



CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

May 2, 2016

Dear Territorial Committee Members:

By now, you have probably seen the letter from Gwendolyn Hall Brady. Ms. Brady resigned from the Territorial Committee on April 16—a resignation that was witnessed by then-Secretary Tanya-Marie Singh and reported by the *St. Croix Avis* in the following day's newspaper.

I wasn't going to respond, as several of the falsehoods raised in her letter involve either pending litigation or pending criminal investigations. However, upon reflection, it's my bounden duty as state chairman to respond to the maliciously false and defamatory accusations contained in Ms. Brady's letter. To be honest, I don't believe Ms. Brady actually wrote this letter. Unfortunately, she has been misled by John Yob and his cabal of associates, who have somehow convinced Ms. Brady to sign this letter and lend her otherwise good name to the chaos they are creating.

Please allow me to correct the record.

Ms. Brady's falsehood: *"Mr. Canegata, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Williams stated that I was the aggressor: Mr. Canegata, you brought Dennis Lennox, a state-sider [sic] and cetiainly [sic], a non-member of our local Territorial Committee, into what you announced initially was a closed meeting, where you further announced no cameras or recordings were allowed."*

The truth: Ms. Brady became violent after the conclusion of the Territorial Committee meeting of April 16. Not only did she in a fit of rage stand up and grab my computer—acting as if, at any moment, she would throw it at me—but she physically attacked the parliamentarian, U.S. Virgin Islands resident Dennis Lennox. Her assault and battery of Mr. Lennox was captured on video (more on this later). Mr. Lennox never recorded the meeting. He only started recording once Ms. Brady became aggressive and violent.

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Ms. Brady's falsehood: *"You never explained why our meeting required a 'parliamentarian', [sic] nor what gave you any authority to designate a 'parliamentarian', [sic] nor did you or anyone else offer any credentials which might justify Mr. Lennox acting in that role for our local Party [sic]."*

The truth: The state chairman is charged with the "general supervision" of the Republican Party of the Virgin Islands under article X, section I of the party's *Principles & Rules*. This authority includes the ability to retain an executive director, legal counsel and other staff or other advisers necessary to the conduct of the party's business. Besides being a resident of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Mr. Lennox has over 10 years of experience at the highest levels of the Republican Party. Not one member of the Territorial Committee objected during the meeting to the presence of a parliamentarian.

Ms. Brady's falsehood: *"I personally saw you turn to Dennis Lennox and instruct him to use his camera to take photos. I said to you, "John, you know better....[sic]you said no cameras, what is this man doing?"*

The truth: This is patently false. A thorough review of audio recordings made and released on the internet proves Ms. Brady's statement to be untrue.

Ms. Brady's falsehood: *"Dennis Lennox proceeded to thrust the camera into my face at your direction (which he had just finishing doing to Tanya Singh)."*

The truth: This is patently false. A thorough review of the unedited video recording proves Ms. Brady's statement to be untrue.

Ms. Brady's falsehood: *"In spite of my numerous protestations to Mr. Lennox ... he continued to invade my privacy and assault me. I put my hand up to shield my face."*

The truth: This is patently false. Not only was Ms. Brady in a public space—a room full of more than a dozen individuals—with no expectation of privacy, but she ignores the fact that convicted felon Herb Schoenbohm recorded the entire morning of the Territorial Committee meeting. In fact, it was Ms. Brady who physically attacked Mr. Lennox. This was confirmed by

the police who responded and determined that Mr. Lennox had been the victim of a simple assault by Ms. Brady.

Ms. Brady's falsehood: *"Fred Espinosa ... then forcibly knocked me to the ground with his arm, pinning me to the floor, thereby assaulting me and knocking off my eyeglasses."*

The truth: This is patently false. Territorial Committee members Frederick Espinosa and Jevon Williams intervened to isolate Ms. Brady against the wall to prevent her from further attacking Mr. Lennox.

Ms. Brady's falsehood: *"Mr. Canegata, you, Mr. Lennox and Mr. Espinosa were the aggressors. Mr. Canegata, you aided and abetted the assault that Mr. Lennox and Mr. Espinosa committed against me."*

The truth: This is patently false. Ms. Brady committed a simple assault, according to the police.

Ms. Brady's falsehood: *"You directed Mr. Lennox to concoct a doctored video of our members who were only trying to protest your wrongful conduct of our meeting."*

The truth: Mr. Schoenbohm, a convicted felon for fraud, is the only person, to my knowledge, who has "doctored" recordings from the morning of the Territorial Committee meeting. He posted what he called the "final edit" of an audio recording on Soundcloud, an audio-sharing service.

Ms. Brady's falsehood: *"Mr. Johnson stated on Facebook that I 'attacked the parliamentarian Dennis {Lennox} [sic] then grabbed his phone from his hand then reeled back and threw it at his head with all the force she (referring to me) could muster.' Mr. Johnson's defamatory statement is not true."*

The truth: Territorial Committee member David Johnson witnessed Ms. Brady's physical attack against Mr. Lennox, which was preceded by Ms. Brady violently grabbing the state chairman's laptop computer and accosting him with it. The truth is not defamatory. Ms. Brady committed a simple assault against Mr. Lennox. Mr. Johnson and others are also making arrangements to take a polygraph examination,

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which will further confirm Ms. Brady's falsehoods as untrue.

