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The Storey County Commissioners and County Manager Pat Whitten sent Commissioner Lance Gilman and County Lobbyist Greg "Bum" Hess to Washington D.C. January 17th – 22nd.

The trip to D.C. was authorized so Gilman and Hess could lobby for the zip code bill that died in committee last year. The zip code reconfiguration will help Storey County capture sales tax revenue lost to Washoe County. For products purchased and Nevada Sales Tax is collected, most computerized systems use the Zip Code to assign the tax liability. Since TRIC uses the Sparks Zip Code, Storey County loses out on nearly all the sales tax revenue collected.

This is bad for the taxpayers of Storey County as we have to shoulder the burden not relieved by this lost revenue stream. Meanwhile, Washoe County taxpayers rejoice as their tax burden is reduced.

Washoe County wins.

We Lose.

So it is a good idea to get this resolved. And it is the perfect job for an effective lobbyist. However...

A careful examination of the the dates of the trip caused the eyebrows of thestoreyteller.online editors to raise and notice a happy coincidence: Donald Trump was Inaugurated on January 21st.

We put in our records request on February 16th for the receipts spent on the festivities (filled on April 19th). On March 7th, Greg "Bum" Hess strolled to the podium of the Commissioners meeting and delivered this update on his tireless lobbying for Storey County. Is this another happy coincidence? Would he have delivered his little soliloquy had he not gotten wind of the public records request? Is there a reason that Lance Gilman let two meetings go by and did not remark about their furious skid greasing?

Listen to Greg lay it on here:

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Let's get this straight...

They met with our Nevada representatives (something they can do in Nevada) and stood next to the "personal secretary" of "The Cajun John Wayne" as Donald Trump became the 45th President of the United States. Oh, and they discovered the Muckers are nationwide. Um....

### Impressive. Lobbying. Skills.

On the way out of town they checked out the girls lining up for the million woman march (a million bullets dodged as Hess and Gilman had already checked out of their hotel rooms...)

To recap, we paid \$ 7611.50 for them to attend Donald Trump's Inauguration....

### Seriously?

Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones have parlayed their positions in county governance to become wealthy and vastly wealthy. Yet they don't have enough cash to pay their own way?

### In-Freaking-Credible.

I have been to D.C. several times, but never on Inauguration Week. My sources tell me it is pretty much like the week that precedes Super Bowl; business as unusual. If you want to schedule meaningful work, you're in FantasyLand.

The aforementioned happy coincidence makes the storeyteller. online editors ponder aloud:

"If Mrs. Clinton had become President of The United States on Inauguration Day, would Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones finally hunker down and figure out how Skype works?"

Spending money at the government level is all about priorities. In Washington D.C. and on B Street.

\$7611.50 represents just under a quarter of the annual salary of a new deputy. Or a quarter of a new patrol vehicle.

What are the priorities in Storey County?

On a positive note, Greg picked up his bar tab...

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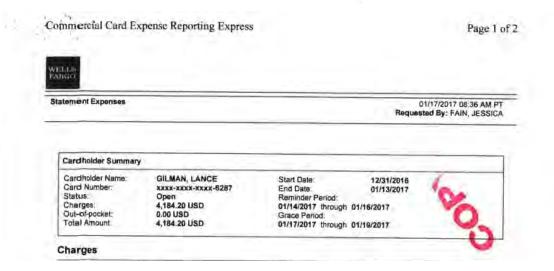
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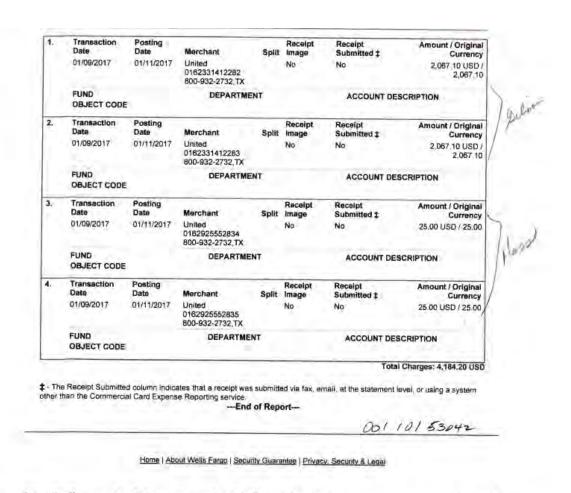
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## 8 thoughts on "Mr. Smith (and Mr. Jones) go to Washington. Storey County taxpayers foot the bill."



karl larson (http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/04/29/mr-chips-goes- April 30, 2017 to-washington/#comment-109)

reading "County Lobbyist Greg "Bum" Hess" makes me SO glad I got the hell out of Story county

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Editor (http://thestoreyteller.online)
April 30, 2017
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I'm not sure anyone would want to work in a County job when you have these kind of jackals always trying to nip at your heels.

It comes with the territory of elected public office. It's called accountability. Look it up.

Moving forward, know this. The people of Storey County are more ferocious than Jackals. We aim a little higher than your heels. And we don't nip.

Do your job and we'll happily keep an eye on you from the porch.

Thanks to the readers for considering my post.

Godspeed.

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as you know, Karl, I sold out of the (wingnut-filled) Highlands, bought your old M Street house and celebrated that and the inauguration by registering as a communist.

Imagine my disappointment when I got my card and it said "Other".

But the robo-calls stopped, so that's a plus.

