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**RE: Request for comment**

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Thu, Jun 27, 2019 at 3:31 PM

Hi Nate! Sure:

Today was heard a motion to reconsider the judge's ruling to dismiss the case this past spring. We expect the court to uphold the dismissal. No other information was given to the court than was already given over the past two years. Most of which is and was disproven and given out of context.

I will confirm a meeting was held on January 27, 2019. Allegations have been made again and again that are taken out of context once again today. Not hearing the tape for over a year, the following is from memory. They are as follows :

1) If Vernal would say there was an accident, a judge already agreed to let him serve 3 months probation, pay a \$250 fine and the judge would expunge his record.

The comment is given to you out of context. We advised Vernal, and his family, that we believed based upon evidence that we believe there was an accident. And this IF he would tell the truth he might could get probation and a fine. But he had to stop telling different stories to us, law enforcement and his family. We advised him he need to hire legal counsel.

2) If he didn't talk, the FBI from Quantico would charge him with capital murder.

This again is taken out of context. We advised Vernal that if he didn't stop lying, there was indeed a chance that law enforcement could make a case of Murder. If it was not an accident – then what was it?

3) You said you had access to polygraph tests that FBI that law enforcement did (you publicly mentioned multiple times that he and Jessica failed them). Browning says you were never provided those polygraph tests from anyone and made this up.

This again is taken out of context. We, did in fact, have meetings (multi) with LEO's and it was shared with us that Vernal and Jessica failed multiple polygraph tests. In the meetings representatives of the FBI, and County Law Enforcement were in the room. We have cooperated with all LEO's and they have copies of our files. Our investigation was independent of LEO – and the information shared was in response to our teams confusion of why we were being told mistruths and false stories by Vernal and Jessica.

- 4) You made multiple false statements to the media and on your FB page about the case.

This is lawyer drama and we cannot comment as there is no specifics to the allegations. And there are no specifics because it didn't happen.

- 5) You have wronged Vernal Kunz and owe him an apology.

This is more lawyer drama. If anyone owes anyone an apology, Vernal Kunz owes the public and our team an apology, for the outright mistruths, leading to dead ends. He owes Budweiser an apology for lying about putting his son in the front seat of the truck that day. He owes a defunct trucking company a apology for using their name in an attempted excuse why one story says he was in the Stage Stop and he wasn't. He owes the Stage Stop an apology for lying about his child being in the store, according to the Stage Stop attendant, and finally he owes the nice young man that pumped his gas in Leadore that day an apology by telling we the investigators and law enforcement that the nice young man who pumped the gas saw DeOrr. If anyone has been wronged, it is DeOrr Kunz, Jr., who is missing and presumed dead. If anyone has been wronged, it is the citizens of Idaho, more specifically Leadore, the camp ground managers, the county of Lemhi, the county of Bonneville, and the LEO's and investigators that have put in thousands of hours in this case.

In the end this case has been about DeOrr for our team. We are proud of our work. We respect the work of all that have been involved, being the US Federal Government, the County Governments, Steve Penner, the Sheriff and his six person team. The citizens have a right to know - and the judge agreed and dismissed the case. And we assure you one day the citizens will know. We assure you of that.

P. Klein

