

b) Does Respondent have a current Harassment Restraining Order or Order for Protection against you?

Yes, Case File Number (if known) _____ No, I am not aware of any.

7. The following court cases involve me and the Respondent in issues of child custody or parenting time:

Court File Number	County and State where the court is located

ACTS OF HARASSMENT

8. Respondent has harassed the victim(s) (the person or persons listed in #3 above) as follows:
- Check all boxes that apply and give the date and details of each incident. If the exact date is not known, provide a date range.
 - To get a HRO, you must describe actions that meet the legal definition of harassment in Minnesota. See the *Instructions* (HAR101) for the definition of harassment.
 - If you need more space, include additional pages and continue your description there. If filing on paper, do not write on the back of any page.

a. Respondent physically or sexually assaulted the victim as follows:
Date (date range): _____

BACKGROUND.

By way of background, my relationship with the respondent, Timothy Hutchinson, is that I am engaged to marry his daughter Brittany (Britt) on June 19, 2021. Britt and I were engaged on January 20th 2021 after dating since October of 2019. Britt and I live in separate residences. I was engaged to Britt on January 20, 2021 after asking her father, the respondent, for his blessing to marry her, which he gave.

I am a full-time student at Bethel seminary in Arden Hills Minnesota. I also am employed full-time as a Young Adults Ministry Director at Calvary Church in Roseville Minnesota through a nonprofit called Reliant. I have also had part-time employment at Bethel University.

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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 fiancée and I had made. This included accusing me of having committed a “sin” in our wedding planning, though the portion of wedding planning he referred to was a decision my fiancée had made, and I had no oversight in. This call felt out of place and inappropriate to me

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. We shared a written document and met with the respondent on January 24th that included the following statements:

“when you have a disagreement with an element of our approach to wedding planning, please address the two of us directly, rather than talking to other stakeholders in our wedding.”

“For us, this means that if you have a disagreement with one of us, your role is not to contact the other one of us to share your input or side of the disagreement. We need to learn how to work out these issues between the two of us, and believe it is divisive to try to turn us against one another or win one of us over.”

The respondent took issue with some of the wording in our Rules of Engagement, when I clarified that a portion of our rules of engagement for our wedding planning were related to minimizing triangulation, he responded with an email on Feb 2, that included the following:

“I studied psychology for two (2) years in college with an emphasis and special interest in the areas of cognitive/developmental and how they intertwined with Pearson's correlation coefficient. I believe your use of the term "triangulating" is incorrect due to the fact it implies manipulation. If you truly meant to use that word, it is extremely offensive and you owe everyone reading this email an immediate apology. If you were trying to be impressive, be advised I have a tested and verified IQ of 167. Almost nothing impresses me. Now that we've covered that, let's move on.”

On the same day he returned home and Brittany reports visible signs of anger (slamming doors, slamming things, yelling, etc.) Brittany heard the respondent accuse me of “hiding things from [him]”. This email and anger was the first clue towards irrational behavior and unwarranted responses. I only expressed my concern for effective conflict resolution, enforced by boundaries Brittany and I agreed upon, and he took it as an insult to his intelligence and he was unable to control his emotional response.

At this point it became clear that 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.

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Brittany and I agreed that we would need to seek additional guidance in this matter, and so as we began premarital counseling with trusted mentors, we began sharing this information with them. They suggested that conversation only happen with a third-party mediator. On their advice, I canceled my conversation with the respondent. Discussions began about a mediated conversation.

Our counselors recommend delaying a mediated conversation, until Brittany could better understand the impact her relationship with the respondent has on her.

At the time, my fiancée lived in the respondent's 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 my way out 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.

Throughout my relationship with his daughter, the respondent has 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 boyfriends head through the drywall of his apartment. When I shared with the respondent 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.

