

**Mayor Dwaine Heinrich Address to the City Council  
May 2, 2022**

Today I would like to address, hopefully for the final time, the matter of the false assault accusations made against me this past January 29. At that time I immediately advised everyone that the allegations were false and the attack upon me was staged as an act of reprisal because of an earlier action taken by the Jamestown City Council.

My request at that time was for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the Attorney General's office to fully investigate the false allegations and the premeditated attack upon me used as the platform for making the false allegations. I cooperated fully with the BCI and answered each and every question I was asked.

The BCI and Attorney General's office made a decision to do a half job of investigating this incident. That investigation, which I very much appreciate, confirmed that there was no assault, the perpetrator acknowledged that there was no assault. As a result of this investigation the States Attorney released a report that used the language "insufficient evidence" instead of saying what the investigation revealed, that there was no assault. So I am cleared of assault by the investigation then a cloud is put over the result and over me by the States Attorney.

So now I am hopeful that the investigation over the targeting and retaliation would clear this all up and put to rest once and for all any lingering questions.

So as 90 days from the date of the attack approaches, I reach out to the Attorney General to determine the status of the rest of the investigation. Much to my surprise I am told by the Attorney General of North Dakota that he believes this would be an inappropriate use of state funds. I know what you are thinking, that this is some kind of a joke or that I am making this up. Believe me my friends, I wish I were, but I am dead serious.

It is important to keep in mind that I did not ask to be targeted, falsely accused, and vilified in the media.

In summary, I am sitting quietly visiting with a friend. At least two people hatch and carry out a plan to accost me over dissatisfaction with a city council decision involving a liquor violation. The obvious intent is to create a scene and provoke a response. My response is to present the attacker with a business card and an offer to discuss at a later time believing the person making the attack was intoxicated. The attacker then falsely accuses me of assault and contacts media to further spread the false accusations. Later the person who made the false allegation to her credit admits to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation that there was no assault. Following this the States Attorney issues a report that concludes there is insufficient evidence to initiate a criminal prosecution against me. Remember now, the investigation revealed that there was no assault and the accuser acknowledged there was no assault, but the States Attorney concludes "insufficient evidence." Furthermore, the States Attorney's report is silent on the issue of false reporting by the accuser.

There is clear video evidence which supports the argument that the attack was pre-planned which is never referenced.

The planning of the attack, the execution of the attack, and the false allegations only made possible by the attack creates an indivisible trinity. You cannot properly investigate this incident without investigating all three parts of this same action to create a clear understanding of what happened and if a crime was committed.

I could go on regarding my disappointment in the failure of the BCI and Attorney General's office to do their jobs, but why? Their actions or failure to act speak for themselves. My wish is that they sleep well tonight.

In closing, I once again want all of the good people of Jamestown and beyond to know that I am truly humbled to the core over the unbelievable outpouring of support my wife and I have received from you over the past three months. It is simply beyond anything that one could have ever expected to receive. In so many ways your support overshadows the false allegations, the sleazy reporting by Valley News Live, and the failure of the criminal justice system to respond appropriately. I do not know what could make me more proud than to be the mayor of Jamestown, North Dakota, the home of 16,000 of the best people to be found anywhere on the face of this earth.

Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart and now let's put this sad chapter behind us and get back to the business of making this an even better community in which to live.

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