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**Subject:** Assault on Joey Reece by Gary Caldwell - Fist or Fingers?

See, on [www.haywoodtp.net](http://www.haywoodtp.net)

[.MOV. Mayor Gary Caldwell forfeits election! No one likes to be assaulted. Caldwell struck Joey Reece during the mountaineer Candidate Forum, on live TV and in front of three \(3\) Waynesville Police Officers. 10/17/2023. 10/18/2023...](#)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/231017JoeyReeceAssult.MOV>

The short video is a cell phone recorded video of the originally taped video from the Historic Courtroom cameras and rebroadcast by the mountaineer. This was a live TV event.

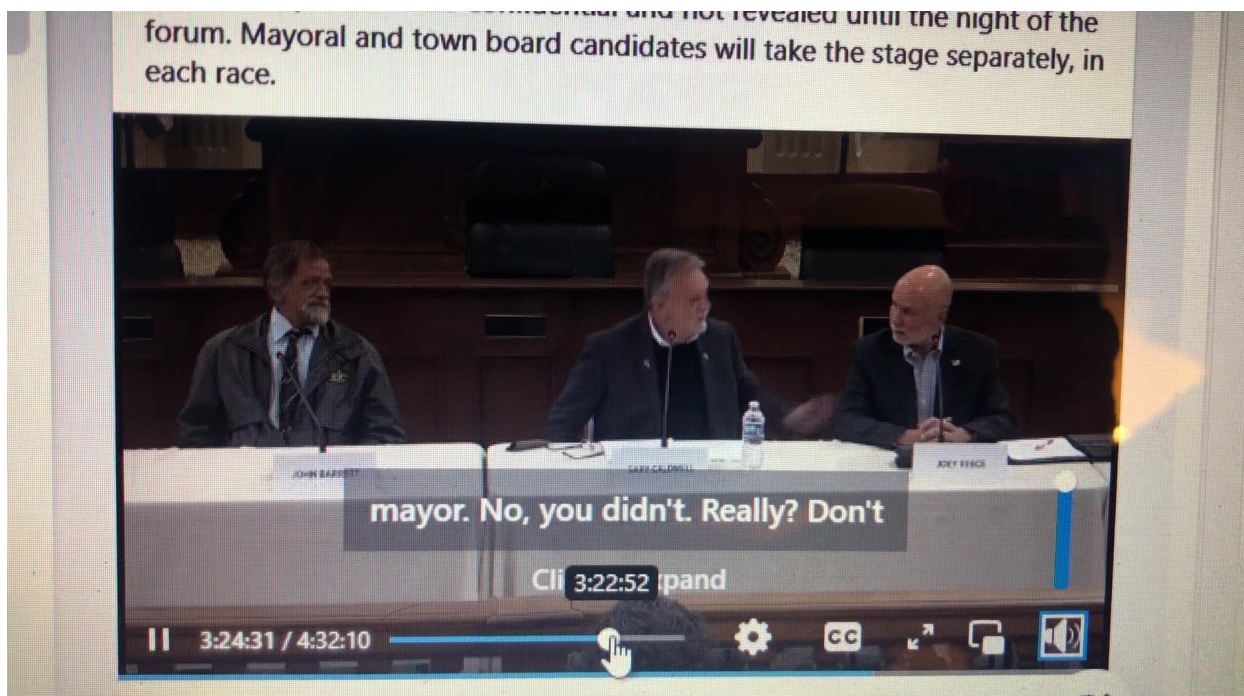
The following is the incident report from the Waynesville Police Department, presumably written by one or more of the three Police Officers present at that Forum. On [www.haywoodtp.net](http://www.haywoodtp.net), see

[CFS # 2023081035, Waynesville Police Incident Report, filed by Waynesville Police Officers who witnessed Gary Caldwell's assault on Joey Reece at the mountaineer Candidate Forum. 10/17/2023. 10/19/2023...](#)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/231019CFS-Report2023081035.pdf>

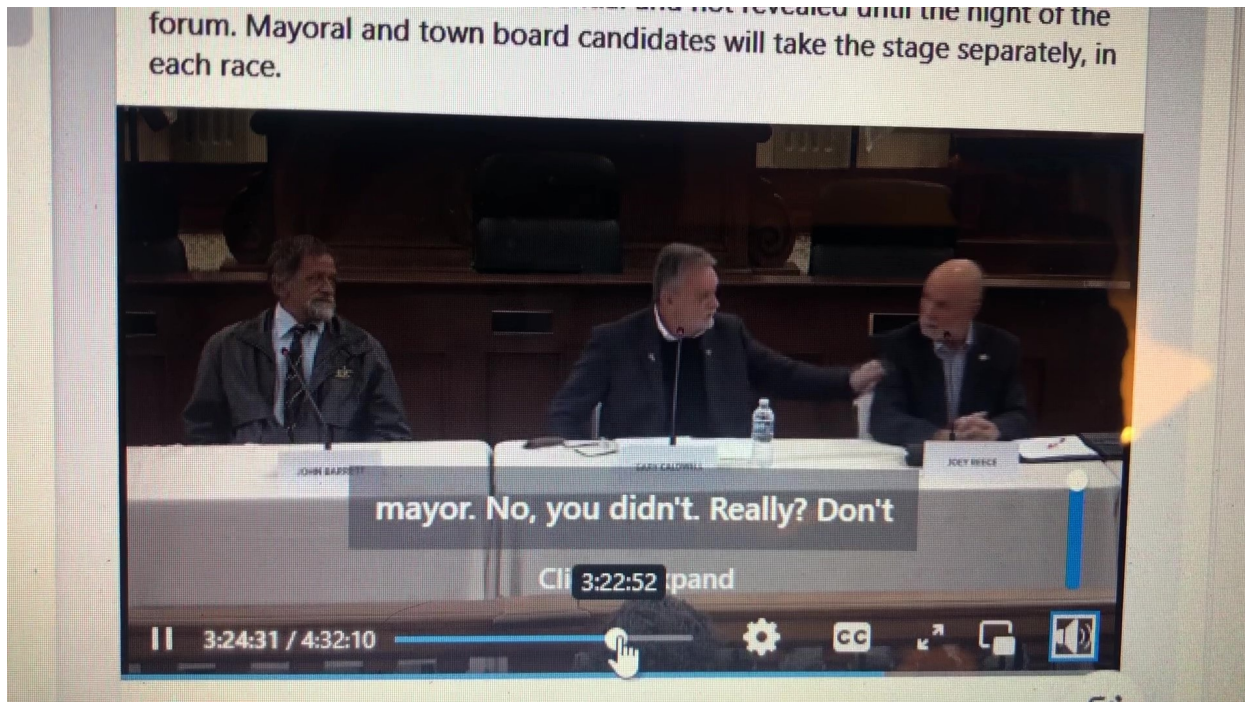
The Police Officers were standing against the back wall of the courtroom, and the incident occurred way down in the well of the courtroom. From a distance of 44 feet, the Officers stated: “ ... BEFORE TAKING HIS LEFT HAND AND BY USING HIS FINGERS BEGAN PUSHING THEM INTO REECE’S RIGHT ARM ...”.