Soon after, on Feb 16, my fiancée offered to do my laundry in the home of the respondent, where she was still residing. This was a habit of hers and appreciated so we could save money since the machines at my apartment complex aren't free. The previous time she had done so, the Respondent wrote me a letter, warning me about Covid lasting on clothes and suggested if I was worried about that, I shouldn't do laundry in his home. While this felt like he may have issue with me doing laundry in his home, it wasn't completely clear and so when Brittany offered to do my laundry there, I accepted. When the respondent came home from work, he discovered my laundry, he texted me that I was banned from his property. I then called my fiancée to share the news with her, 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 fiancée.

Later that day I received a call from my fiancée 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 the house to stay at a friend's home. At this 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. We would later discover he was able to figure out the address and visited Brittany's apartment on 4/28/2021

On 2/21/21 Brittany reports hearing from the respondent that "[he's] so mad [he] could kill someone, so [he's] going to kill Charlie". Brittany informed me that Charlie is how

the respondent refers to his “violent side” that was a secret CIA assassin. The respondent drove down to Owatonna with his wife, left her at a hotel for a few hours as he reports receiving a procedure where they shocked him with electricity and “modified” his eyeballs. He claims this procedure would “kill Charlie”. At this point I’ve become completely concerned for his stability. He appears to me to be delusional and out-of-touch with reality. I am afraid for my safety and Brittany’s. His actions are clearly unpredictable.

Other emails and exchanges described below.

b. Respondent has followed, monitored, or pursued the victim as follows:
Date (date range): _____

c. Respondent made uninvited visits to the victim as follows:
Date (date range): 3/1/21-4/28/21

1. **MARCH 1, 2021 – DELIVERY OF DEFAMATORY LETTER TO PETITIONER’S EMPLOYER.** On March 1, 2021, the respondent appeared unannounced and uninvited at Calvary Church, 2120 Lexington Ave., Roseville, MN 55112, which is my place of employment to deliver a defamatory letter addressed to my superior and senior pastor of the church, Dr. Shawn Winters. The letter made false and defamatory claims about me and my character with the intent to have Calvary terminate my employment.

Based on the insinuated threats and potential endangerment of church staff and parishioners, my employer has taken action to increase security at both campuses to protect against any physical harm based on the respondent’s threats to me and potential threats to the staff and congregation. Due to the potential threat to the property, pastoral staff and potential attendees, Calvary Church was placed in a position to cancel my plans to be married at the church on June 19, 2021 and find a different officiant to perform the ceremony. Finally, given the safety concerns created by Timothy’s threats to me, there could be long-term implications regarding my employment if it places others involved with the church or employed by the church in jeopardy, or continues to take attention and focus from staff members from the mission of the church.

This letter included several clear and inaccurate claims about my character in a clear attempt to impact my employment, a few of those examples are included below:

False reports regarding my behavior on phone calls:

“During one of my (few) phone conversations with Steven, I offered some friendly advice from future father-in-law to future son-in-law, the same as my father-in-law did 30-years ago. He became agitated and said things such as, “I don’t need to listen

to you”, and “I’m going to tell Brittany what you’re doing”, and “I don’t need this advice”. Due to his rude behavior I ended the call.

Another time I called just to ask if he wanted to get together and hang-out. He replied “No”, then said he had to go and hung up.” (Page 3, paragraph 3-4)

The respondent states I am causing him create emotional distress:

Each time has been met with either stonewalling (ignoring) and/or false accusations on the part of Steven. This period of time has been and continues to be emotionally traumatizing for myself. The ripple effect for my family has been noticeable. The pain and suffering have taken their toll. I’ve gone from being a normally peaceful loving person who has done a tremendous amount of volunteer work (hospice and preventing teen suicides @ schools), to becoming withdrawn and even crying at times. (Page 3-4)

The respondent claims I have moral failures unbecoming of a Christian/someone in my position at a church:

When Steven learned of [a baseless claim that he has cancer that Brittany assured me wasn’t true] in an email, he never reached out to offer prayer or show any type of concern. Considering that he is a youth pastor, is this really Christian behavior? (Page 7-8)

