

Mr. Carey Martell,

I recently learned that you have submitted several public records requests to my current and previous employers. Specifically, that you have requested information regarding incidents I've been involved with as a part of both my current job as a School Resource Officer and previous employers. Since you purport to be a journalist, I will give you my statement on what occurred, as journalistic ethics would require you to quote from my statement in any article you may publish.

In 2017 the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department asked me to resign after I used my Taser on a violent, wanted fugitive who was causing a disturbance at Spirit Mountain Casino. His mother actively tried to physically stop me from arresting her son and told me that day she would have my badge, as she had connections to Tribal Council. The next day, I was put on leave and then asked to resign without ever being interviewed about the incident, which is required under the law. Being that this department was tribal, had no union, and therefore no avenue for appeal, I agreed to resign.

This incident was thoroughly investigated by multiple agencies after my resignation. It was first investigated by the Oregon State Police and they determined that I was fully justified after review of my body camera footage, security footage, and interviews with multiple witnesses. It was then investigated by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) Police Policy Committee, who also determined that I committed no wrong-doing and that I was justified and honest. In fact, they determined that my former department had erred severely in their accusations against me.

Prior to Grand Ronde, I worked for the Warm Springs Tribal Police Department. In 2011, I reported several officers, including a Sergeant, for misconduct that included a supervisor dealing narcotics while on duty. In retaliation, I was accused of falsifying a police report. I was not allowed to take a polygraph and despite no evidence against me, I was terminated. I later took a polygraph on my own, which showed that I was truthful, and I was cleared by DPSST in their investigation. This was a Tribal Department, and as such, I had no union and no avenue to prove my innocence at the time. I attempted to appeal, and even filed court actions, but was denied due to not being a tribal member on the grounds of Sovereign Immunity.

In 2019 I applied to my current department as a reserve officer. And in 2020, I

came on as a full-time officer. As a part of the hiring process, both times, my current department conducted extremely thorough background investigations. Both of these false accusations were extensively investigated by my current department and I was cleared. In fact, the DA's office in my county also investigated these accusations and, yet again, found no wrongdoing.

I know that you filed a frivolous and false complaint against me at work in February, the day that I filed for candidacy. At the end of that complaint, you issue what I interpret to be a threat that if my candidacy continued, you would dig up dirt against me. Now you're filing public information requests, on the same day that my opponent has filed for office. This pattern in your timing leads me to believe that the Newberg School Board election factors prominently among your motivations.

If you have criticisms of my campaign or platforms, I welcome that. What I find disturbing, however, is your continued harassment of me at work. It is inappropriate and a blatant attempt at political intimidation. Especially as someone who repeatedly claims to stand against harassment, as you claimed in your complaint against me.

If you have specific questions or request for comment, please reach out to me at this email and I will do my best to respond.

Thank you,

James Wolfer