is fixated on me being the cause of his broken relationship with his daughter. I fear that he may have another incident with a firearm and that he may attempt to include me. After he visited my place of work, I felt as though I had to check the parking lot before leaving work, to make sure he wasn't following me. By involving my employer, I have lost a sense of stability at work, as the staff leadership is concerned he may attempt an act of violence against me, the leadership or the congregation."

My response;

"...He has lived out delusions of a violent nature...."

"He seems unable to regulate his emotions..."

"I fear that he may have another incident with a firearm and that he may attempt to include me."

"After he visited my place of work, I felt as though I had to check the parking lot before leaving work, to make sure he wasn't following me."

"By involving my employer, I have lost a sense of stability at work, as the staff leadership is concerned he may attempt an act of violence against me, the leadership or the congregation."

Those are all gross exaggerations intended to falsely make him appear to be a victim. One evening I did very briefly hold a gun up to my head at a park, within hours of a painful counseling session with my daughter. Later, I told my wife about this. We agreed I should get some help at the hospital. Once there, they offered to let me stay with them for inpatient counseling, and clearly stated my stay was completely voluntary. I agreed, and over the next 24 hours worked with a mental health doctor (Dr. Brown) and her staff to develop coping skills. The following day I asked to be discharged, and the doctor agreed. She stated there were no concerns for suicide or that I would act out in a violent manner. I went to the hospital voluntarily, stayed voluntarily, and left voluntarily with no concerns that I was a threat either to myself or anyone else.

Steven's statements, listed above, are completely false, fabricated, and being used as an attempt to slander and libel me, with the clear intent of causing immeasurable harm to myself and my family.

The above statements made by Steven clearly show that he is making up these terrible claims about me. There is no evidence at all that I have ever threatened him. Steven is cleverly twisting

words around in an attempt to make himself appear to be a victim, and to cause harm to my family. In doing so he has also caused undue concern from the church and congregation.

Exhibit / Evidence G. Hospital papers from overnight stay.

16. Steven Anderson convinced my daughter to falsely accuse me of domestic violence. (First HRO.)

Shortly after I went to tell them they were LOVED and FORGIVEN, I was served court papers by the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. These papers were Steven and Brittany filing for a Harassment Restraining Order against me. Once I read their complaint(s) against me it became clear the type of lies Steven had been telling about me, specifically to my daughter, Brittany. I assembled all the evidence I had and planned to ask for a trial, during which I would fully expose Steven and his lies intended to harm both myself and my family. Especially concerning were allegations there was 'domestic violence' on the main page of Brittany's filing. There never was any violence of any kind whatsoever between me and Brittany. That claim is false and is a horrible allegation.

Their Attorney, Mr. Dan Van Loh, told me beforehand that if I did not accept the HRO without finding of fact, it would harm my daughter, her integrity and profession as a nurse. Though I could have presented an enormous amount of evidence and witnesses to refute any of Steven's claims (which are lies), out of an abundance of love for my daughter, Brittany, I accepted the HRO without finding of fact. Mr. Van Loh went on to tell me that *"It's a tough day for a dad"* and that he understands because of his own daughter's wedding, and that I am *"Doing the right thing."*

During that same meeting, he asked that the website I had up about Steven be taken down. I specifically told him that was not a website and that it was my private journal - one that I discreetly shared with Steven. He then said, *"That's what pen and paper are for."* So, he knew that was a private journal, but in the future, he would act as though it was a public website that I used to disparage Steven.

In one later email he even specifically referred to that website as a "public website." Why would anyone refer to a website in that manner? Unless of course they know it's private and are trying to pretend it is not.

It should be noted that despite being out of my daughter's life was/is incredibly painful, during the next two (2) years I only violated the HRO one time, and only due to a medical emergency. This happened when I was feeling ill and was advised by my doctor's office to come see them soon. While driving there I began experiencing chest pains when only a few blocks away from the clinic. Instead of going my usual long way around to get there, and avoiding Calvary church on Highway 96 (a place where I was ordered to not go within two (2) blocks of) I instead opted for the direct route which took me past the church. I did not stop at the church or otherwise interact with anyone there. I only drove past it on in my attempt to get to the clinic as quickly as possible. My thoughts were focused on getting medical help. Once at the clinic an EKG was performed. The attending physician immediately recognized I was having a cardiac event and called for an ambulance. I was transported to the nearest hospital for treatment.