Steven has somehow convinced my daughter that I have done things that are wrong, without any evidence or proof whatsoever. In fact, it has been Steven who is the one causing problems. Again, how is this Christian behavior? And from a pastor?? (Page 14, paragraph 4)

Included false claims about my relationship with my fiancée

Seems a bit controlling! (Page 8, paragraph 2)

Before meeting Steven, my daughter would never have written an email reply such as this. Never. Clearly he is manipulating her. (Page 12, paragraph 5)

More and deeper wedges being driven between my daughter and I. This, to me, literally sounds like the actions of a narcissist. (Page 15, paragraph 1)

See copy of the defamatory written correspondence attached hereto as EXHIBIT A.

- 2. APRIL 28, 2021—UNINVITED INTRUSION AT PETITIONER’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 a 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 my apartment door repeatedly but I did

not answer. I realized that when I had gone out to check who was at the front door and saw it was the respondent (I don't believe he saw me), I had forgotten to lock apartment door. I was uncertain whether it would be better for me to try to hide in my bedroom, or try to lock the door. I decided to lock it, in order to best protect my roommates as well as myself. While I don't know the respondent's intentions of visiting my apartment, I couldn't help but think of the story he told me of going to a different daughter's significant other's place of residency and acting violently toward him. My heart was racing and I was unsure if he would leave before I had to go to work. I began to think about having to jump from my second story balcony or calling the police just to get away from the apartment. After some time of knocking, it stopped and Brittany texted me a few minutes later that he was at her apartment, so I felt safe to leave.

3. **May 3, 2021 – SECOND DELIVERY OF DEFAMATORY LETTER TO PETITIONER'S EMPLOYER.** On May 1, 2021, the respondent, again, appeared unannounced and uninvited at Calvary Church, 2120 Lexington Ave., Roseville, MN 55112, which is my place of employment to deliver a second defamatory letter addressed to my superior and senior pastor of the church, Dr. Shawn Winters. The letter made false and defamatory claims about me and my character with the intent to have Calvary terminate my employment.

Just as the previous letter, this one included much of the same content as the first text, with some additional pages of content along the same lines, all in a clear attempt to impact my employment

See copy of the defamatory written correspondence attached hereto as EXHIBIT A.

- d. Respondent made harassing phone calls or sent harassing text messages to the victim as follows:
Date (date range): _____

- e. Respondent made threats to the victim as follows:
Date (date range): 2/26/2021

1. **FEBRUARY 26, 2021—THREATENING EMAIL MESSAGE IN GERMAN.** On February 26, 2021, Respondent sent me a threatening text message in German that read:

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Subject: beachtung (attention)
Kein Konflikt ist vorbei, bis eine Lösung oder eine Seite einräumt.

Dies ist die Ruhe vor dem Sturm.

Ich werde immer um meine Liebe kämpfen.

Ich bin unerbittlich

Translation:

Subject: consideration (attention)
No conflict is over until a solution or a side concedes.

This is the calm before the storm.

I will always fight for my love.

I am Relentless

2. **MARCH 12, 2021—THREATENING VOICE MESSAGE.** On March 12, 2021, Respondent left me the following harassing voicemail:

“If I 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 me these past few weeks, that’s what I’ve been doing. I’ve been preparing for war”

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’ve not been hurt before. But understand one thing; I could have stopped you by releasing the ‘Epic Storm’ I designed and planned.”

4. **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 as described above in 8.c.

