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Thus far, I have chosen not to respond to the article written by Ken Stern and Judy Booth concerning my 2015 conviction for taking two suffering dogs from their La Conner home. I haven't felt as though I needed to. I stood up for my actions then and I absolutely do to this day. It is not an isolated event in my life. I have been standing up for the voiceless since my 14th birthday.

However, the article concerning the re-instatement of Officer Jennifer Sheehan-Lee as the La Conner detachment liaison dictates a response.

I did not read the above-mentioned article, however, the calls from my friends and past business clients stating it was "disgusting" and Mr. Hyatt's letter to the La Conner Weekly News pointing out its "complete bias and lack of journalistic integrity" gives me the sense it was less than flattering.

Yes, I was convicted of a felony. However, as stated by me the charges were inflated because of the parties involved. I have always been willing to accept responsibility for my actions, but because of the people and influence involved the prosecutor's office was unwilling to deal fairly. To take the deal offered meant losing my home and livelihood in La Conner.

Did my affirmative defense of necessity lack legal basis? *See State v. Ken Ward*, 438 P.3d 588 (Wash. Ct. App. 2019), a case in Skagit County against a climate activist with a nearly identical factual pattern and a defendant with a personal history of activism. Did the jury convict? Yes. Did I receive a fair trial? *See Wilbur, et al. v. City of Mount Vernon*, 989 F. Supp.2d 1122 (2013) as well as the disciplinary action against the Skagit County Public Defense attorney Dean Terrillion for admitted abuse of narcotics and marijuana during his tenure as an employee of Skagit County.

Do I regret these events in my life? Absolutely not. (1) because of my case and subsequent correspondence to the entire Washington State legislative body in 2014, the minimal care standard for companion animals in Washington was reviewed and *significantly improved* during the 2015 legislative session; (2) my case served as a significant catalyst in the spiritual journey I began in 2009 in helping me search for answers as to why someone with such a beautiful heart and soul would be subjected to such abhorrent treatment not once, but twice by governmental officials; (3) I learned about the significant underpinnings of our subconscious minds and healed from my upbringing in Mormonism; (4) The past 8 years have given me an amazing and beautiful life and network of clients who appreciate me for who I am and for my compassion toward animals; (5) I have a beautiful 4 year old Italian Spinone whom I was able to bring from Normandy, France because of my case.

It is highly likely I will get slammed again or some may again question my mental or emotional stability. To those, I refer to the work of Derek Prince a minister of over 30 years and his teachings about multi-generational curses inflicted on the lives of people who individually participate in or have family or ancestors who have participated in Freemasonry (secret societies) or occultism. Mormonism falls into both of these categories. According to Mr. Prince, multi-generational curses fall onto individuals causing among other things: (a) mental and/or emotional breakdown; (b) financial insufficiency; (c) family history of suicides or unnatural death. He says: “a curse is like a long evil arm from the past and you don’t know how far back and it’s stretched out and every time you’re about to succeed or get to where you want to be this evil arm trips you up and you have to get up and start up again. That really becomes the story of your life.” Unfortunately, until a person truly starts digging through their lives and the causes of their misfortunes they don’t even know they are under a curse.

One thing I absolutely know for certain after the past 8 years of reading hundreds of books about the subconscious mind, the universe (or God if you wish), and our connection with the planet, animals, and each other is that we are all beings of love and light. Our humanity is our mere “physicality”. It is our responsibility and privilege as beings of love and light to show compassion to the planet, animals, and each other. I have been doing this all of my life. I did it in 2014. I have tried to do it to the best of my ability ever since and I will dedicate the rest of my life doing the same.

I have compassion for the owners of the dogs, Ms. Booth, and Mr. Stern. I realize they haven’t come to this realization yet. I hope that some day they do because it is a beautiful realization and entitles those who seek and find it to a life of joy, happiness, peace, prosperity, and love.

Officer Sheehan-Lee was the La Conner detachment liaison in 2014, during which time I was trying to get assistance for the dogs in question as mentioned above. Officer Sheehan-Lee served as a mere sycophant to the mayor and other town officials in 2014 and there is a serious risk of that happening again. Her re-instatement should encapsulate a valid concern among the residents of La Conner that Mayor Hayes and other town officials are growing tired of residents who have begun “thinking for themselves” and “vocalizing their discontent” concerning the actions and behavior of town officials.

If Officer Sheehan-Lee had performed her job in an objective and professional manner (at a minimum investigated my concerns and not interfered with the people who contacted her on behalf of the dogs) it is highly unlikely I would have had to act. Instead, she took the word of the town officials as truth and did nothing but make things worse.

To those who choose to “think for themselves” or “scrutinize the actions of town officials” be forewarned.

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