Other than this one time due to a medical emergency, I obeyed the court order and did not violate the HRO. I am a peaceful and law-abiding citizen.

Shortly after the HRO was accepted by me, Brittany and Steven were married. This occurred on June 19th, 2021. Two of Brittany's three siblings did not attend the wedding, and neither did

anyone from my side of the family. They read the HRO filing and do not believe the lies being told about me. In addition, several people who read the HRO said they were present when some of the events took place, and that Steven was lying in his description of what happened. Several of them stated another reason they did not attend was due to Steven's rude behavior towards them.

I was told by several people in attendance at the wedding that Steven had hired two (2) off-duty police officers to provide security, and that he had done so claiming he was fearful I would show up at the wedding and become violent. I allege he did this for dramatic purposes only, because I never was a threat to him.

Exhibit / Evidence; M. HRO cover page claiming domestic violence.
Also, R. Background.

17. Steven Anderson falsely claimed I sent a threatening letter.

Affidavit - Steven with Exhibits. Page 4.

"May 4, 2023---Threatening Letter to Petitioner: Respondent contacted me through my attorney threatening again to protest me at my 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 me 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].

My response;

More false claims about my being a threat. There is nothing threatening about a peaceful protest. I even asked for his input on how to resolve this matter so I could have a relationship with my daughter. But here again, he twists things around with the help of his attorney, to make me seem like I am some violent crazed person. They even put an emphasis on the phrase "Tick-tock" as though it were a reference to a bomb. It was clearly a reference to a clock as I had stated earlier in the letter that the first HRO was expiring soon.

He also falsely claims the protests would be against him – when in fact I clearly stated in the letter to the church it would be about them performing a proper investigation. How is that a threat to him, unless he is afraid of the truth coming out?

A Danger to the Church?

Affidavit - Steven with Exhibits. Page 4.

" Respondent has resumed and appears to be prepared to intensify the harassment against me and my wife, Brittany upon the expiration of the HRO on May 27, 2023. Although directed towards me, his threats of harassment involve and endanger 1,500+ 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 or those around me."

My response;

"...intensity the harassment..." By having a peaceful protest at a church asking them to perform an investigation? A protest I would not even be attending. How does a peaceful protest endanger *"...1,500+ congregants, including hundreds of children..."* ?

".... I have grown in my concern and uncertainty of what the Respondent may do or say to me or those around me."

Here again he is twisting the truth in an attempt to make me appear to be a violent crazy person who the entire church should be afraid of. Meanwhile I am spending time with my family, friends, and coworkers. None of whom have any concerns about their safety around me. They think Steven's claims are unfounded and outrageous. Where is the evidence that I have ever threatened Steven, my daughter or the church? There is nothing except Steven's lies. All of the letters I sent to the church were respectful, even asking them to prayerfully consider helping, and peacefully requesting their help, etc. I would never threaten any violence against a church, or its members. This claim is false and made-up by Steven.

Letter to the Church

Affidavit - Steven with Exhibits. Page 4.

"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 me. His letters to Brittany demonstrate his intent to relentlessly pursue reconciliation for the relationship he has damaged with his own daughter, but for which he now blames me, and which he intends to resume his harassment on May 27, 2023."

My response:

"Respondent's threatening letter sent to Calvary's legal counsel ..." What threat? I mentioned a peaceful protest and asked for them to perform an investigation.

"...shocking and exhibits his intent and ability to continue his campaign of harassment against me." "Harassment? There wasn't any. Steven made all of that up. I am the person who tried to make peace over a dozen times. Steven is the person whose intent was to cause harm to me and my family.

"...demonstrate his intent to relentlessly pursue reconciliation for the relationship he has damaged with his own daughter, but for which he now blames me..."

The facts clearly show that the damaged relationship with my daughter was caused by Steven. That he intentionally caused these damages, and it was also his intention to harm my family. Several times I reached out to Calvary church. I approached them as respectfully as possible asking for help, stating that Steven has been acting inappropriately and has refused to work towards a resolution. I asked they review the facts and prayerfully consider helping bring a resolution to this situation. There was no response to the first request, so I sent a second. Shortly afterwards a letter came in the mail from their attorney stating I was not welcome on either of their campuses and to not have any further contact with them.