- f. Respondent frightened the victim with threatening behavior as follows:
Date (date range): _____
- g. Respondent broke into and entered the victim's residence as follows:
Date (date range): _____
- h. Respondent damaged the victim's property as follows:
Date (date range): _____
- i. Respondent stole property from the victim as follows:
Date (date range): _____
- j. Respondent took pictures of the victim without permission as follows:
Date (date range): _____
- k. Respondent shared private sexual images of the victim without permission as follows:
Date (date range): _____
- l. Respondent used the victim's personal information, without consent, to invite, encourage, or solicit a third party to engage in a sexual act with the victim as follows:
Date (date range): _____
- m. More than once, Respondent has done acts that meet the legal definition of "targeted residential picketing" by:
Date (date range): _____
- n. The Respondent has been told not to come to certain public events that the victim attends because:

After that, Respondent attended public events that the victim attended: (List dates, places and name of events)

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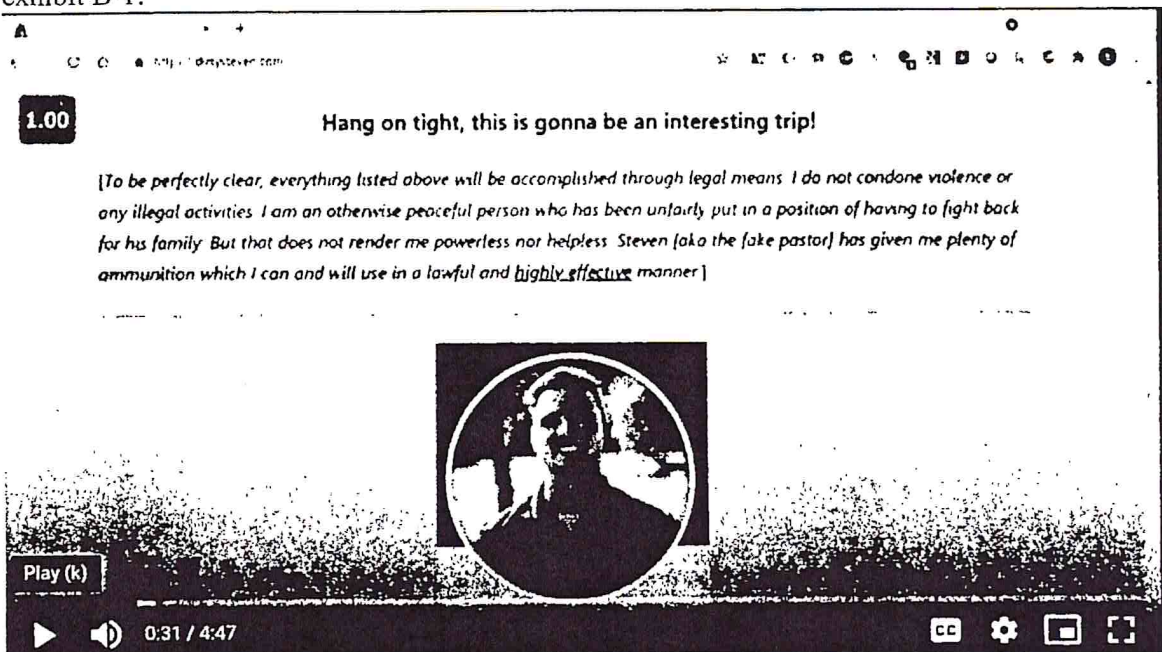
These acts by Respondent show a pattern of attending public events while knowing that attending is harassing to the victim.