As for this article, Dave, keep it up. thanks for your hard work.

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So they wouldn't register you as a commie?!? Disrespectful!

And Tommy, for the record, this is Sam Toll carrying on the tradition of trench warfare factual reporting.

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yes, Sam, sorry about that, I realized my error as soon as i hit post... tell your Dad i said hello!

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### Editor (http://thestoreyteller.online) (http://thestoreyteller.online May 1, 2017/2017/04/29/mr-chips-goes-to-washington/#comment-113)

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I'm not sure anyone would want to work in a County job when you have these kind of jackals always trying to nip at your heels.

It comes with the territory of elected public office. It's called accountability. Look it up.

Moving forward, know this. The people of Storey County are more ferocious than Jackals. We aim a little higher than your heels. And we don't nip.

Do your job and we'll happily keep an eye on you from the porch.

Thanks to the readers for considering my post.

#### Godspeed

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To add insult to injury, the County lobbyist claimed, as a result of this trip, to now have a Congressman on board that previously did not support the zip code bill. Except the Congressman has never had a previous session! And the Congressman's assistant, who bumped into Hess and Gilman on the street, asserted emphatically that NO policy discussions ever took place and she never expected to hear from our lobbyist or commissioner ever again. Odd, don't you think? Not the impression one should leave with the assistant to the Congressman who you are now lobbying to support your bill!

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## Attachment 11

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September 28th, 2017

Ms. Anne Langer Storey County District Attorney 205 South C Street P.O. Box 496 Virginia City, NV 89440

Mr. Adam Laxalt Nevada Attorney General 100 North Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701

**Subject: Public Records Request and Obstruction Complaint against Storey County** 

I am writing to you today on the six month anniversary of a public records request whose purpose is to verify the status of the residences of two Storey County Officials. I have attached the email correspondence between myself and Storey County regarding the zoning of the addresses supplied by Lance Gilman when he submitted required documents to run for County Commissioner and Kris Thompson to confirm his residence to qualify for being appointed to serve on the Storey County Planning Commission.

According to various NRS statutes and Storey County Code, in order for an elected or appointed official to hold office or be appointed to a board in Storey County, the elected official or appointed board member must reside in Storey County.

The purpose of my query was to confirm that the residence addresses supplied by Mr. Gilman and Mr. Thompson, two sides of a small double wide mobile home, located behind the swimming pool at the Mustang Ranch Brothel, are zoned as legal residence addresses by Storey County Statute.

This request now has collected six months worth of dust and remains unanswered.

According to Mr. Austin Osborne, assistant Storey County Manager, when I asked him about it he claimed "the matter was still under investigation".

Yet when I went into the Storey County Community Development Department several weeks after the last email communication from Storey County on this matter, I was able to leave with the zoning status of the property in less than 5 minutes. I discovered that there is no place on Mustang Ranch parcel zoned residential, not even a watchman's residence.

In other words neither 5 and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive are legal residences; nobody can legally reside there or claim either address as their legal residence.

It is my contention that by supplying this address, both Mr. Thompson and Mr. Gilman appear to be guilty of perjury.

Further, as they do not reside in Storey County, they are exempt and prohibited from holding office of any kind in Storey County.

I further contend that by stonewalling this public records request, Storey County, Mr. Pat Whitten and Mr. Austin Osborn are obstructing justice.

It is common knowledge to anyone paying attention that Lance Gilman, who has multiple residence properties in Washoe county and is extremely wealthy, does not bunk with Kris Thompson in a doublewide trailer.

I respectfully request an immediate investigation into this matter in an effort to restore integrity in our elected and appointed officials and look forward to the fair and just application of law by removing these men from office.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Sam Toll - Editor editor@thestoreyteller.online www.thestoreyteller.online 775-583-8655

## Attachment 12

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PO BOX 498 VIRGINIA CITY, NV 89440

PHONE: 775-847-0953 FAX: 775-847-0924

EMAIL: sheriff@storeycounty.org

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Storey County Sheriff's Office Box 498 Virginia City, Nevada 89440

Criminal Complaint of perjury against Lance Gilman and Kris Thompson

Sirs,

I have been directed by Storey County District Attorney Anne Langer to file the following complaint.

I have been waiting for a public records request with Mr. Austin Osborne, filed in late March 2017, to verify the zoning of 5, 5B and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive in Sparks Nevada.

After filing a public records request to determine the location of the address, I learned this is a dual wide mobile home structure located on the Mustang Ranch.

The purpose of the request with Mr. Osborne regarding the possibility of a residentially zoned area within the confines of the Mustang Ranch property was to determine if it was legally possible to maintain a personal residence. It is my understanding, later confirmed with the Community Development Department, that it is not legal for anyone to have a permanent residence on the premises.

I am accusing County Commissioner Lance Gilman and Storey County Planning Commission Member Kris Thompson of Perjury is due to information I received from Storey County Clerk Vanessa Stephens when she supplied proof of permanent residence of Mr. Thompson and Mr. Gilman.

Both documents show this property as their joint residence.

I contend, based on Storey County Zoning Authority, neither 5, 5B nor 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive qualify as legal residences,

- 1. Each are guilty of perjury when the filled out their documents required by the Nevada Secretary of State
- 2. Because neither of them actually reside at the residence they listed with the Nevada Secretary of State, actual verifiable proof of their actual residence is necessary to determine if they are legally qualified to hold office in Storey County.

