
Incident Narratives

Supplement #3 Narrative

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The St. Joseph County Police Department received more information from Penn Harris Madison School Cooperation. SJCPD received a PDF document from Penn Harris Madison School Cooperation that contained PHM Board Meetings that Ben Dallas Spoke at with hyperlinks (uploaded to evidence.com). The meetings dated back all the way to 11/8/21. The document also contained hyperlinks to Ben Dallas's youtube channel @BensRantNation which outline 80 different post where Ben Dallas either mentioned PHM, PHM board members, PHM teachers and staff, retired PHM teachers, other PHM parents, and PHM student.

11/10/23

I began reviewing all PHM Board meetings that Ben Dallas spoke at dated back to 10/10/22. While watching the videos of Ben Dallas speaking at the board meetings I didn't hear any threats made by Ben Dallas. There were times when Ben Dallas would raise his voice, but I interpreted Ben raising his voice as simply making a point of a topic he is passionate about and not raising his voice threateningly.

I then began to review all videos provided by PHM of @bensrantnation. I watched all videos dated from September 11th - October 21st. I first watched a screen record from BensRantNation dated September 11th. This recording contains the meme that this case was initially filed for. After reviewing the meme I did not see the meme as threatening, but interpreted the meme as Chris Riley (President of the School Board) dodging tough issues. This was symbolized by Nero in the Matrix dodging bullets.

On September 21st, 2023 Ben Dallas posted on youtube explaining he got no trespassed from PHM. During the youtube post, Ben explains he was no trespassed due to an offensive meme he made using the portion of a Matrix movie and a 1980's action movie Cobra. Ben explained the matrix meme was to show Chris Riley dodging all the accusations made against that he never answers them and dodges them. Ben explained the meme is used many times for anyone that is trying to dodge issues. Ben then shows the meme he used from Cobra and explained he was doing his best impersonation of Sylvester Stallone that accurate portrayed a woke school system. Ben goes onto explain it was an attempt at humor and no one found it threatened. Ben states it was not threatening, and no charges would be filed.

After watching the remaining videos, I did not find any threatening content posted by Ben Dallas.

12/4/23

Left a message for Ben Dallas.

Ben Dallas returned my phone call and I spoke with him on the phone. I advised Ben I was calling about the meme made using a scene from the matrix. Ben stated he made the meme addressing the board hiring a sex worker that is hired to work to supervise young children with special needs. Ben stated he is very passionate about this topic and had no ill intentions behind the meme. Ben did not make the meme to have anyone feel threatened or scared, so he took the meme down. Ben advised he spoke with PHM security team Teeter and Teeters assistant, along with the Vice President of the School Board. Ben advised they were all understanding and agreed the meme did not have ill intentions. Ben asked why the case was closed and then reopened. I advised Ben new information was provided and looked into. I explained to Ben that any case could potentially be re-opened at anytime if new information is provided. I explained to Ben that this case could be reopened in the future if new information was presented. Ben stated he understood, and hopefully this case isn't reopened in two days. I asked Ben if he had any other questions, and he stated no. I advised Ben that I would be contacting Chris Riley as well to let him know that the case is being closed.