

# Why the Games? Why the Retaliation? Why Does Truth, or lack thereof, Matter?

Let's Call this Article 6 in this Series.

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This is an article from the heart.

I love San Angelo. We have some of the most awesome people here in this community. I loved working the Christian Reporter News every day and covering what was going on. I never dreamed God would move me into another arena (at least for a season) and have me traveling all across the nation and into the Bahamas. But, coming home and being home is always good.

I was driving to Mississippi for work when God dropped into my heart to interview the three candidates. I was not looking for another project to do, in fact, unless God made a way for it to happen in a small three-day window, it wasn't going to happen because I was booked out of town speaking for the next three weeks. He obviously made it happen – and happen it did.

I have to admit, I had forgotten how it feels when you are doing the right thing, just putting facts out there, and how ugly things can suddenly become – even to the point of being concerned about retaliation. A decade or more ago, one of the things I uncovered and reported (all fact-based and documented) put me in the spot of having my life threatened. Yes, in little ole San Angelo. This just shouldn't happen, but it did, and it does, and I believe it's still possible.

In my last article I shared a couple of communications I had with Chief Carter. I was feeling vulnerable because of his position and his insistence that I stop asking questions. An elected official should not be telling the media to stop looking into things on behalf of the

citizens who elected them. If you look at my website, you'll see I have no advertisers, no source of paid funding happening for the work I am doing on this. This is being done because I love my hometown.

As I stated from the beginning, my husband and I were split on who we each were voting for. We were friends with two candidates and also the Chief. At the moment, I would be hard-pressed to say Carter or Hernandez consider me a friend today. While Griffith and I had never spent two seconds together before this campaign, I considered him a friend through his wife. I've enjoyed getting to know him during these interviews. Beyond that, I still don't know him.

BUT – from the start several oddities got my attention causing me to ask more questions and investigate what's up. Then like an avalanche, people from so many positions, both in and outside the city offices and various walks of life began sending me tips and heads-up notices – some are terribly concerning. I even had someone drive to San Angelo to talk with me who now lives four hours away.

Bottomline: San Angelo has a lot of people who are very afraid to speak up about what is really going on. Horrible – but true. We have a very solid “good ole boy” system that is running and ruining our city. Some are scared of losing their jobs or having some form of retaliation happen to them or a family member. This not the way life should be, especially here in San Angelo. I should not have to be concerned, but I am.

I remember years ago when I was dealing with having my life threatened about what I had uncovered, Joe Hyde was trying to make a mockery out of the work I was doing. Isn't it crazy to have one media platform do that to another? He didn't want any competition apparently. Hey Joe – I'm not doing this to compete with you. I'm not in your league and do not want to be either.

Then I see posts on Facebook where officers are talking about their fear of retaliation based on who they are supporting in the Chief of Police race. A few of them have actually posted directly about it on Facebook in spite of their concerns. Lt. Chris Cimino talked about this in his interview and in his final post of his campaign on Election Day.

Here's a post from a San Angelo PD officer, posted Friday, May 17, 2024.

I have typed and deleted this post more times that I care to admit. I have been warned to tread lightly on what I post, because we (Griff Supporters) are having our Facebook pages monitored. I find this somewhat amusing and a bit disturbing since Tim Vasquez used the same tactics during his elections. I guess this is what happens when the truth starts trickling out and threatens the GOB way. I have been asked to keep my head down and let things play out. I have been asked to stay out of it and just sit on the side lines. Well anyone who knows the [REDACTED] that you see today knows that I am not one to sit quietly in the corner. I have done that long enough. I am done with the Same Shit; Different Day way. In fact, my exact words were, "FUCK THAT SHIT!"

[The Christian Reporter News](#) has once again posted a well thought out, detailed, truth seeking article. I would encourage you to go read it. I will post a link to it in the comments of this post. What I would like for people to understand is this... Just because you see one candidate plastered all across an Association/Police related feed, does not mean that those of us who pay monthly dues agree with what we are seeing. Our vote has NOT changed. We will continue to support [Griffith for Chief](#)! If you are a registered voter, then please get out and cast your vote when Election Day rolls around! Speak openly to your friends and family. Encourage them to go out and have their voice be heard.

To my friend who asked about [Lt. Chris Cimino](#)'s comment about retaliation, keep your eyes open and read the posts that are coming out.

I was out town working when I saw on a friend's group thread that Lt. Mike Hernandez had stated in a forum he had been shot at eleven times while serving here in San Angelo, that scared me for my friend. It also concerned me for my community and the danger that was apparently happening. Living on the road, concern for safety is always on my mind. I wanted to know and asked him about that so I could feel better and/or alert everyone the danger in San Angelo has greatly increased.

If Mike misspoke, like we all have from time to time, at whatever forum that was, this would have been his opportunity to have owned it and stated, 'man, I don't know where that eleven number came from that day, I've only been shot at \_\_\_\_\_ (whatever the number might be) times.' I would have been relieved, and the world would be better. But he owned the eleven incidents, and so my questions began. To date, it appears there are no records. I don't believe that. I do believe he has been shot-at, at least once, and the information is being withheld currently. I'll talk about that in another article.

I've shared enough. Let me ask you to pray for the men and women who serve our community. Many, many of them are currently serving under great duress. Prayer warriors, they need our prayers.

Thank you for hearing my heart. Prayers are appreciated for me too. Much more to come.

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