I further contend that Mr. Thompson is in violation of Storey County Ordinance 5.16.220 which requires a work card for anyone on the premises permanently.

Determining where Mr. Gilman and Mr Thompson's pillows are is a simple matter of requisition the location/cell phone triangulation data from their cellular providers over the last two years. This data will conclusively and accurately locate where they sleep and thus determine where they actually reside.

Attached please find the complaint I filed with Storey County DA Langer and AG Laxalt

Respectfully,

Sam Toll Gold Hill

### **Exhibit 2**

### Exhibit 2

#### SECOND DECLARATION OF SAM TOLL

- 1. I am the declarant and I am competent to make this testimony;
- 2. I have personal knowledge of each and every fact attested to herein;
- 3. I have been named as the Defendant in Case No. 18-trt-00001-1e in the First Judicial District Court in Storey County;
- 4. I have reviewed the February 21, 2018 Opposition to Anti-SLAPP Special Motion to Dismiss ("Opposition") filed by Lance Gilman's attorneys. I have also reviewed the Affidavit of Lance Gilman with is attached to the Opposition as Exhibit 3. Both the Opposition and the Affidavit contain statements of fact that are not accurate;
- 5. On Page 3 Line 11 of the Opposition it claims that I have published post after post "over a period of two years" defaming Gilman on the Storey Teller Website. I started the Teller in February of 2017, just over a year ago, so this statement is not accurate;
- 6. Also on Page 3 at Line 12 of the Opposition it claims that almost every single one of one of my posts on the Teller has defamed Gilman. This is not accurate. I have published approximately 247 posts on the Teller since its inception. The Opposition states on Page 25 Line 11 that "in excess of 40" posts on the Teller are about Gilman. So by Gilmans own number about 16% of my postings are about Gilman. Gilman's claims that I started the Teller just to target him or that in virtually every post I insult Gilman is not supported by the facts. I write about Gilman because some of the newsworthy business conducted in Story County or by the Storey County Commission involves the Tahoe Reno Industrial Complex ("TRIC") and/or the Mustang Ranch;
- 7. Page 14 lines 1-2 of the Opposition it states that Gilman has never received title to land from Storey County in any transaction. Throughout my articles, I use Lance Gilman and TRIC interchangeably. I understand that Gilman has an ownership stake in TRIC, and that he presents himself to the world as the face of TRIC, it is accurate to describe Gilman as representing TRIC. TRIC has received title to land from Storey County;
- 8. During a normal week the Teller website now receives between 800 and 1000 visitors. These basic numbers are confirmed by the Attachment 1 to this Declaration, which is a true and correct copy of a printout of the statcounter.com Weekly Status Report for my website from December 11, 2017 to December 17, 2017, and which shows I had 888 unique visits to the site that week. Given that I write about news in Storey County, and there are only about 4500 people in Storey County, it's reasonable to conclude that a large percentage of Storey County residents visit the Teller website and are interested in the issues that I am writing about, including Gilman, the Storey County Commission, TRIC, and the Mustang Ranch, among other topics.

- 9. Gilman's statement that we are involved in a "private and quixotic fight" is not accurate. Everything I write about Gilman relates to his status as a Storey County Commissioner, as a principal of TRIC, or as owner of the Mustang Ranch. Even my statements about Gilman's residence are of interest to the public because as a Storey County Commissioner Gilman is supposed to reside in his district and represent the interests of his constituents, not just those of TRIC or the Mustang Ranch. If Gilman does not live in Storey County, he is much less likely to represent the interests of Storey County residents. I also routinely criticize other Storey County officials, such as the County Manager Pat Whitten and Community Development Director Gary Hames, among others.
- 10. At various points in the Opposition, such as on Page 43 line 1, it states that I did little or no diligence before making false statements about Gilman. This is untrue as well. As described below, for each statement I made that Gilman claims is defamatory, I investigated the facts before making the statement:
  - a. My opinion that Gilman does not live in Storey County is a result of my investigation into the matter, including: reports from a confidential informant that states that Gilman leaves the Mustang Ranch and heads towards Reno every evening around 8:00 pm, the fact that where Gilman claims to live is not zoned for multi-family residences, the fact that the double wide in which Gilman claims to live is right behind a brothel, and the fact that it just doesn't make sense that Gilman, one of the richest people in the State, lives in a double wide (as defined in a response by the Storey County Assessor to a public records request I made inquiring about the structure) trailer with two bunk mates, Kris Thompson and Jennifer Barnes-Milsap, who I discovered list the same address as their residence in a response to a public records request on registered voting addresses I made with the Storey County Clerk;
  - b. My opinion that Gilman engaged in Reverse Graft is set out in the article attached to my first Declaration as Attachment 1, Storey County has been strapped with debt to pay for infrastructure for TRIC developer expenses which should have been paid for by TRIC and the debt for which not assumed by Storey County. The proposed "pipeline deal" that Gilman discusses in this Affidavit is just one example. The article explains that the pipeline deal would divert taxes to pay for a pipeline that will benefit TRIC and TRIC occupants only, and that TRIC and the occupants should pay for such infrastructure;
  - c. My opinion that Gilman receives special consideration regarding rules and regulations is based on the fact, in the big picture, TRIC has received free land from Storey County, that Storey County modifies, changes, and amends rules and regulations for both the Mustang Ranch and TRIC. In the article attached to my first Declaration as Attachment 6, I specifically spell out what I mean when I say that Gilman receives special consideration regarding rules and regulations;