o. Used social media to harass the victim by:
Date (date range): _____

p. Other:
Date (date range): 4/8/21-Present

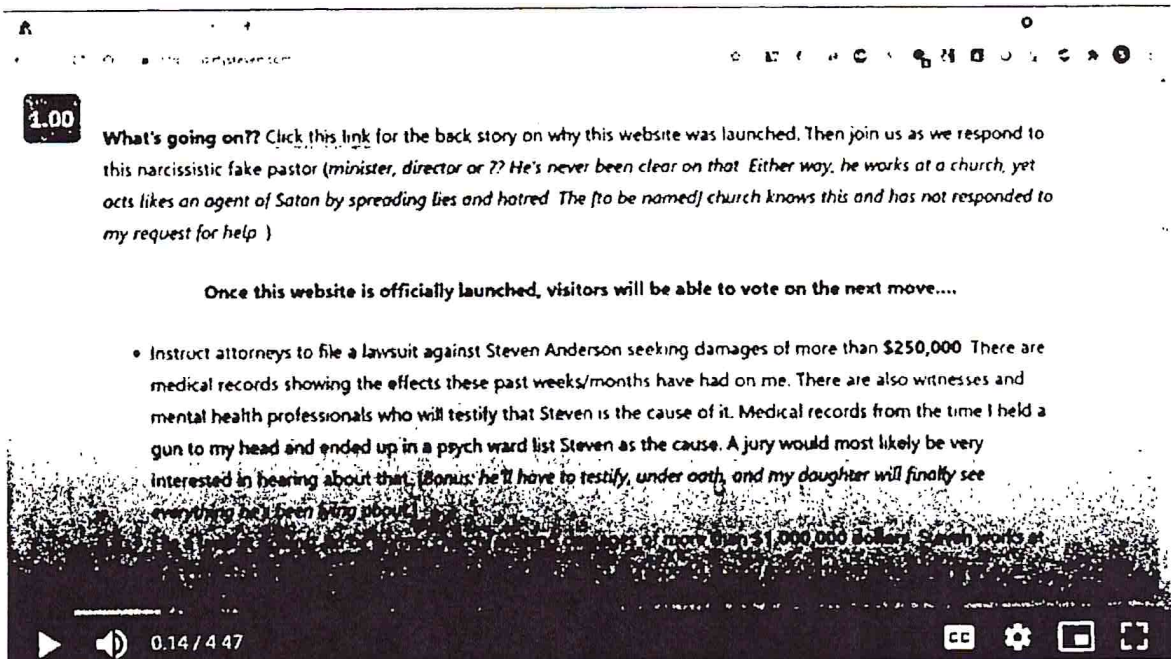
1. **PUBLIC DEFAMATORY WEBSITE:** On or about April 8, 2021, Respondent created a defamatory website and threatened to spread the link publically. The website refers to me as a “narcissistic monster who captured [his] daughter and dragged her away from [Tim] through [my] web of lies” a “[fake] youth pastor from hell” makes false claims that “Others see the truth but won’t say anything. They are concerned Steven will attack them as he has done to me.”

Included a photo taken from Reliant.org taken without permission of Steven Anderson as seen in exhibit B-1:

