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February 6, 2020

Subject: Recording of Lynda Bennett on 9/22/2016 at HRA Headquarters, Part 1.

Lynda Bennett called a meeting together on September 22, 2016, for the purpose of organizing volunteers to man the Haywood County precincts for the November election. **Lynda Bennett** specifically invited three (3) other people for this little committee:

- Steve Lansing
- **CHARLES DOUGLAS WRIGHT**
- **Cornelia Cree**

Since the HCGOP (Haywood County GOP) had no office at the time, **Lynda Bennett** requested from HRA (Haywood Republican Alliance) that she could use the HRA headquarters for the meeting. Richard West had a key and opened the headquarters for this meeting. This was an open meeting, open to anyone interested in attending. In all, there were about thirteen people, including some members of HRA.

Some of the attendees were:

- **Lynda Bennett**, Steve Lansing, **CHARLES DOUGLAS WRIGHT**, **Cornelia Cree**
- Richard West
- Eddie Cabe
- **Ken Henson** (HCGOP Chair)
- **Debbie King**,
- myself, and a few others.

[**Editors Note:** **Cornelia Cree** was since thrown off as a board member of the Haywood County Board of Elections for violating her oath.]

In an article written by Bill Moss in the Hendersonville Lightning on 2/2/2020 entitled '**Never Trump' tape' has been doctored more times than Pelosi's eyes,** Bennett says, the following appeared:

“Pat Bennett, Lynda’s husband, said his wife worked tirelessly for Trump’s election. He was at the Freedom Caucus campaign event on Saturday. **He said he was standing in the back of the room during the September 2016 meeting.**”

Pat Bennett, Lynda Bennett’s husband, was not at the meeting, as he was quoted as saying in the Hendersonville Lightning article.

[See: Hendersonville Lightning: 'Never Trump' tape 'has been doctored more times than Pelosi's eyes,' Bennett says. Pat Bennett attended 9/22/2016 Lynda Bennett "Never Trump" meeting? I don't think so. 2/2/2020. 2/3/2020...](#)

or

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/200203PatBennettAtMeeting.pdf>

The meeting started at around 5:34 pm, and ended at approximately 6:40 pm. I was asked to turn off my audio recorder [re: 160922_001, 24:48 minutes in total duration] at around 6:00 pm by **Ken Henson**. **CHARLES DOUGLAS WRIGHT** then communicated a threat to me, stating “BACK OFF OR ELSE THERE WILL BE BLOOD RUNNING OUT BOTH YOUR EARS”, [re: 16 CR 53432]. I then turned my recorder back on [re: 160922_002] for the rest of the meeting, which took a decidedly different tone.

Additionally, I took hand written notes during the meeting, which included an attendance list of everyone present. My notes are on the following page. This has been lightly redacted. However, none of the people in the attendance list who were redacted was **Pat Bennett**.

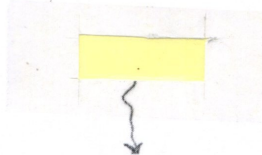
SEP 22 2016

9/22/16

Lynda Bennette

(24:48) ↓ 5:34P No Publication @ this meeting.
6:00P kow seis to turn recorder off -
X Charles Blawie TWICE!
6:04 Turned Beel on
(36:39) ↓ Lynda - Haven Trump. [redacted]
6:34 Lynda ... Roma Foga Party Chairman.
6:40 Charles Left.

- * Steve Lanang [redacted]
- Richard West
- Eddie Cole
- * Lynda Bennette
- * Cornelia Cree
- * Charles Douglas Wright
- Ken Hanson [redacted]
- * People invited [redacted]
- Debby King



9/23 11:00a Magistrate. Jeanne Norwood

Sept 22 T. Miller

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I filed a complaint against **CHARLES DOUGLAS WRIGHT** the following day with the Magistrate.