- d. My opinion that Gilman received land for free from Storey County is supported by the fact that as part of the USA Parkway/Tesla deal, Storey County gave TRIC a portion of the parkway for free. Although Gilman claims in his Affidavit that this benefits the County because it decreases maintenance costs and the entire Tesla deal will result in increased tax revenue to the County in the future, it doesnt change the fact that Storey County gave land to TRIC for free, which TRIC then sold to the State at a huge profit. While the USA Parkway giveaway is the most egregious, reconveyance of land from Storey County to TRIC for no consideration is a frequent occurrence on the public record at Storey County Commission Meetings;
- e. My opinion that Gilman's trip to Washington DC was a personal trip is supported by my investigation into the matter. Before I wrote the article in Attachment 10 to my first Declaration, I called the Storey County Manager Pat Whitten regarding any documentation of lobbying efforts during the trip in question, and he responded that there was none. I also made a public records request. The documents I obtained as a result of this public records request stated that the trip was for Trump's inauguration a personal purpose; the documents are reproduced in the article itself. There was no evidence that the DC trip involved any public business at all when I published my article.
- 11. The statement that Gilman did not want follow the law when relicensing the Mustang Ranch brothel was not made by me, but I believed the statement was a true expression of Gilman's attitude at the time it was published and that the statement represented the author's opinion, not a statement of fact about whether Gilman actually followed the law. Gilman was involved in an ongoing dispute with a lender over licensing issues related to the Wild Horse brothel, as he describes in his own Affidavit. Before publishing the article, I read reports in the Comstock Chronicle about the lawsuit between Gilman and the lender. I also researched and obtained the investigation into Gilman by the Ethics Commission (attached to the underlying Motion as Exhibit 1) and the Nevada Supreme Court's decision in Case No. 65104, in which the Supreme Court affirming Gilman's loss to the lender (Attached hereto as Attachment 2) and concluded that Gilman breached the covenant of good faith and fair dealing and that Gilman failed to fight the revocation of the license of the Wild Horse. Based on my research, I believe that Gilman's act of merging the two properties in combination with the revocation of the Wild Horse shows that he did not want to follow the law by obtaining a new license for the Wild Horse or "expanding" the license for the Mustang Ranch brothel, he wanted special rules and consideration from Storey County to justify his actions;
- 12. My statement in the article in Attachment 4 to my first Declaration that Gilman would reimburse Storey County for the estimated \$30,000 spent on the Recall Election of Sheriff Antinoro was satire, as it is humorous given the circumstances the piece describes. The article very clearly says this at the bottom of the piece. No

- reasonable person could construe the contents of the article as being factual statements. The first comment at the bottom of the article made on May 20, 2017 states, "I love Satire." along with a laugh-out-loud emoji.
- 13. As a result of Gilman's lawsuit against me, I have had to amend the appeal for funds to support the Teller to a go fund me page asking for help to pay to defend this suit. Before I collected money to keep the Teller ad-free by stating, "support the Teller and keep fact-based news about Storey County Ad Free," but the money I collect from the site now goes to pay to defend this suit. I also have been spending considerable of my time aiding in the defense of Gilman's lawsuit; time I would have otherwise spent investigating and reporting on the political affairs of Storey County, which I believe is the whole point of Gilman's suing me.
- 14. If I were to give testimony in open court, it would be substantively the same as that set forth herein above.

Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 53.045, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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## Attachment 1

## Attachment 1

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Date: December 18, 2017 at 2:32 AM

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Project: Storey Teller

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#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY
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TG INVESTMENTS, LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Respondent.

#### ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

This is an appeal from a district court judgment after a jury verdict in a contract and real property action. First Judicial District Court, Storey County; James E. Wilson, Judge.

Respondent TG Investments, LLC (TGI) loaned appellant Cash Asset Management, LLC (CAM) \$2,250,000 so that CAM could open and operate a brothel in Storey County. The loan was secured by a deed of trust on the real property where the brothel was located and required CAM to maintain a license for the brothel, fight any revocation of the license, and pay TGI interest including a percentage of the gross revenues. CAM stopped paying TGI the interest, and TGI filed the underlying action. While the action was pending, a Storey County ordinance

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governing brothels was amended and the Storey County Brothel Licensing Board revoked the brothel's license. A jury found that CAM breached the contract and the covenant of good faith and fair dealing. Based on the jury's verdict, the district court entered a judgment against CAM finding that it owed TGI \$1,909,378.67 and ordered the encumbered real property sold with the proceeds to be applied to CAM's debt to TGI. CAM filed motions for judgment as a matter of law, a new trial, and to alter or amend the judgment, which were all denied. This appeal followed.