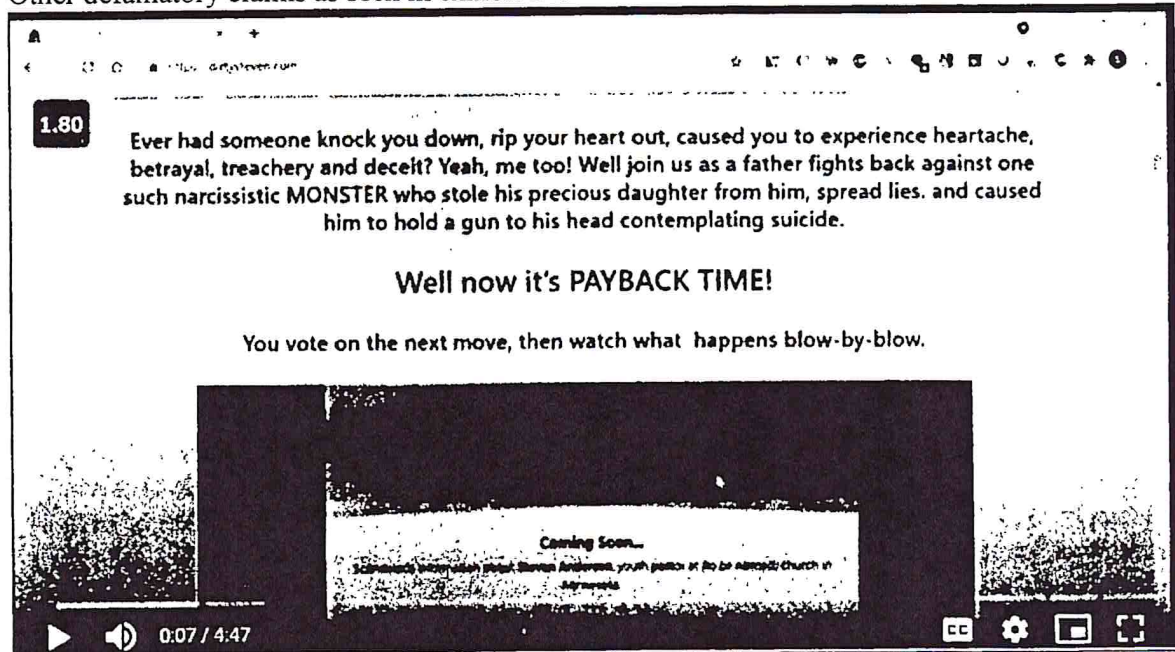


Claimed I was responsible for \$250,000 of medical damages as seen in exhibit B-2

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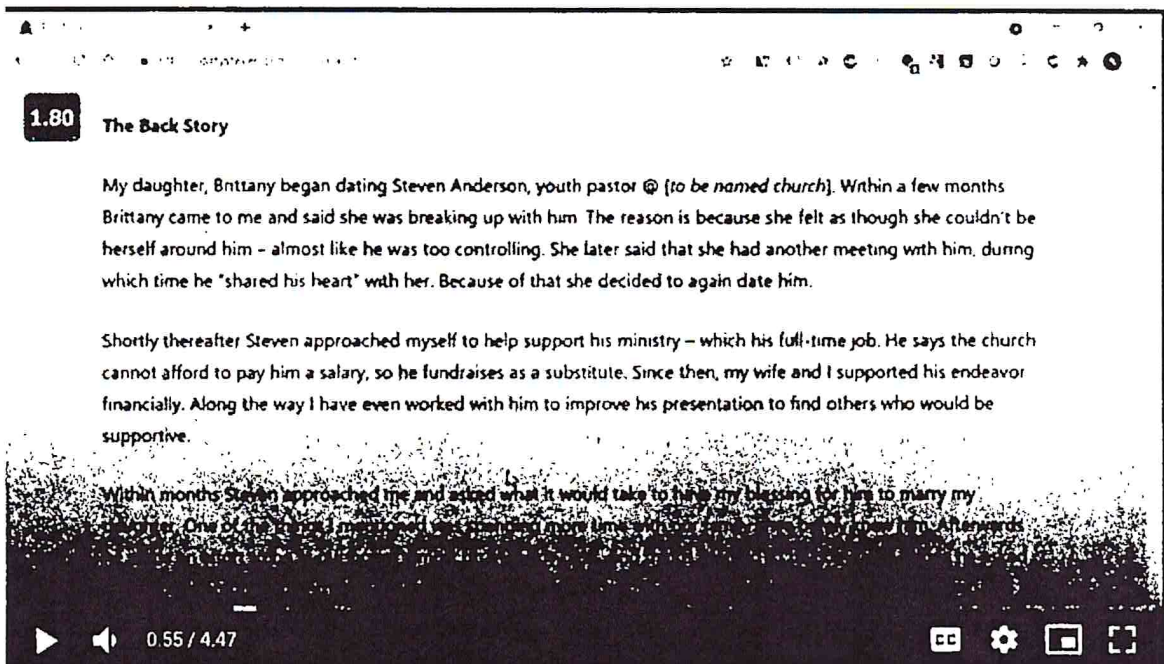


Other defamatory claims as seen in exhibit B-3



This website also included the content from the letter referenced above in section C, an excerpt of which is shown in exhibit B-4:

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Screen recording of this website and its changes overtime are available.