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File No. 16CR 053432	Law Enforcement Case No.	LID No.	SID No.	FBI No.
MISDEMEANOR CRIMINAL SUMMONS		STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA		
Offense I M-COMMUNICATING THREATS		In The General Court Of Justice District Court Division		
THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA VS.		HAYWOOD County		
Name And Address Of Defendant CHARLES DOUGLAS WRIGHT 136 MATTHEW LANE CANTON NC 28716 HAYWOOD COUNTY (828) 492-0176		To the defendant: I, the undersigned, find that there is probable cause to believe that on or about the date of offense shown and in the county named above you unlawfully and willfully did threaten to physically injure the person of MONROE A. MILLER, JR. . The threat was communicated to MONROE A. MILLER, JR. by STATING "BACK OFF OR ELSE THERE WILL BE BLOOD RUNNING OUT BOTH YOUR EARS" and the threat was made in a manner and under circumstances which would cause a reasonable person to believe that the threat was likely to be carried out and the person threatened believed that the threat would be carried out.		
Race W	Sex M	Date Of Birth	Age 65	
Social Security No.		Drivers License No. & State		
Name Of Defendant's Employer				
Offense Code(s) 1 5328		Offense In Violation Of G.S. 114-277.1		
Date Of Offense 09/22/2016				
Date Of Arrest & Check Digit No. (As Shown On Fingerprint Card)				
Complainant (Name, Address Or Department) MONROE MILLER 19 BIG SPRUCE LANE WAYNESVILLE NC 28786 HAYWOOD COUNTY (828) 456-3718				
Names & Addresses Of Witnesses (Including Counties & Telephone Nos.)				
This act was in violation of the law referred to in this Criminal Summons. This Summons is issued upon information furnished under oath by the complainant listed. You are ORDERED to appear before the Court at the location, date and time indicated below to answer to the charge. If you fail to appear, an order for your arrest may be issued and you may be held in CONTEMPT OF COURT. Arrest and/or contempt for failure to appear is in addition to any sentence which may be imposed for the crime charged.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The undersigned finds the following cause to set a court date more than one month from the issue of this summons: NEXT AVAILABLE OND COURT DATE				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor Offense Which Requires Fingerprinting Per Fingerprint Plan		Date Issued 09/23/2016	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Magistrate <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CSC <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant CSC <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk Of Superior Court	
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A hearing on the case was held on 2/7/2017, Judge **Donna Forga** presiding. **Zeb Smathers [D]**, Canton Mayor and **Ken Henson's** son-in-law, defended **CHARLES DOUGLAS WRIGHT**. **Zeb Smathers** called as witnesses, the following people:

- **Ken Henson (Zeb Smathers father-in-law)**
- **Lynda Bennett**
- **Cornelia Cree**
- **CHARLES DOUGLAS WRIGHT**

Kate Wrenn, Haywood County ADA prosecuted the case. Eddie Cabe and Richard West testified on my behalf. I took some handwritten notes that day, explaining to Kate Wrenn what had happened on 9/22/2016.

Charles Douglas Wright FEB 7 2017
Rich Taylor out with Brandon
 1:30 KATE WRENN ADA
 D/A office
 2:00 Court

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The following are notes I took while describing to Kate Wrenn the account of 9/22/2016. There is a diagram which are two standard fold up white tables that everyone was seated around. I was at one end of the two tables, and **Lynda Bennett** was at the other end. At all times, **Lynda Bennett** was aware that I was recording the meeting, as my recorder was clearly situated on the table. This is relevant, as when I turned my recorder back on at 6:04 pm, and **Lynda Bennett** started screeching she was a Never Trumper, I pointed to my recorder, which is when she made an interesting comment (recording, Part II).

2/7/17

Charles Wright
 9/15 { Files Criminal Complaint on Sept 15? heo
 why he might have a problem with me - NO
 Files Some type of Criminal Complaint - NO
 No Directed Discussion - NO

4:55 I never scream.

NO one interrupted Wright
 During The 4 minutes

"Cars are going to burn"
 Directed to group
 Wasn't directed to him - NO
 This is amazing.

Lynda Bennett
 Zeli Smathers is Ken Henson's
 Son-in-law

Gordie Cree
 known Wright since May or June
 Did recall what Wright was saying?

Ken Henson
 Paul Younger } not present
 Jeremy }

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The other interesting point was the locations of **CHARLES DOUGLAS WRIGHT**, **Cornelia Cree**, and **Lynda Bennett**, all basically sitting right next to each other. **Ken Henson** was walking around.

I submitted the following Affidavit at the hearing.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

COUNTY OF HAYWOOD

DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

FILE NO.: 16CR053432

MONROE A. MILLER JR.

Plaintiff,

vs.

CHARLES DOUGLAS WRIGHT

AFFIDAVIT

Defendant

Monroe A. Miller Jr., being first duly sworn deposes and says:

1. I am a Haywood County Taxpayer, and have lived in Haywood County since 2004.
2. That DONNA FAY FORGA is scheduled to hear my case on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 16CR053432 in District Court, re: CHARLES DOUGLAS WRIGHT Communicating Threats.
3. That DONNA FAY FORGA sat as Vice-Chair on the Haywood County Board of Trustees during the period of time that the Board of Trustees was preparing to go before the Haywood County Commissioners for financing of the Creative Arts Building.
4. That Rose Johnson was President of Haywood Community College at that time, and Mark Bumgarner was Chair of the Haywood Community College Board of Trustees.
5. Prior to the presentation to County Commissioners, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the building plans for the Creative Arts Building. However, the Board of Trustees was split nearly 50/50 about approval of the FLS Solar Thermal portion of the project.
6. During the Public Comment Session at the Haywood County Commission Meeting on September 7, 2010, I made a Public Comment [re: Haywood County Commissioners Minutes, Regular Meeting, 9/7/2010]. From the minutes of that meeting:

“Monroe Miller stated that Dr. Rose Johnson, President of HCC, failed to provide the HCC Board of Trustees the FLS contract and refuses to answer his questions regarding the proposed Creative Arts Building. Mr. Miller summarized the decisions made at the HCC Board of Trustees meetings held August 30th and September 2nd, 2010. Mr. Miller urged the Board to table this motion for 90-120 days until the HCC Board of Trustees makes its final decision regarding the FLS Solar portion of the final contract.”

7. Once I alerted Rebecca Morgan, Secretary to the Board of Commissioners at that time, that there were irregularities that occurred during the September 7, 2010 meeting, the entire context of the meeting regarding the HCC contract was entered as a Verbatim Transcript into the minutes.
8. I had alerted several county commissioners prior to the September 7th 2010 meeting that there was a split vote with the FLS Solar portion of the contract.
9. Chairman Kirkpatrick, during the meeting, asked the following of Mark Bumgarner, who was standing shoulder with Rose Johnson and DONNA FAY FORGA,

“... I guess where I come down is, is if you had come in here today and I want to ask you this again to make sure, but if you’d come in today and there was a still a 6 / 5 decision I probably would be in line with Kevin right now because I would feel uncomfortable with the board coming in that you don’t have a real good consensus, but you’re telling me, Mark, that you all voted on it, or you had the approval. I don’t know if there was a vote or not, but you, you looking at me now have the approval of everyone on your board to move forward with this project.”

10. Mark Bumgarner responded, standing shoulder to shoulder with Rose Johnson and DONNA FEY FORGA, that:

“Yes, Sir. We’ve had eleven board members and that all unanimously agreed that, on the construction costs and the budget request, loan request amount, 100%.”

11. DONNA FAY FORGA failed by omission, to correct Mark Bumgarner, that the board did not unanimously agreement on the FLS Solar portion of the contract.

12. I wrote the following in my Haywood County “Toeprints”, September 9th 2010, Vol.#1 Issue #3, the following:

“It appears to me that there might have been a slight bit of deception on the part of **Bumgarner, Donna Forga** (who is running for District Judge in Nov.) and **Rose Johnson** (who all stood at the podium) in misleading the commissioners to believe the Board of Trustees “... were unanimous”. [Perhaps **Bumgarner** and **Forga** might consider stepping aside from their current positions as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, on the Board of Trustees at this time]. It is now left up to the discretion of the HCC Board of Trustees to determine if the Solar Thermal portion of this project will be approved - **not** the county commissioners any more.”

13. In a subsequent meeting with DONNA FAY FORGA, in a parking lot of a restaurant in Maggie Valley at a Republican political gathering, I confronted DONNA FAY FORGA on her Integrity, where DONNA FAY FORGA was reduced to tears.
14. DONNA FAY FORGA has no standing to sit before me in any court hearing to make any judgement on me at all, and must recuse herself from this case. Her best course of action would be to grant a continuance before another Judge, excluding Kristina Earwood.

I swear under pains and penalties of perjury that the above is true and accurate.

This document is hereby recorded pursuant to Rules of Federal Evidence, 901 and 902. The preceding items of evidence are self-authenticating or identifying evidence; they require no extrinsic evidence of authenticity in order to be admitted.

Donna Forga read the Affidavit at the hearing and summarily dismissed it, saying she could rule fairly.

As each witness called by **Zeb Smathers** swore an oath to tell the truth, nothing but the truth on a Bible, he asked them if **CHARLES DOUGLAS WRIGHT** had threatened me. Each one lied their [expletive deleted] off and said they did not hear **CHARLES DOUGLAS WRIGHT** say “BACK OFF OR ELSE THERE WILL BE BLOOD RUNNING OUT BOTH YOUR EARS”.

So, as you can imagine, I will never believe anything that comes out of the mouths of any of these people ever again as long as I live, and I am not happy with **Zeb Smathers**.

I was prompted by **Jane Bilello**, Asheville TEA*PAC, who after sending Eddie Cabe and I an e-mail on 12/20/2019, saying “...This is not what Republicans and those on the Right do. This is what the Left does. Right out of Saul Alinsky's Rules for Radicals. ...”, to drag out the recordings I made on 9/22/2016 and listen to them for the first time.

