

PRESS STATEMENT

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To: Media

Subject: Steve Urness Interview of Robert Drake on May 16, 2016

I have asked you (Steve Urness) this question before: "Whatever possessed you to put Bob Drake on the air". Yesterday, you did it again -- you put on Bob Drake on the air for 11:32 minutes.

You allow Bob Drake to use your microphone as his personal soapbox to spew invective, half-truths and lies. You give Bob Drake, who is an unreasonable and irrational bully, a free pass to heap personal abuse and attacks on Valley City employees and appointees. It is time to hold Steve Urness, News Dakota and KOVC 1490 accountable.

Bob Drake is a trouble maker who has no credibility. You know that and the people of Valley City know that. Despite this, you pander to him, give him attention and feed his ego at the expense of others.

What you are doing is not reporting the news. You are engaging in unprofessional and un-ethical scandal-mongering. Shame on you. You are no better than Bob Drake.

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