Having considered the parties' arguments and the record on appeal, we conclude that the district court properly denied CAM's original and renewed motions for judgment as a matter of law. See Nelson v. Heer, 123 Nev. 217, 222-23, 163 P.3d 420, 424 (2007) (explaining that this court views the evidence and all inferences in favor of the nonmoving party and reviews de novo an order denying a motion for judgment as a matter of law). CAM admitted that it breached the contract by acknowledging that it owed TGI \$26,861 in underpaid interest and by conceding at trial that it failed to appeal the license revocation. Further, the jury could draw reasonable inferences from the evidence offered that CAM failed to fight the revocation of the license and that CAM influenced the amendment of the brothel ordinance and sought the revocation of the license in an effort to void its obligations to TGI. Thus, there was sufficient evidence supporting the jury's verdict that CAM breached the contract and the covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

Additionally, the district court did not abuse its discretion in denying CAM's motion for a new trial because there was no irregularity in the proceedings, the jury did not manifestly disregard the jury instructions, and the damages were not excessive. See Bayerische Motoren Werke Aktiengesellschaft v. Roth, 127 Nev. 122, 133, 252 P.3d 649, 657 (2011) (explaining that this court reviews the denial of a motion for a new trial for an abuse of discretion). While TGI elicited testimony concerning the appropriateness of the brothel license revocation, because such testimony was relevant to show arguments that CAM could have made if it had challenged the revocation, TGI did not make collateral attacks on the brothel ordinance or the Storey County Brothel Licensing Board's revocation of the license. Further, because there was no evidence that if TGI had applied for a brothel license, the brothel's license would not have been revoked, it was possible for the jury to reach its verdict while applying the jury instruction concerning mitigation of damages. See Price v. Sinnott, 85 Nev. 600, 606, 460 P.2d 837, 840 (1969) (providing that a new trial is unwarranted when it is possible for the jurors to reach the verdict that they reached after properly applying all jury instructions to the evidence presented at trial). Also, the damages awarded were not excessive as they were less than the amount of damages presented by one of the expert accountants.

Lastly, the district court did not abuse its discretion in denying CAM's motion to alter or amend the judgment's order for the sale of the property securing the debt. See AA Primo Builders, LLC v. Washington, 126 Nev. 578, 589, 245 P.3d 1190, 1197 (2010) (explaining that this court reviews an order denying a motion to alter or amend a judgment for an abuse of discretion). TGI only pursued one action, the underlying action, to recover the debts owed to it by CAM. And after the jury found that CAM had breached the contract and the covenant of good

faith and fair dealing and established the amount of CAM's debt, the court properly ordered the property sold under NRS 40.430 (2013) to satisfy the debt. Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.

Douglas, J.

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cc: Hon. James E. Wilson, District Judge Debbie Leonard, Settlement Judge Gunderson Law Firm Law Offices of Mark Wray Storey County Clerk

# Exhibit 3

# **Exhibit 3**

#### DECLARATION OF BARRY SMITH

- I, Barry Smith, declare that the assertions in this Declaration are true and correct and are based upon my personal knowledge, and that I am competent to testify to the facts stated below:
- 1. I am the Executive Director of the Nevada Press Association, which is located at 102 N. Curry St., Carson City, Nevada;
- 2. The Nevada Press Association is the formal trade organization for news publications in the state of Nevada. It is a voluntary non-profit organization that represents daily and weekly news publications in Nevada and the Lake Tahoe region of Northern California, as well as online news services, magazines and others. The history of Nevada Press Association dates back to 1865, when an association of Nevada newspapers was first organized. In 1924, the organization officially became the Nevada State Press Association after a journalism professor at the University of Nevada, Reno spearheaded a final reorganization campaign;
- 3. Sam Toll, through his website the StoreyTeller, joined the Nevada Press Association in August of 2017; and
- 4. The StoreyTeller is an active member of the Nevada Press Association in good standing.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed May 7th, 2018 in Carson City, Nevada:

Barry Smith

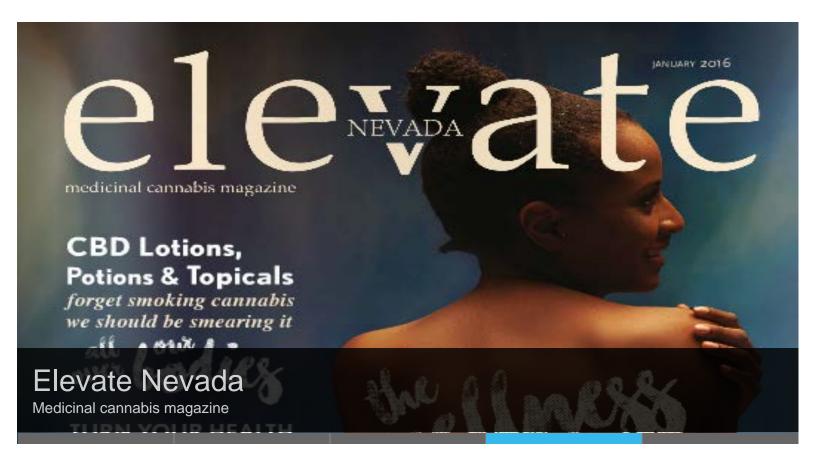
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Public affairs magazine of the Nevada National Guard

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1577 Caboose Drive

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106 E. Adams St., Ste. 201

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Fax: 775-884-2213

Publisher/Editor: C.J. Hadley Circulation: 48,000 per quarter Publication Day: Quarterly

rangemagazine.com

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1481 Angora Drive

Gardnerville, NV 89460

Telephone: (775) 781-6900

Type of publication: online news Publication Day: multiple times daily

Publisher/Editor: Joey Crandall

CarsonValleyTimes.com



102 N. Curry St.

Carson City, NV 89703

NevadaMomentum.com



County: Storey

### NevadaGram

Type of publication: Online news and travel

Editor: David Toll

www.nevadatravel.net

# The Storey Teller

Type of publication: Online news and travel

Editor: Sam Toll thestoreyteller.onlin

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### El Tiempo

1111 W. Bonanza Road

Las Vegas, NV 89106

Telephone: (702) 387-2972

FAX: (702) 251-0736

Publisher: Gabriela Jurica

Editor: Maria Cristina Matta-Caro Sales Manager: Gabriela Jurica Circulation Manager: Ali Nahangi