Okay. So let’s get some screen grabs of the incident, and you can decide for yourself if **Gary Caldwell** used his “fingers” or slammed him with a closed fist. Times are in seconds into the video in the .MOV file.



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In this first image, you can see **Gary Caldwell** raising his arm in the direction of Joey Reece. This hand is a blur, indicating he was moving it rapidly.



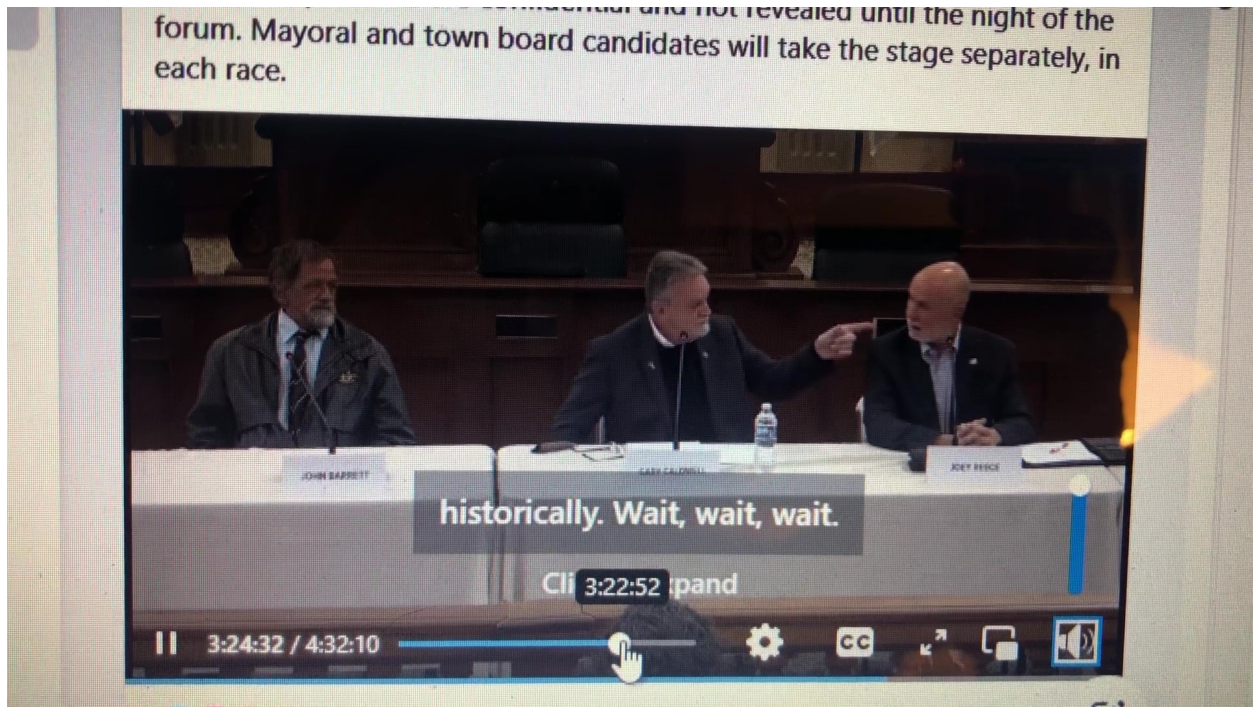
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**WHAM!** Your call to determine if you think **Gary Caldwell** assaulted him with his closed fist, or whether he was gently touching him with his fingers, as described in the Waynesville Police Incident Report. Notice, comparing these first two frames, that Joey Reece is visibly displaced in his chair from his previous position.



231017JoeyReeceAssult - frame at 0m25s a

**Gary Caldwell** points a menacing finger, in the shape of a finger gun, at Joey Reece, who is attempting to quickly recover from the assault. Joey Reece is moving back to his original position in the chair.



231017JoeyReeceAssult - frame at 0m25s b

**Gary Caldwell** starting to retract his finger, then calls on Becky Johnson to resume, as though nothing had happened. I believe this was the “Don’t pick on Me” moment.

Don’t forget, Early Voting has started.

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