

PRESS STATEMENT BY SCOTT ASHJIAN:

I am and always have been a law-abiding citizen of the United States and the State of Nevada. Since I filed for office, suddenly I've become a target for frivolous lawsuits, political retaliation, slander and defamation and threats.

Enough is enough.

Today, I am sending a letter to the news outlets that falsely reported that a warrant had been issued for my arrest. No warrant was ever issued. That's not a matter of opinion, it is a matter of fact. The reporting was not just inaccurate, but defamatory.

Further, this should have never been a matter for the criminal courts. These trumped up charges were brought by the former chairman of the Clark County Republican Party the day before the Tea Party Express was in Nevada in a clear attempt to discredit me.

Today, I am also filing a complaint with the Nevada Bar against Assistant District Attorney Bernie Zadrowski who recklessly pursued these criminal charges without the appropriate level of investigation or scrutiny and did so with a political purpose. He has violated the public trust.

I am also making a formal complaint against Mr. Zadrowski to the Public Integrity Unit of the Nevada Attorney General's office. He has violated his ethical responsibilities as an attorney and his public duties as an officer of government.

The facts are clear.

I wrote a \$5,000 check to someone I later discovered was not licensed to do business in Nevada. I then placed a hold-payment order on the funds, given that it was illegal for him to be operating in the state of Nevada. This was never a "bounced check" due to insufficient funds, and not properly a subject for the Bad Check Division of the Clark County District Attorney's Office, whose investigation into this was wholly inadequate. I have now provided all appropriate documentation regarding this to the District Attorney.

To avoid these unjust criminal proceedings and the resulting distraction from my campaign, earlier this week I resolved the nuisance payment and now plan to pursue this matter in civil court. The charges have now been dropped. Mr. Zadrowski however has claimed in the press that I paid "restitution", a legal term that is completely inaccurate and further misinforms the public.

I consider this entire unfortunate affair to be part of a wider attempt to discredit my candidacy and the Tea Party of Nevada, to the detriment of a fair and open elections process.

I will also be turning over evidence to the FBI of the numerous threats that have been made to me, to my family, to other members of the Tea Party of Nevada (TPN).

Since I became qualified to run for office as a Tea Party of Nevada candidate, I have had threats made against me and members of the TPN board, I've been followed, unknown individuals have approached my children, vandalized my business property. Anonymous emails and phone calls have threatened the livelihood of many TPN members.

I will be turning over all the evidence to the Federal Bureau of Investigation of voter intimidation, defamation, and extortion.

I have little doubt who is behind it all but threats notwithstanding, I will not back down.

I intend to vigorously defend my right to run for office despite the threats, false charges, political retaliation and attempts to challenge my candidacy. I did nothing improper in my declaration of candidacy and I have every faith that the court again will reach that conclusion and protect this important right.



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