As I did, I took hand written notes, so that others listening to these recordings would be able to follow what was going on, and to a large extent, correlate voices on the recordings to people in the room.

I am not to the point of transcribing these audio recordings, and it is a very time consuming activity. The last time I transcribed a recording was with a meeting with then Haywood County DA **Michael Bonfoey**.

[Transcript - Meeting with Haywood County DA Michael Bonfoey, ADA \(Assistant DA\) Jeff Jones, ADA Rachel Groffsky, Law Enforcement Officer Russ Conner and Terry Ramey regarding my submitting Criminal Complaints directly to the Haywood County Grand Jury. 5/14/2012...](#)

or

[<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/120511aJonesBonfoeyTranscript.pdf>]

and

[Audio \(.mp3\) - Meeting with Haywood County DA Michael Bonfoey, ADA \(Assistant DA\) Jeff Jones, ADA Rachel Groffsky, Law Enforcement Officer Russ Conner and Terry Ramey regarding my submitting Criminal Complaints directly to the Haywood County Grand Jury. 5/15/2012...](#)

or

https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/120511_004Bonfoey.MP3

Michael Bonfoey decided shortly thereafter not to run again for DA. He is now gone.

Here are the summary's of Part I of the 9/22/2016 recording [160922_001.MP3].

[**Editor's Note:** The times at the beginning of each sentence represents the time into the recording.]

Part II will be released shortly [160922_002.MP3].

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1:34p 160922-001 (24:48)

0:00

Meeting held at HRA, Not HCGOP

4 People were invited:

- Steve Lansing
- Lynda Bennett
- Cornelia Cree
- Charles Douglas Wright

Reason For Meeting - Coordinate of Precinct People to Assist with Election. Getting Volunteers 100 Volunteers

Several others in attendance, including Richard West, Treasurer of HRA who opened the door.

0:00 Lynda Bennett explaining reason for the meeting.

1:23 Charles Douglas Wright Speaks

1:34 Cornelia Cree Speaks.

Lynda, Speech about Getting Volunteers

3:55 Lynda Mentions "Grand Opening of Head Quarters". They were not in the HCGOP Head Quarters as Henson Said.

4:20 Lynda Guideline for Leadership. 100 Volunteers - Goal
Has anyone managed a 100 person corporation?

5:42 Steve Lansing Speaks.

6:08 Lynda - Covered half precincts in the Past

6:57 Lynda - We are in middle of Sept.

7:30 Steve Gets Ken Henson his perspective

7:31 Ken Speaks - I don't know.

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- 7:30 Ken Speaks - Convoluted
- 8:00 Steve effort in fractured - disjointed
- 9:04 Ken vs Cornelia
- 10:00 Ken Speaks
- 10:20 Ken never Promoted Gusty
↓ Never going to vote for you!
- 10:43
- 11:44 Steve - Is this group a formal Part of Party?
- 12:22 Steve - One Problem he sees
- 12:50 Ken in Chairman. Say one thing one day, something else the next.
- 13:00 Wright Speaks - where are lists?
- 14:11 Pat & Ted Took lists
- 14:24 Ken Pat & Ted stole from Republican Party
- 14:33 Pat & Ted has Took 'em. Have Stolen what belongs to Republican Party.
- 14:53 "This is Republican Party Head Quarters" WTF
Ken on Soap box
- 16:08 Wright Speech
Steve Speech
- 17:11 Lynda - high number of Trump Factors
First time "Never Trump" mentioned. Never Michele also
Not involved in "Never" list. These are democrats
- 18:46 Steve - "So we are sitting here at the Republican HQ" WTF
It is HRA Head Quarters.

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- 18:50 Steve - trying to understand since we are sitting at the Republican HQ. [What the Fuck?]
Effort has to be through the Haywood County Republican Party.
Ken - Right.
Steve - We are on the same page.
- 19:06 Eddie is recognized. The list Pat and Ted stole over 500 names - date base Ken (actually 900).
Eddie - We have collected names over 2 years
Ken - Tracy not said anything. Recognizing HRA!
- 20:35 Wright
Ken - Palm Cards
Cornellia - We don't have a list
- 21:43 Wright - List of 96 names
Ken - That's a statement
- 22:22 Steve - Have you (Ken) formally asked Pat & Ted for that list?
- 22:23 Ken - Eddie might have asked for list.
Ken going to call the State - What do I do?
- 23:31 Ken - Did you talk to him about Recording this?
- 24:48 Ken told me to turn Recorder off 6:00 pm
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6:00P Charles Douglas Wright Communicated a Threat (Twice)

Time: "Back off or Else there will be Blood running out
Both your ears".