

David Hennessy 0:05

... over a false accusation. Mr. Purdy and Ms. McCord, they don't want to be here. They thought a quick and thorough investigation would reveal the truth, it would be fairly reported, and they wouldn't have to do this. But it's affecting their lives. The truth has not come out. Mr. Booker continues to be on TV. And the false narrative continues to be said and perpetuated. These two have passed polygraphs. You have handouts on those facts. You have those polygraphs, you have photographs. You're going to get a photograph of the bruise to Mr. Purdy's chin, inflicted by Mr. Booker. We challenge Mr. Booker to submit to a polygraph. We'll pay for it, so he won't have to spend any of his GoFundMe money. It's just time that the truth be told and balanced reporting begin. If Mr. Booker, we'd like him to come forward, and the people with him, to tell the truth about punching Mr. Purdy three times, apologize to these people, and apologize to the real victims of racial injustice and racism, because you diminish them when it didn't happen, but you use your race to create what he has created. He was the instigator and the agitator. There was no problem. They were getting along. They have private property. They were allowed to cross the private property. They showed them where the line was. They parted ways. Hours later, Mr. Booker comes back. He tells the media, "to smooth things over." There was nothing to smooth over. But he comes and he, he asserts and claims to be a county commissioner and says he's going to fine these people. He declares he's going to ruin their lives. He gets in Caroline's face, jabbing a finger. Her

boyfriend, Mr. Purdy, steps in between them to get distance for her. He's afraid for her. Mr. Booker then hits him three times. So he's restrained. If you go on a neighbor's property, and you start punching people, you can be restrained. And he ended up against the tree. No talk of a noose, no talk of a rope, no talk of a lynching. No white power. And you don't have all the video, OK? Mr. Booker says he survived this near lynching. Yet he stays to videotape people as he race baits them. "Whitey." And then he gets one of them to say some racially insensitive stuff. And that goes back to my grandparents' days, and it is offensive. He didn't say it. And she didn't say it. And you know, when you get hurt, you say stuff to hurt people. If anybody has a marriage or is in a marriage, you know what I'm saying. And there's been a rush to judgment. We've had politicians rush to judgment. You don't have the whole video. So it was Mr. Booker was the instigator and agitator. Mr. Booker threw the punches. He was then restrained. Not beaten. Restrained. There was nothing to smooth over. He didn't have to be there. It is private property. It's owned by the McCords. He's not a county commissioner. You don't threaten to ruin people's lives. So we want the facts to come out. We hope that the investigation will bear out. These people have given taped interviews with the investigators. They've met with the FBI. The FBI may have follow-up questions. They've cooperated fully, and they've been suffering. They had to leave their homes for a time. Their businesses have suffered. It's now, it's the 13th, OK? This happened on the 4th. They had hoped that this would be over and done

with, the truth would be out and be fairly reported. I'll take any questions.

Reporter1 4:10

Can you explain how, how this situation started? Booker tells us, that he was walking with a friend to a gathering, that was hosted by someone he thought had owned the property. So can you talk about how the interaction happened with Booker?

David Hennessy 4:08

Our information is there's a man named Max. We don't know if he's been interviewed or not. There's a man in a green shirt that's very important. They did traverse the private property hours earlier. Mr. Purdy gave Mr. Booker and his friend a ride in his ATV. And said, here's how you get to your gathering. Here's the property line. They parted ways. Mr. Booker gave him a beer out of his 12-pack. And then he went on. There was nothing to smooth over. That was a friendly parting. Anyone else?

Reporter3 4:37

On the following of [??] your client's part, there was no one following Booker [??] ... [??]

David Hennessy 5:04

No, no. They took them to the property line. And they parted ways.

Reporter2 5:10

On the issue of [??] authority. What did Mr. Booker say that made them [??] inclined to believe that he

was someone that he wasn't? Can you just clarify that?

David Hennessy 5:20

He said specifically that he was a county commissioner. And there was going to be fines and hefty fines. And that he was going to ruin people's lives. Now, in fact, he is on the Human Rights Commission. And I Googled that last night and I went to their website. I looked at their last seven meetings, the minutes from the meetings. And first thing in minute meetings, it tells you who's present. He wasn't present for any of the last seven meetings that are on their website. So I don't know what he's doing.

Reporter4 5:49

If not your client, did anyone in the group threaten to get a noose?

David Hennessy 5:54

Threaten what? I'm sorry?

Reporter4 5:55

You say your clients didn't say they were going to get a noose? Is that correct? And if not, did anyone in the group suggest that?

David Hennessy 6:03

This was happening quickly. And there was a number of people. There's people that are with Mr. Booker, there are people that are with them. They can tell you, they didn't say it, and they didn't hear it. But

you know, you can't rule out everything.

Reporter4 6:17

So you're saying your clients didn't say it?

David Hennessy 6:19

They did not say it, and they did not hear it.

Reporter5 6:21

Sir, I understand, your clients took a polygraph exam. As you know, Indiana polygraph exams are not admissible in court. Why should we give the polygraph any credibility in light of the fact that, as you know, in court they're not [??].