Mr. Brady's falsehood: *"Mr. Lennox was directed by you, Mr. Canegata, to thrust the camera in my face. Mr. Lennox continued to aggressively thrust the camera in my face. Your very close video of my hand (taken by your agent Mr. Lennox), which I put up to shield my face, proves that Mr. Lennox violated my rights by invading my privacy, and further, that he assaulted me by coming within breathing space of me. Never did I come in contact with Mr. Lennox. Mr. Lennox never lost possession of his camera and never stopped filming. Mr. Lennox used his camera to film Mr. Espinosa knocking me down. He proceeded to film Mr. Espinosa knocking me down. He proceeded to film Bruce Cole and others in the room."*

The truth: This is patently false. The unedited video is at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17owH_A78Es. Note where everyone is when the video recording begins. Mr. Lennox is standing next to and behind the state chairman. Ms. Brady is at another table, a considerable distance from Mr. Lennox. Ms. Singh, the then-secretary, is at another table, again a considerable distance from Mr. Lennox. Mr. Lennox is not shoving or pushing his camera-equipped mobile telephone into anyone's face. In fact, he is panning the room to record the orchestrated chaos. Ms. Brady stands up and sits down, again a considerable distance from the camera. Ms. Singh is seen packing up her things. Territorial Committee member Warren Bruce Cole is seen and heard leading the orchestrated chaos, claiming no resolutions were passed and the meeting was not adjourned—both of which are demonstrably false claims. Mr. Lennox again pans the room several times from the same place. This shows Ms. Brady and Ms. Singh in their original locations, where they sat during the meeting. At no time is the camera in their faces. Rather, the camera simply pans the room to record the orchestrated chaos led by Mr. Cole. Ms. Singh is seen objecting to the recording. Then Ms. Brady rises, complains about the video and returns to the location of her seat. Mr. Lennox then pans the camera to his far-right. At the 1:16 mark of the video, Ms. Singh is heard saying, "That's it." She is then seen pushing her way past several people to accost Mr. Lennox for recording the orchestrated chaos. As Ms. Singh approaches Mr. Lennox in an aggressive manner, she is stopped by the state chairman, who is standing between her and Mr. Lennox. The camera was never in Ms. Singh's face. Mr. Lennox then pans back to the far-left of the room, where Ms. Brady is shown to have left her seat to come up and behind Mr. Lennox. Ms. Brady is then seen striking the camera as the video abruptly ends. In an audio recording, witnesses are heard saying

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Ms. Brady took the camera-equipped mobile telephone from Mr. Lennox's hands and threw it at his head. A photograph that was subsequently taken showed Mr. Lennox with a lacerated forehead.

Ms. Brady's falsehood: *"Mr. Johnson threatens bodily harm against me by further stating on his Facebook page that, 'She (referring to me) will be the one who suffers most'. [sic] I take Mr. Johnson's use of threatening language on electronic media as a personal threat against me and your support of him as complicity in that threat."*

The truth: At no time did Mr. Johnson threaten Ms. Brady. Mr. Johnson was merely stating that Ms. Brady's long record of public service is being sullied by her associates, who are doing whatever it takes to continue their campaign of orchestrated chaos.

Ms. Brady's falsehood: *"Mr. Canegata, you called me on my cellular phone on April 16, 2016 [sic] after I left the meeting to force me to submit my letter of resignation as a Delegate [sic] to you on April 16th."*

The truth: This is patently false. Ms. Brady is not a delegate from the Virgin Islands to the Republican National Convention because she did not comply with well-established rules governing the Virgin Islands presidential caucus of March 10. As a result of her inability to follow basic rules, she could not resign as a delegate because she was, in fact, not a delegate. Irrespective, Ms. Brady resigned as delegate in her letter of April 27.

Ms. Brady's falsehood: *"My words to you were that I would provide you with my letter of resignation as a Delegate [sic] to the 2016 Republican National Convention, [sic] in exchange for a letter of apology from Mr. Lennox for his assault on me when he forced his phone/camera into my face."*

The truth: This is patently false. As Ms. Brady was not a delegate to the Republican National Convention she could not resign as a delegate. Notwithstanding, the police officers who responded and conducted an on-site investigation determined Ms. Brady had committed a simple

assault against Mr. Lennox. Ms. Brady was remorseful and conveyed her desire to resolve this matter through internal party processes. Ms. Brady stated she would (1) withdraw as a plaintiff in the frivolous lawsuit filed by National Committeeman Holland Redfield and Mr. Yob and (2) resign as a member of the Territorial Committee if Mr. Lennox agreed not to press the charge of simple assault against her. Mr. Lennox accepted Ms. Brady's remorseful assurances, which Ms. Brady reneged upon later that day.

Ms. Brady's falsehood: *"You all know I was not the aggressor. Mr. Williams ... has publicly stated that 'she (referring to me) lunged at the parliamentarian and was stopped from further attacks on him by the blocking of Espinosa.' Mr. Williams' statement is not true."*

The truth: This is patently false. Unedited video and audio, as well as statements from witnesses, confirm that Ms. Brady physically attacked Mr. Lennox. In fact, the police officers who responded and conducted an on-site investigation determined that Ms. Brady committed a simple assault against Mr. Lennox.

In conclusion, it is sad to watch as Ms. Brady's long record of public service to people of the Virgin Islands is sullied. Ms. Brady is a good person, but I believe she has been led astray by others who use deception to cover up the truth—no matter the cost—to protect their special agendas.

Ms. Brady's associates, who orchestrated the chaos of the Territorial Committee meeting, are stooping to new lows and are doing anything it takes—slandering honest and innocent people who acted as Good Samaritans, violating bar association ethical canons, using government resources for partisan political purposes, swearing false oaths, providing materially false statements to the U.S.V.I. Elections System, registering to vote in multiple states and territories,

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filing frivolous lawsuits on different islands to manipulate the legal system, and offering to sell their vote to the highest bidder—to bring about the chaos they openly fantasize about at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Canegata". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John Canegata
State Chairman