Circulation: 50,000











Publication Day: Friday (p.m.)

www.eltiempolv.com

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7120 Rafael Ridge Way Las Vegas, NV 89119 Telephone: 702-737-8464

Fax: 702-457-8464 Editor: Beth Schwartz Publisher: Guy Bertuzzi Circulation: 30,000 Publication: Monthly

elevatenv.com

# **Gaming Today**

4577 S. Industrial Road Las Vegas, NV 89193

Telephone: (702) 798-1151

FAX: (702) 798-2069

Publisher: Eileen M. Di Rocco

Executive Editor: Managing Editor:

Ad Director: Gabrielle Reisler

Ad Rep: Erick Knapp Circulation: 90,000

Publication Day: Tuesday www.gamingtoday.com

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1216 S. Rainbow Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89146

Telephone: (702) 944-8773

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Circulation: 10,000 Publication: Monthly

www.highriselifevegas.com

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3227 Meade Ave., Ste. 1-A

Las Vegas, NV 89102

Telephone: (702) 622-8001

Publisher: Bill Shehan Editor: Stephanie Shehan









Type of Publication: Magazine

Circulation: 30,000

Publication Frequency: Monthly http://vegascannabismag.com/

## \*Vegas Inc.

2360 Corporate Circle Dr., Third Floor

Henderson, NV 89074

Telephone: (702) 990-2545 FAX: (702) 383-7264 (news)

Group Publisher: Gordon Prouty
Assistant Publisher: Breen Nolan

Editor:

Senior Ad Manager: Jeff Jacobs Director of Circulation: Ron Gannon

Circulation: 8,000

Publication Day: Monday, except last Monday of the year

www.lasvegas.com

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2880 Bicentennial Parkway, Ste. 100-244

Henderson, NV 89044

Telephone: (702) 251-4441

FAX: (702) 666-0427

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Circulation: 40,000

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1111 W. Bonanza Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89106

Telephone: (702) 871-6780

FAX: (702) 871-3740

Publisher: Debbie Donaldson

Editor: Lynn Collier

Ad Director:

Circulation: 8,500

Publication Day: Monday www.lvbusinesspress.com

# Las Vegas Magazine

2275 Corporate Circle, Ste. 300 Henderson, NV 89074









Telephone: (702) 383-7185 FAX: (702) 383-1089 Publisher: Kim Armenta Editor: Jack Houston Circulation 140,000

Weekly room guide/luxury magazine

www.lasvegasmagazine.com

### Silver And Black Today

10967 Calcedonian St. Las Vegas, NV 89141 Telephone: (702) 802-9921

Frequency: Daily

Circulation (monthly): 65,000 silverandblacktoday.com

Publisher: Scott Gulbransen

# Las Vegas Weekly

2360 Corporate Circle Drive, Fourth Floor

Henderson, NV 89074

Telephone: (702) 990-2550

FAX: (702) 990-2424 Publisher: Travis Keys Senior Editor: Geoff Carter Managing Editor: Brock Radke

Ad Director: Travis Keys

Consulting Publisher: Bruce Spotleson

Circulation: 75,000

Publication Day: Thursday www.lasvegasweekly.com

### **Link Magazine**

9107 Del Webb Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89134 Telephone: (702) 966-1436

Editor/Executive Director: Paul Henderson

Managing Editor: Jeannette Carrillo

Type of publication: monthly with weekly website

Circulation: 8,500 www.suncitylink.com

# The Nevada Independent

7455 Arroyo Crossing, Ste. 220 Las Vegas, NV 89113







Telephone: (702) 378-0893

Editor: Jon Ralston

Type of publication: online news www.thenevadaindependent.com

### **Nevada Legal News**

930 South Fourth Street, Suite #100

Las Vegas, NV 89101

Telephone: (702) 382-2747

FAX: (702) 598- 0641 Publisher: Scott Sibley

Assistant Operations Manager: Rosie Qualls

Ad Directory: Luz Munoz

Circultion: 1,000

Publication Days: Monday-Friday (a.m.)

www.nevadalegalnews.com

# Nevada Policy Research Institute/ Nevada Journal

7130 Placid St.

Las Vegas, NV 89119-4203 Telephone: (702) 222-0642

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President: Sharon J. Rossie

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#### One Voice

2621 Losee Road

North Las Vegas 89030

Published monthly for Nevada National Security Site

Editors: Jeff Donaldson and Lory Jones

Circulation: 3,800 http://www.nnss.gov/

### **Paint This Desert**

10257 Philmont Ct.

Las Vegas, NV 89183

Editor/Publisher: Ed Fuentes

PaintThisDesert.com

#### \* UNLV Scarlet & Gray Free Press

4505 S. Maryland Pkwy. #45201











Las Vegas, NV 89154

702-895-3889

Fax: (702) 895-1515 Editor: Bianca Cseke

Circulation: 3,000 twice weekly

www.unlvfreepress.com



701 Bridger Ave., Ste. 400

Las Vegas NV 89101

702-798-7000

FAX: (702) 384-9009

Publisher: Michael Skenandore

Senior Editors: Paul Szydelko and Xania Woodman

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Publication Day: Thursday www.weeklyseven.com