9. Describe the effect the harassment has upon the victim's safety, security or privacy:

Throughout the last few months, I have grown in my concern and uncertainty of what the respondent may do or say to me or those around me. 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, something his emails, letters and other communications clearly indicates he believes I had a significant role in. He was eventually checked in to a psych ward because of this incident. He seems to be unable to regulate his emotions, is willing to bring a firearm into the mix and is fixated on 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.

10. Do you believe the harassment will continue? Yes No Why?

Tim has made several claims that he "resigns" or is done with the "conflict" yet he has continued to produce more emails, the website, etc. There seems to be no indication this will end. He continues to escalate the harassment, demonstrated by showing up at both my apartment complex and Brittany's on 4/28/21.

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11. I ask the Court to issue a HRO as follows:

a. Respondent shall not harass:

√ me

minor children for whom I am the parent, legal guardian, or stepparent

an adult ward for whom I am the legal guardian

b. Respondent shall have no contact with √ me the minor children an adult ward listed in #3 above.

c. Respondent shall stay away from where I/we live (when the Respondent knows or becomes aware of the address):

i. My address is confidential [the Court cannot order Respondent to stay away from a specific address when the Respondent doesn't know that address]

OR

My home address is: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

A reasonable distance or area surrounding my home, specifically as follows: _____

Mateer Properties, Innsbrook Villa property (Steven's apartment complex) _____

Except as follows: _____

ii. The home of _____ [protected person(s)].

The address is confidential OR

The home address at: 1229 Rose Vista Ct

A reasonable distance or area surrounding this home, specifically as follows:

Rose Vista apartment complex property (including parking lot) _____

Except as follows: _____

d. Order the Respondent not to call or enter √ Petitioner's _____'s workplace including all land, parking lots and buildings at:

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Employer Name: Reliant Mission/Calvary Church__

Address: 2120 Lexington Ave N Roseville MN 55112, 4604 Greenhaven Dr. White Bear Township, MN 55127

Except as follows: _____

Is there another workplace? Yes No

If Yes:

Employer Name: Bethel University

Address: 3900 Bethel Dr Saint Paul MN 55112 _

Except as follows: _____

e. Other:

COURT HEARING

Petitioner: Read these Notices about a Hearing.

- You have a right to request a court hearing. **Respondent will be served a copy of this Petition if there is a hearing.**
- If the judicial officer dismisses your case because it has no merit, no hearing will be held.
- The judicial officer can issue a HRO *without* a court hearing if the judicial officer finds there is immediate and present danger of harassment.
- If the judicial officer issues a HRO without a hearing, the Respondent can request a hearing within 20 days of the date the Petition is served. If Respondent requests a hearing, the court will notify you by mail at least five days before the hearing date.
- If there is a hearing, you must attend the hearing and prove that the statements in your Petition are true, and that Respondent's actions are harassment, as defined by Minnesota law.

12. Choose a. or b.

- a. I am not requesting a court hearing at this time. But if the court denies my request for a HRO because the court finds there is no immediate and present danger of harassment, then I want I don't want a court hearing.

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OR

b. I am requesting a court hearing.

13. I request a HRO for a length of:

Until the following date: _____, which is less than 2 years from today.

2 years

Up to 50 years because:

I have two or more prior restraining orders against Respondent (listed at #6 above.)

Respondent has violated a prior or existing restraining order between us on two or more occasions.

I understand the court will likely schedule a court hearing for any request over 2 years.

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

Dated: 5/6/21

Ramsey County MN
County and state where signed


Signature

Name Steven Anderson

(If you have asked to keep your address and/or phone number confidential, do not include it here.)

Address 2395 3rd St NW #202

City/State/Zip New Brighton MN 55112

Telephone 615 236 9533

E-mail address: stevenjanderson2@gmail.com

Notice: If your address or telephone changes, you must give Court Administration your new information right away, in writing.

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