

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.

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"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.

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"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 boyfriends 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.....THREATENING 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 Bittany 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..."