



August 5, 2021

TO: Chris Martino  
County Executive

FROM: Peter Newsham  
Chief of Police

RE: Follow up on Report of Threat

On Tuesday, August 3, 2021, a Prince William County resident sent me an E-mail that his wife had received. The resident described the E-mail as threatening. The E-mail was difficult to discern. As is common in such situations, the E-mail was sent to the Criminal Investigations Division for follow up.

A member of the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) contacted the writer of the E-mail. The writer had a voluntary conversation with the CID member, and it was determined that the intent of the E-mail was not to threaten or harass. The CID member provided the writer with the applicable Virginia statutes related to online communication, and no further action was taken.

The Prince William County Police Department followed up because we believe it to be our law enforcement responsibility to follow up when residents of the County believe they are the victim of online threats or harassment.

Thank you, Kevin

Major Kevin Hughart  
Prince William County Police Department  
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**From:** Cavender, Bradford J. <[bcavender@pwcgov.org](mailto:bcavender@pwcgov.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 4, 2021 2:49:53 PM  
**To:** Hughart, Kevin L. <[khughart@pwcgov.org](mailto:khughart@pwcgov.org)>  
**Cc:** Garrity, Thomas J. <[tgarrity@pwcgov.org](mailto:tgarrity@pwcgov.org)>; McCauley, Matthew J. <[mmccauley@pwcgov.org](mailto:mmccauley@pwcgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Consensual Conversation with Mr. Robert Hand

Major,

This afternoon I spoke with Mr. Robert Hand at his residence as a consensual encounter regarding the recent email entitled *Government Target* which was sent to the BOCS. Mr. Hand initially did not want to engage in a conversation over the email, but allowed me to state the reason why I was at his residence. I informed him there was no violation of law, but I wanted to provide any guidance on the law if desired. I ensured Mr. Hand I was not there to dissuade him from exercising his first amendment rights, I simply wanted to make sure the communication stayed within the law by not being profane, lewd, lascivious, or threatening. Mr. Hand stated he intended to continue to send his vitriol to the BOCS, but also conceded he understood he used "poor wording" in the subject line of his email. He insisted the subject was referring to citizens being a *Government Target* and not "targeting the government," referencing the comments made about Mr. Alan Gloss during the BOCS meeting.

I followed up my interview with Mr. Hand by sending the below email with links to the two most applicable code sections to our conversation. Detective Cordero will be documenting his review of the original email from Mr. Hand in a police information report, with a case number of PD210022284. The consensual conversation was recorded on body worn camera under the same case number.

Thank you,  
Brad

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**From:** Cavender, Bradford J.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 4, 2021 1:58 PM

To: [hand\\_robert@hotmail.com](mailto:hand_robert@hotmail.com)

Subject: Follow up and Thank you

Mr. Robert Hand,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me this afternoon. I want you to know my sincerity is genuine, in not wanting to dissuade you from exercising your first amendment rights to petition your government. The purpose of my visit was solely to provide any guidance if welcomed, as it pertains to the law. And though we did not get into specifics on the law, I have include links to the two code sections which are applicable to electronic communication in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Again, thank you for taking the time to speak with me and please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have on this subject or any other. I have included my full contact information at the bottom.

[§ 18.2-60. Threats of death or bodily injury to a person or member of his family; threats of death or bodily injury to persons on school property; threats of death or bodily injury to health care providers; penalty.](#)

[§ 18.2-152.7:1. Harassment by computer; penalty.](#)

Best Regards,  
F. Sgt. Brad Cavender

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Please have someone follow up with Mr. Hand and let me know the outcome. Thank you.

**From:** Cozy Bailey <[cozybailey@verizon.net](mailto:cozybailey@verizon.net)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021 12:42 PM  
**To:** Newsham, Peter <[pnewsham@pwcgov.org](mailto:pnewsham@pwcgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Government Target

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Chief,  
For your situational awareness. More malice in the subject line than in the rant contained in the body of the email, but we take all communicated threats seriously.

Rev. Bailey

-----Original Message-----

From: Bailey, Andrea <[abailey@pwcgov.org](mailto:abailey@pwcgov.org)>  
To: Cozy Bailey <[cozybailey@verizon.net](mailto:cozybailey@verizon.net)>  
Sent: Tue, Aug 3, 2021 12:30 pm  
Subject: Fwd: Government Target

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**From:** Robert Hand <[hand\\_robert@hotmail.com](mailto:hand_robert@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021 12:21:52 PM  
**To:** BOCS <[BOCS@pwcgov.org](mailto:BOCS@pwcgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Government Target

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Dear Board of County Supervisors,

Once again, you say the quiet parts out loud. In the recent meeting, Supervisor Bailey was caught whispering to Chair Wheeler "What about you going to do about Alan Gloss?" The smart answer to that is "nothing." If anything happens to him, you will face even more investigation and scrutiny than has already been revealed. And what has been shared so far is surface-level by common citizens. We try to be charitable, but this far into the current board's tenure, we the citizenry just go in knowing that you are lying, show disdain for the citizens, and engage in ethically questionable deals. And more and more you prove us right.

Chair Wheeler continually tries to gaslight the citizens about "manufactured outrage", when her own conduct and arrogance justify calling her out. The Board's continual action **\*against\*** the citizens' advocacy shows they are not conducting with the citizens' interests in mind. At least when the conservative board members vote against their personal desires, they can justify so that observers can acknowledge, "I don't like it, but I know they're making the right choice."

It is also interesting to note how your "Equity and Inclusion Policy" is getting reviewed. The feedback deadline had to be extended, presumably so you can get more positive feedback. For those that know their Science, this is called "p-hacking", in which the quota is manipulated mid-process to try to achieve desired

results. Such a shame you have low expectations of the minority community that you think they need a crutch and the individual cannot get by or prosper on their own merit. Keep going with your witch hunts and see how long your tenure lasts...

If you have any integrity and are not partisan hacks, you would take measures to censure Bailey and Wheeler for their disdain of the citizens. I'm always welcome to be proven wrong, but the Democrat majority keeps on proving me right.

Prince William County 2A is still waiting for contact from the appropriate people to learn how gun control advocates are ignorant and liars.

-Robert Hand

Maxim #2: "A sergeant on the move outranks a lieutenant who doesn't know what's going on."  
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