Later I learned that Steven claimed he was so afraid of me being violent that he was being escorted into the church from the parking lot each day, and then back to his car when he left. He also said he was always looking over his shoulder in fear that I might attack him.

The church then said the wedding could not happen on their premises and no one from the church would officiate the wedding out of concern for their safety. If the church considered me such a threat, such a villainous violent person, why weren't the police ever called? If Steven was that afraid of me, the police should have been notified. But they weren't.

In the restraining order he claimed to be so afraid of me that at one point he thought about jumping out of a 2nd story window and fleeing for his life. Yet he never called the police – not even once. He cannot state even one single threat I've ever made to him – not one – because there weren't any. Because I don't want violence – I never did. Any perceived threats are made-up. Purely fabricated. I have always tried to settle this as family should. His response has been to twist the truth, exaggerate and spread more lies about me.

Exhibit / Evidence; I. Copy of letter to the church seeking help.

Contacting their attorney trying to make peace

I contacted their attorney and asked if there was a way to make peace. After several emails exchanged between Mr. Van Loh and myself, he stated that Steven does not want to reconcile with me.

Exhibit / Evidence; L. Van Loh emails.

The Video

Affidavit - Steven with Exhibits. Page 3.

"June 2021 YouTube Video. At some point following the May 27, 2021 HRO, Respondent 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. Respondent enlisted the help of my wife Brittany's sister, Vanessa to film who he then had it forwarded the video to my wife. 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."

My response;

I agreed to an entry of (the first) HRO voluntarily because their attorney, Mr. Dan Van Loh told me that if I did not accept it that it would be harmful to my daughter, her reputation and her career. I accepted it out of concern and love for my daughter. Shortly afterwards several members of my family came to me asking various questions about the HRO. Because of the nature of this matter and how emotionally hard it was for me to discuss it, my youngest daughter, Vanessa volunteered to help me make a video where I could both explain and reply to the terrible allegations that were made against me. After the video was created, I posted it on my website on a private & unlisted page, that was additionally password protected. I then shared the page address and password with five (5) family members. I asked that they let me know when they had watched the video so I could remove it from the private, unlisted and password protected webpage.

To be clear, there is nothing that threatens violence in that video at all. Steven's allegations of that are completely false. Steven also states, "*Attached are screenshots of the video (Exhibit E) which is available in full detail if a contested hearing is necessary.*" This is clearly an attempt to make it seem as if the video contains threats and/or contains content that is nefarious. This is completely false.

Steven also claims that I had my daughter Vanessa forward it onto my daughter Brittany. This is also false, and he has no evidence to support this. Nonetheless, the referee (Elizabeth A. Clydesdale) believed this to be the truth, without any evidence to support this false claim, and ignoring the statement of my daughter, Brittany, said I was guilty of violating the first HRO. "...enlisted the help of my wife Brittany's sister, Vanessa..." Steven's wife, Brittany, is my daughter, So, it stands to reason that her sister is likely also my daughter (she is). He could have just referred to her as 'Respondents daughter, Vanessa', but he didn't. Here again he wants to interject himself into every scenario possible – especially if he can falsely make himself appear to be a victim. My daughter, Vanessa, and I have a close and loving relationship. Vanessa was originally a bridesmaid at the wedding of her sister, Brittany. She backed out after she saw the things that Steven was doing, and also after reading the first HRO and recognizing the lies he was telling. She knows he is a liar and that's why she volunteered to help with the making of the video.

Exhibit / Evidence: Private video can be viewed by typing this link into a web browser.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbYLEITAwO0>

18. Steven Anderson made false claims that he feared I would bring harm to Calvary Church congregation and staff.

Affidavit - Steven with Exhibits. Page 3.

" 12. 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 my employment, Calvary Church, Roseville and White Bear Township. The Respondent violated Paragraph 1A of the HRO by sending threatening emails to my employer, Calvary Church, a threatening letter to me, and by sending a letter threatening me to my wife, Brittany Anderson, who also has a Harassment Restraining Order against the Respondent."