David Hennessy 6:35

You know, when you wait and hope the truth will come out and you'll be exonerated and you don't have to do this and there's a lag, so I know people are gonna say, Well, what have they been doing? Sitting around cooking up a story? It's important for that. It's not admissible in court. It is still used in investigations routinely. Because in the process, you get confessions from people. And you can rule things out. You can't much prove things with the polygraph, but you can rule things out. And so, yeah, you have the facts, which been handed out to you. You have the polygraph. So you see the key questions they were asked, and it showed no deception.

Reporter5 7:12

Tell us about the restraints, or we see a video and as you pointed out, we don't see all of the video.

But in the video can see your client holding, or restraining, whatever verb he wants to use, he's [??] down Mr. Booker. What was going on? What are we looking at? What is that?

David Hennessy 7:27

That is after he steps in between, gets punched three times, once in the solar plexus.

Reporter5 7:34

Stay by the mic so we that can hear you.

David Hennessy 7:35

He has a, he's has a, you'll see the bruising. So he restrains him and they're tussling around, he's trying to get him down. You know that one picture, my wife saw it, thought Mr. Booker was upside down. And it's just he's bent over. So they did end up against a tree. But see him, 5' 8'' 150 maybe, 160. I think Mr. Booker is 6' 1'' pushing 300.

Reporter6 8:07

Booker says that he was attacked from behind and then dragged to the tree?

David Hennessy 8:14

That's not true.

Reporter6 8:14

That's not true? And he also says that he felt some of his, like someone was pulling out his hair.

David Hennessy 8:20

Yeah, have we seen any pictures of that? Has he shown us any injuries? Any hair pulled out? I mean, really, I don't know. I've not seen any corroboration. But you know, I'm sorry to put him, I don't enjoy this. But they've had plenty of time. And these people have to stop suffering. I mean, we have enough facts. We have, we passed a polygraph, we have photographs. So it's enough. And we bring it to you, so you can fairly report it and report both sides of the story.

Mark Karmish 8:54

David, can I just say one thing? I would just like to say one thing on behalf of our clients, too. They don't want to be here. I want to reiterate that: We don't want to be here. I think Mark Twain is attributed with a quote: A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is still putting on its shoes. We're out here only because of that. But my clients, as much as we believe they have a right to be angry with Mr. Booker, they are not. They are not and we don't want this to become that. This is not these people versus Mr. Booker. This is the truth that we need to come out. And that's why we called this today.

Reporter7 9:33

Does anybody have video from from your clients? Does anybody have any other extended video that can show what happened before, during, after? [??]

David Hennessy 9:46

We're not, we don't, we don't have any video. Which is interesting because you know, he'd leave and he

comes back. And then all of a sudden people jump out with videotaping. It's almost like that was staged. But we don't have any, but we've seen on some, I don't know, some links, some site, to video that goes on beyond. And it has Caroline and Mr. Booker walking along talking. And this is where he accuses her of saying white power. But that's not what she says. Abuse of power. Because she still thinks he's a county commissioner. So there is other video out there that we've seen.

Reporter7 10:26

There is, there is language used in that video, whether it was said by your clients or not, do they condemn what, I mean, first of all, did they know the people around them, were they partying with them? And do they condemn the words of those people, because there are words, too, in that video coming from some of the people in the vicinity. Can you clarify that?

David Hennessy 10:47

Yes. They do know those people. They do condemn that language. And the person, the primary person that made it, he's terribly embarrassed. He says, I don't talk like that. But he was goading me, goading me. And he really tried to get him into using the most offensive N-word, but he doesn't. But he uses the other N-word that dates back to my grandmother and grandfather, which is, which is terribly insensitive. But it's like I said, you know, you can get, you get emotional, you get hurt, then you want to hurt that guy, too. And that's what we believe, precipitated



that. I want to add to what Mark said. If, if the opportunity arose, they'd like to sit down with Mr. Booker and say, Well, you know, where, How is this these perspectives so different? You know, why can't you tell the whole thing and and resolve it? And that's an ongoing movement called restorative justice, where they meet. And they'd be happy to meet them, with any arbitrator mediator, or anybody watching.

Reporter8 11:50

[??] I'm trying to find out about the chain of events. Things started out [??] extremely friendly, and I guess your client said he told him that he was in fact on private property, so Mr. Booker eventually left, but it says here he returned hours later? It says he returned hours later. Do we know what happened, when he returned, like how we got to this point? You said that Mr. Booker had jumped in, in your client's face, but how do we get to, to that point? How do your clients describe how we got there?

David Hennessy 12:30

We don't know. So I can't speak to it. I know that they, I think it probably festered a little bit, that this was private property, and Hey, why can't we be there? Why can't we walk here or that? I'm speculating. But it could have been that so then, I don't know. Like they had a bit to drink. And I go back to, well he says smooth things over but he goes back, the first thing he does is claim to be a county commissioner. But I think there was some, I think they resented being told they couldn't be on that

property. But I don't know. All right, well, thank you all very much.