

Fw: [EXTERNAL] 22-020056

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From: Joe Vitale <joevlt@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2023 9:57 AM
To: Burness, Robert
Cc: Beckett, Chris
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] 22-020056

Investigator Burness,

I received your email and am available today by phone any time.

Thank you,
Joe

On Fri, Jan 13, 2023 at 9:55 AM Burness, Robert <RBurness@woolwichtwp.org> wrote:

Mr. Vitale,

Good morning! I am just following up with you to confirm that you received my e-mail response. I am available today if you would like to speak with me.

Regards,

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From: Burness, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 4:34:14 PM
To: Joe Vitale
Cc: Beckett, Chris
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] 22-020056

Mr. Vitale,

I am confirming that I received your e-mail and video attachment. I will be generating a report regarding our phone conversation yesterday, along with the contents of your e-mail. I will be in contact with you tomorrow after reviewing said video.

Thank you,

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From: Joe Vitale <joevit@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 9:25:17 PM
To: Burness, Robert
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] 22-020056

Cpl Burness,

Thank you for the call today. As I mentioned on the phone there have been dozens of instances over the past few years in which Brian Budd (1408 rt 45) and Frank Durso (110 Marl Rd) have made false statements to your department naming myself and Dan Brown as "suspects" in non-existent "crimes", mostly involving drones. This is in retaliation to our complaints about their dirtbike track and chronic noise ordinance violations.

In almost every instance it would be nearly impossible for me to prove that they knew they were lying to the police by making these statements. However, this time is different because Frank Durso is deliberately, knowingly lying to the court and your officers regarding an explosion that he and/or his son is responsible for.

On 6/30/2022 there was a loud "boom" that came from the direction of 110 Marl Road and was immediately followed by a cry for help "Holy shit what was that?! My leg! Somebody call the fucking cops!". At the time, we believed it to be a female voice and went to see if there was an injured person. We were ambushed by this group of individuals. This incident was reported under 22-020056 and Brooke Budd was charged with harassment for grabbing Dan's scooter.

There was no record of any statement made by Durso or the Budds in that report. So up until now, we had no idea he had lied to your officers in an attempt to incriminate us. However, last week, in court, and under oath Mr. Durso stated that he told police he "believes" that Dan Brown or Joe Vitale set off the explosive.

It is IMPOSSIBLE for him to believe that. Because his son injured himself with the explosive - and he was right there with him.

The attached video was taken by Dan Brown's security system. In this video you will hear the explosion, then immediately after you will hear the cry for help. I believe this voice is Nick Durso, Frank's son. You will hear Frank ask him if he's ok multiple times "you guys alright?". Then at 0:33 in this video (8:53:00PM), just 29 seconds after the blast you will hear a voice say either "it blew up in my hand" or it "blew up mid air", then you will hear Frank Durso calmly consoling his injured son asking "why wouldn't you throw it, what the hell's wrong with you?!".

2 Kids. 1 Explosive. Frank Durso was there with them.

About 9 minutes later when Dan and I arrived, he accused us of setting off a "firework", and subsequently reported to police that we did it.

CAUTION: I increased the volume on this video to make the voices easier to hear, so if you are wearing headphones, please lower the volume for the first 5 seconds.

Video:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/hdmhi5vnacjzr1z/Bistro%206-30-2022%2C%208.52.29pm%20-%206-30-2022%2C%208.53.28pm.mp4?dl=0>

I omitted this audio in the court discovery and will attempt to present it to the judge in our next session.

Regards
Joe Vitale

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