# \* Veterans Reporter

1609 Stocker St.

North Las Vegas, NV 89030 Telephone: (702) 642-7028

Fax: (702) 642-2141

General Manager: William Hsia Production Manager: Brian T. Cox

Circulation: 11,000

Monthly

www.veteransreporter.com

### **View Neighborhood Newspapers**

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Telephone: (702) 380-4589

Fax: (702) 477-3852 Editor: Jeff Mosier

Circulation:

www.viewnews.com/

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# **Veterans Reporter News**



Winnemucca, NV 89445 Telephone: (775) 623-5011

FAX: (775) 623-5243

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Circulation: Sharon Vedis

Circulation: 2,000

Publication Day: First Tuesday of the month

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County: Clark

\*Let's Talk Nevada.com

PO Box 1292 (89024)

980 Crestview Drive

Mesquite, NV 89027

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Fax: (866) 605-0417

Type of publication: Online daily publication of news and opinion

Publisher: John Williams

Editor: Elaine Hurd LetsTalkNevada.com

**RENO** 

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**Northern Nevada Business Weekly** 

50 W. Liberty St., Ste. 203

Reno, NV 89501

Telephone: (775) 770-1173

FAX: (775) 770-1171

Publisher: Kirsten McGregor

Editor: Sally Roberts

Circulation Manager: Candice Lindsey

Circulation: 5,500

Publication Day: Monday

www.nnbw.biz

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1664 N. Virginia St. Mailstop 058 Reno, NV 89557-0001









Phone: 775-784-6969 Fax: 775-784-1952

Advertising: 775-784-7773
Editor-In-Chief: Jacob Solis
Managing Editor: Jordan Russell
www.nevadasagebrush.com

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860 Maestro Drive Reno, NV 89511

Telephone: (775) 329-7222

Fax: (775) 329-7255 Publisher: Frank Hawbolt Managing Editor: Jana Higgins

Circulation: 1,000 Publication day: Friday

scsplanroom.com

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Circulation: 15,000

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# NASHVILLE, TN

### \*Athlon Sports

2451 Atrium Way, Ste 320 Nashville, TN 37214-5102 Telephone: (615) 327-0747

FAX: (615) 327-1149

Publisher: Anthony Flaccavento

Editor: Charlie Miller Circulation: 9,000,000

Frequency of Publication: Monthly

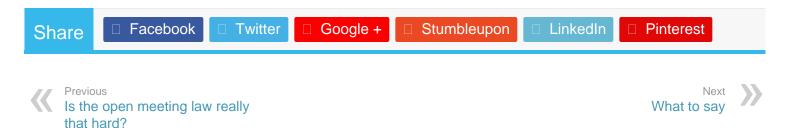
Type of Publication: Newspaper Magazine

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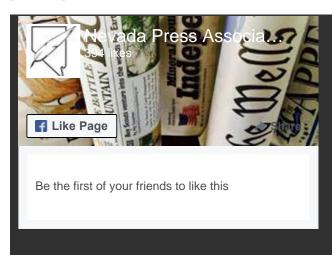
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13	LANCE GILMAN, an individual, ) Case No.: 18-TRT-00001-1e		
14	Plaintiff, ) Dept No.: II		
15	vs. ) <u>REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO</u> <u>PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL;</u>		
16	SAM TOLL, an individual; DOES I-V, inclusive; and ROE ENTITIES VI-X,  ) MOTION FOR SANCTIONS; MOTION  TO EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD		
17 18	inclusive, Defendants.  ) FOR DISCOVERY; AND IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGEMENT		
19	COMES NOW the Plaintiff, LANCE GILMAN, by and through his attorneys, GUS W.		
20	FLANGAS, ESQ. and JESSICA K. PETERSON, ESQ., of the FLANGAS DALACAS LAW		
21	GROUP, and hereby Replies to the Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Compel; Motion for		
22	Sanctions; Motion to Extend the Time Period for Discovery; and in the Alternative, Motion for		
23	Partial Summary Judgement, filed by the Defendant, SAM TOLL.		
24	This Reply is based upon the Pleadings and Papers on file herein, the attached Points		
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and Authorities and oral argument to be made by Counsel at any Hearing of this Matter.

Dated this 4 day of June, 2018.

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# POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

### A. INTRODUCTION.

The Defendant, SAM TOLL (hereinafter the "Defendant"), filed an Opposition to the Plaintiff's Motion to Compel; Motion for Sanctions; Motion to Extend the Time Period for Discovery; and in the Alternative, Motion for Partial Summary Judgement (hereinafter referred to as the "Motion to Compel"). As part of this Reply Brief, the Plaintiff, LANCE GILMAN, hereby incorporates as though set forth in full, the "Plaintiff's Supplemental Opposition to the Defendant's Anti-SLAPP Motion." For the most part, in replying to the Defendant's Opposition, the Plaintiff maintains those facts and arguments contained in the Motion to Compel and will only address those issues that ostensibly require some further limited comment.

