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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Rupert Tarsey Retaliated Against For His Board Vote**  There have been a lot of developments since Joe Kaufman’s motion to remove the chairman.   I, Secretary Rupert Tarsey, have already been retaliated against for voting with the majority of the Board in favor of removal of the chairman in the Board vote.  Prior to the Board vote, I had been informed by Tom Lauder, a close supporter of Mr. Sutton, that if I helped to oust Mr. Sutton, I would have negative articles spread about me.    I was then texted by Benjamin Bennett, who said that he is a private investigator working for Mr. Sutton, who began asking me questions.  Subsequently, I was informed by friends that a mugshot taken when I was a minor, and an old news article is now making its way to various people via email as well as Mr. Bennett posting things about me on his Facebook page.  There has also been a FAKE Facebook page created, impersonating me and sending people friend requests with that mugshot from when I was a teen in it, with the **false, defaming, headline “I was arrested for breaking parole.**”   Of course it's illegal to impersonate someone, but that did not seem to be a problem for the creator.  And for the record**, I HAVE NEVER BEEN ON PAROLE AND CERTAINLY NEVER ARRESTED FOR BREAKING PAROLE.**  I'm not the first person who Tom Lauder and Benjamin Bennett have gone after, and it is obvious to many that their actions are being taken to aid Chairman Sutton.   (As an aside, **the Sun Sentinel has reported that Benjamin Bennett "was arrested and charged with 10 counts ranging from drug dealing to conspiracy to commit armed robbery" and "served 4 years of a 15 year sentence.")**  Mr. Bennett is currently a BREC member and is the sergeant-at-arms, appointed by Mr. Sutton. Many people have opined that Sutton is directing their actions.  Current and past members of the board have been repeatedly and falsely attacked.  Our former Secretary resigned and left BREC because of this behavior.  Multiple others have been falsely attacked. It was stated to me that Ben Bennett was hired to look into other Board members as well.  Even though this has no bearing on Joe Kaufman’s removal motion to oust Mr. Sutton for his lack of raising funds for BREC and the massive internal discord, I am going to clarify to everyone the attacks about me before they get sent to everyone, as**I am told is planned**.    When I was in high school and a minor, I met with someone in a parked car next to our school, while I was a student.  We began to get into a verbal altercation.  Though the altercation was verbal initially it became physical when I was kicked multiple times and hit by the other person.  As this car was used in our real estate business, there were worker tools in the car, and one of them was a hammer.  Regrettably, while being pinned against the side of the car and having difficulty breathing, I used this tool in self defense to try to stop the other person from hitting me.  BUT TO BE CLEAR: EVEN THOUGH I WAS ACTING IN SELF DEFENSE I STILL REGRET WHAT HAPPENED AND FEEL THAT MY ACTIONS WERE UNCALLED FOR.  That said, I take full responsibility for my actions.    It should be noted when it was first brought to juvenile court, **the case was dismissed** as the Judge found that the D.A. had given false information to the court.  The D.A. then filed the case for the second time in a different court.  The 2nd judge having heard the pre-lim hearing testimony in which the person stated that I hit them after I was pinned against the side of the car, as well as other witness testimony,  **also dismissed the case** from her court stating that she thought I would have a good claim for self defense.   The D.A. appealed the ruling and refiled for the third time in yet another court.    At this point I was already an honor student in college, and didn’t have the time to continually fight the case over many more years, I **pled no contest** to the assault charge, and was GIVEN A SUSPENDED SENTENCE (i.e. I was never given or served any jail time) and continued on as an honor student in college and subsequently received by MBA.    While the charge was initially a felony charge that resulted in probation, my probation was later**terminated**by the court and after subsequent court review, the initial filing charge and information  was ordered to be amended to a misdemeanor assault so that I was never convicted of a felony.  So, the fact is, I have a **MISDEMEANOR** charge of assault on my record.  I am **NOT** a convicted felon.    The old news article being circulated inaccurately describes the incident and was written solely on hearsay without interviewing either the individual or any witnesses, and prior to the true facts and the individual’s testimony coming out in court.   And in fact, the description of the incident in the news article was refuted by the individual in court.  This obviously had influence on the previous dismissal and the fact that it ended up as a misdemeanor.  The individual went on to go to the school dance several days after this incident, and I believe was in class after the weekend.    Not only did this occur over a decade ago, when I was a minor, but it wasn’t even in this state.  To be clear,  I'm not making any excuses.   I alone am solely responsible for this incident and obviously I regret it.    Of course, I have all the court records at my disposal for a potential, and likely, civil case to counter any defamation.  I have no other crimes on my record of any kind.    A lot has changed since I was a foolish teenager.  I am married now with 2 kids and 1 on the way.  I have an MBA and run a real estate business.  I volunteered for the Trump campaign and was hired by the Republican Party of Florida for the 2016 election and was responsible for North Broward and South Palm Beach counties. I have also become a Roman Catholic and head of a Knights of Columbus council, a Catholic charitable organization.    Rather than deal with the issues of BREC not raising any funds or the fiascos that keep happening at meetings, Tom Lauder, and Benjamin Bennett have chosen to target me to distract from the removal vote, and get back at me for my board vote.  I have been targeted **solely** because I was one of several board members who voted in favor to remove the chairman, thats why this is happening.    I have not hired a private investigator to look into the Chairman or his family’s background.  *Who would even do something like that?*  I supported his removal due to his poor performance as BREC Chairman, and then suddenly this happens.  Now I’m supporting his removal for a lot of reasons.   |  | | --- | | **I’m told my child’s school may be contacted.  My wife has been contacted.  Even other relatives have been contacted.** That's all I’m aware of right now, but who knows, maybe more people have been contacted and asked questions about this. This is OUTRAGEOUS and UNACCEPTABLE. Not only may I gear up to file a civil lawsuit, I may file a restraining order as well if my family are not left alone.  **I will also not be blackmailed into changing my vote.**      **My wife, my kids, family, and school** are not BREC members, and my personal history over a decade ago when I was a teenager isn’t relevant whatsoever and of course has no bearing on Joe Kaufman’s removal vote on Mr. Sutton.  The one thing this does show, is these peoples' character.    Feel free to contact me.  -Secretary Rupert Tarsey | | |