My response;

My youngest sister, who knew the HRO was about to expire, suggested that she take some action. She was doing this with good intentions. Just a few months prior, her only daughter had suddenly and unexpectedly passed away at the age of 40. I stood by her throughout this horrible ordeal. She wanted to find a way to help me with the situation concerning my daughter, Brittany. Her idea was to form a peaceful protest at Calvary Church and continue doing so until they agreed to do a proper investigation. I initially said no, don't do anything. But she was insistent and even looked up the laws concerning a peaceful protest. I eventually and reluctantly agreed to go along with this idea of hers. **But I made it abundantly clear that I would not participate in those protests.** The most I would do is to send a letter to Steven and Calvary Church explaining the intention of an upcoming protest. The letter to the church was very respectful. The letter to Steven was more pointed. Because, after all, this was all his fault. And because of his actions, there were many negative impacts on my life and those of my family. But there was no threat in

any of my communication(s). They are stating it as such for dramatic effect. Meanwhile, back in reality, I have obeyed the HRO and was not posing a threat to anyone.

The response I got was to be served papers that Steven and Brittany had filed for an extension of the HRO's. They requested a hearing on an emergency basis, claiming that I was such a threat that they feared for their lives, and were concerned I would go to their church and harm/murder hundreds of children. He went as far as to falsely state that I previously claimed to be a CIA assassin. That is not the truth, and he is including this merely for dramatic effect. I have never been a CIA assassin, an employee of the CIA, or employed as a federal officer or any letter agency, nor have I ever made such a claim.

My intention was to ask for a trial, at which time I would bring forth all the evidence I have, including the things mentioned in this Civil Complaint. At that time, I asked my sister to abandon any intentions of protesting, and she agreed.

During the first hearing for the second HRO I requested a trial. Their attorney, Mr. Van Loh suggested that nothing from the first HRO be allowed at trial. The referee, Elizabeth A Clydesdale agreed.

At the trial, I became aware that I had improperly submitted my evidence and none of it would be allowed. Though I had sent it to the State evidence collection system properly, I did not understand that it also needed to be sent to their attorney. I emailed a list of the evidence and incorrectly assumed they would obtain the evidence from the State evidence system. I emailed Mr. Van Loh's office to ensure they got the evidence, and the email reply came back with one word; "Received". They could have said the evidence was missing from the email, but they didn't. Instead, they used my inexperience as an opportunity to have the evidence to not be allowed. This is another example of how this trial was not about the truth or justice in any way, shape, or form. This was yet another attack on myself and my family.

The only evidence they presented was my private journal, which was from the first HRO.

Referee Clydesdale allowed it, despite her previous statement. That private journal ended up being a primary focus of their case. In addition to it being improperly allowed as evidence, Mr. Van Loh was using this journal to present their case claiming that I was somehow a threat to Steven and/or my daughter. The journal contains no threats of violence towards anyone.

The referee did not explain that I was not obligated to answer any of their attorneys' questions. In the beginning of the trial, I was sworn in, and their attorney began questioning me. I believe the court should have informed me that I have a right to refuse to be questioned by their attorney. I felt like it was an obligation to answer their attorney's questions. If I had known that I did not have to answer any questions, I would have remained silent during his questioning.

During the trial Mr. Van Loh acted rudely and was clearly not interested in truth and justice. This was purely a seek-and-destroy mission for him. He was also rude to my witnesses and suggested to the court that my witnesses were lying, without presenting any evidence supporting his allegation(s).

I felt as though his goal was clearly to make me appear as though I was one of the worst humans on this earth, without any supporting evidence, and went as far as to ask the HRO's be for life.

Though I was allowed to present a few witnesses, their attorney treated them harshly. This is the same attorney who previously would claim that any attempt by me to settle this matter by filing a lawsuit amounted to "**Threatening legal attacks.**" [Emphasis added.] Anytime I attempted to find ways to reconcile matters, Mr. Van Loh would state in an email, that my continued efforts to work things out with my daughter were only pushing her away. He intentionally made things worse and more difficult for me to restore peace and harmony in my family.

My first witness was my sister, Sunnie. She wanted to read a statement but was denied the opportunity by the referee. When I tried questioning her about the content(s) of the statement, their attorney objected to almost everything and her testimony was largely not allowed.

Afterwards, their attorney called my sister a liar. (Her statement is included as evidence and listed on the Exhibit / Evidence list as item "Q".)

Since my witnesses were being treated in a manner which I viewed as being unfair and too harshly, I decided to present the remainder of the case myself. However, when I tried to do so, the referee stopped the proceedings and said she would hear closing comments before issuing a ruling. So, I was literally not allowed to fully present my case.

Had I been allowed to, part of that would have been to ask for this matter be referred to the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office for investigation and criminal proceedings. In the Spring of 2023, I met with someone from the Sheriff's Office and showed them the info / evidence I had. They stated if I could have the civil court refer this matter to them, they would proceed with a criminal investigation against Steven. They further stated that Steven would likely be arrested and put in jail. I asked what I had done wrong, if anything. The response was "*Nothing sir, you're a good father*".

They had no witnesses other than myself, and no evidence other than my private journal; which should not have been allowed based upon the agreement between the attorney and the referee. The second HRO was granted for two-years for my daughter, and ten-years for Steven. The reasons for this were due to the inappropriate actions of their attorney as well as the referee's actions not being conducive for the truth to be presented.

Exhibit / Evidence; Q. Statement my sister was not allowed to present in court.

19. Steven Anderson has caused me emotional distress leading to the dissolution of my marriage and impacting me financially. Here is a list of ways his actions have impacted me.

1. Marriage of 31 years ended in divorce. Due to the emotional stress caused by the words and actions of Steven, I became withdrawn and difficult to be married to. The decision to divorce was deeply sad and painful for both my wife and I.
2. Loss of relationship with my daughter, Brittany. This is the most painful thing I have ever experienced in my life.
3. As part of the divorce, we had to sell our family home where we had lived for 24 years. On my last day there, after moving my personal possessions out, I returned one last time to shower. From the time I entered the bathroom, showered, got dressed and walked out the front door one last time, I cried. The entire time I was in tears. My ex-wife shared that she too cried, almost every day for a month after moving out. After selling the house I became homeless and lived in hotels for weeks until being able to rent an apartment.
4. My career ended due to performance reasons directly because of the stress from this terrible situation. I was making many mistakes at work because of the stress. I quit and later was hired by a Target Stores contractor as a manager to perform a job I previously held and excelled at. This time, however, I could not perform the job and stepped down after a month. They kept me on as a driver. After one week, while

performing an action I had done approximately 30,000 times previously, I made a mistake that caused significant damage to a piece of equipment. I was immediately fired.

5. My health has declined in various ways, including mental and physical. In addition to the depression and sadness over the loss of a relationship with my daughter, there was a near suicide attempt (as mentioned earlier). My heart has always been healthy in the past. Now I am on several medications. This is because of the stress. I decline to share any further information about my health.
6. More stress and heartache than I have ever experienced in my life. The pain and suffering I have experienced, as well as my family, has been unimaginable.
7. Loss of enjoyment of activities I normally engaged in; i.e. motorcycle riding. In a typical year I would ride approximately 5,000-7,000 miles. During 2023 and 2024 I have ridden about 500 miles each year. Have also missed several longer multi-day trips that I normally go on with my brother and friends.

Exhibit / Evidence; N. Pics of trailer I damaged at work just prior to being fired.

20. Steven Anderson has falsely claimed that I did not fulfil my financial commitment to support him.

At the beginning of the relationship between Steven and my daughter, he asked me to help support him financially. I agreed to help and began sending him monthly contributions through an organization called Reliant. Despite all the harm he caused both myself and my family, I had remained hopeful this relationship could be fixed. Because of that I continued sending him financial help every month and continued doing so for 2 ½ years. I stopped in June of 2023 because that is the month my wife moved out of our family home. Again, our marriage ended only due to the incredible amount of stress caused by Steven's lies. So, when my wife moved out, I stopped making monthly payments to help him.

Later I learned that Steven had told my daughter that I promised to help them financially, but then never did. That is a lie – I helped financially support him for 2 ½ years.

Exhibit / Evidence: E. Reliant Receipts for years 2021, 2022, 2023.

Based on the complaints above, Plaintiff demands the following relief:

1. A trial by jury and seeking damages of more than \$50,000.
2. A referral to the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office to complete their criminal investigation.
3. For any other relief the court feels is fair and equitable.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By presenting this form to the court, I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the following statements are true. I understand that if a statement is not true, the court can order a penalty against me (such as to pay money to the other party, pay court costs, and/or other penalties).

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