# B. <u>CONTRARY TO THE DEFENDANT'S ASSERTIONS, NEVADA'S NEWS SHIELD STATUTE DOES NOT APPLY TO HIM.</u>

In the Motion to Compel, the Plaintiff asserted that to invoke the privilege an individual is required to be either a *reporter*, *former reporter or editorial employee of any newspaper*, *periodical or press association or employee of any radio or television station.* See NRS 49.275. In the absence of one of those labels an individual is not entitled to invoke the privilege to protect either the information he obtained or the source of the information. As stated in the Motion to

Compel, "[I]t is well settled in Nevada that words in a statute should be given their plain meaning unless this violates the spirit of the act." Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel.

County of Clark, 116 Nev. At 94, 993 P.2d at 54 citing McKay v. Bd. of Supervisors, 102 Nev. 644, 648, 730 P.2d 438, 441 (1986). "[N]o part of a statute should be rendered nugatory, nor any language turned to mere surplusage, if such consequences can properly be avoided." Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark, 116 Nev. At 94, 993 P.2d at 54-55 citing Paramount Ins. v. Rayson & Smitley, 86 Nev. 644, 649, 472 P.2d 530, 533 (1970) (alteration in original) (quoting Torreyson v. Board of Examiners, 7 Nev. 19, 22 (1871)). Thus, "[w]here a statute is clear on its face, a court may not go beyond the language of the statute in determining the legislature's intent." Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark, 116 Nev. At 94-95, 993 P.2d at 55 citing McKay, 102 Nev. at 648, 730 P.2d at 441.

As stated in the Motion to Compel, there is nothing contained in the four corners of the statute that applies to the Defendant in this matter; specifically, there is nothing providing for a blogger such as the Defendant in the statute. Moreover, the Defendant has never made a showing how he qualifies for the protections afforded by NRS 49.275. In addition, in the "About Section" of the Storey Teller, the Defendants states that "the [Storey Teller] was created to provide a source of irritation to the Good Old Boys who operate The Biggest Little County in the World with selfish impunity forever." Therefore, the Storey Teller by its own admission was not created for the purpose of disseminating news to the general public.

To contraindicate the Plaintiff's assertions, and to assert that the Defendant does fall within the protections of NRS 49.272, the Defendants asserts the following: (1) a self serving Declaration that he started the Teller to provide an alternative and competing news source; (2) a reference to one of his publications stating such things that the Teller is "facts-not-fake news," and find out what is really going on in Storey County;" (3) a self serving Declaration that the Teller receives 800 and 1,000 visitors in a normal week; (4) a reference to his membership in the Nevada Press Association; (5) a reference to holding a Press Badge from the Nevada Legislature; and (6) a reference to Webster's Dictionary definition of a reporter. Not a single one of these is dispositive on the issue whether the Defendant can invoke the privilege protections afforded by

NRS 49.275.

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Nowhere in his Opposition, does the Defendant ever address how he falls under the protection of NRS 49.275, in light of the statutory construction principals set forth in the Motion to Compel. Moreover, as stated above, according to the "About Section" of the Storey Teller, "the [Storey Teller] was created to provide a source of irritation to the Good Old Boys who operate The Biggest Little County in the World with selfish impunity forever." Therefore, the Storey Teller by its own admission was not created for the purpose of disseminating news to the general public. See Too Much Media, LLC v. Hale, 206 N.J. 209 (2011) (the Hale Court noted that the focus was not what the law protected but whom it protected. In holding that Hale was not protected, the Court noted that the site upon which Hale posted her comments was an internet message board which was not "news Media" because it was not disseminating news to the general public). In other words, the Defendant self concludes that he is reporter subject to the protections afforded by NRS 49.275.

#### THE DEFENDANT FAILS TO ADDRESS THE PLAINTIFF'S ASSERTION C. THAT THE DEFENDANT'S ATTEMPT TO USE NEVADA'S NEWS SHIELD STATUTE SHOULD YIELD SO THAT JUSTICE MAY BE SERVED.

As stated in the Motion to Compel, although the news shield statute provides an absolute privilege to reporters engaged in the newsgathering process, there may be certain situations, e.g., when a defendant's countervailing constitutional rights are at issue, in which the news shield statute might have to yield so that justice may be served. See Id; Aspen Financial Services, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court of State ex rel. County of Clark, 129 Nev. 878, 313 P.3d 875 (2013). As further stated in the Motion to Compel, it should be noted that the Court will not allow a media defendant totally to avoid accountability for defamatory utterances through manipulative use of the shield law. See Las Vegas Sun, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court In and For County of Clark, 104 Nev. at 513, 761 P.2d at 853. The shield law creates a protective environment for the reporter who is engaged in obtaining, preparing and collecting information. Id. It does not create a special privilege for news media litigants, however. <u>Id</u>.

Notwithstanding that the Defendant fails to address any of these arguments in his Opposition, the Defendant by his own admission in the "About Section" of the Storey Teller, the 28 | . .

Defendants states that "the [Storey Teller] was created to provide a source of irritation to the Good Old Boys who operate The Biggest Little County in the World with selfish impunity forever. It then begs the question on how irritating the "Good Old Boys" transforms the Defendant into a reporter who is engaged in obtaining, preparing and collecting information.

In the instant case, the Defendant has accused the Plaintiff of perjury claiming that the Plaintiff lied under oath on forms he submitted pertaining to his residency in Storey County. Perjury is a felony. NRS 199.120, entitled, "Definition; penalties," states:

A person, having taken a lawful oath or made affirmation in a judicial proceeding or in any other matter where, by law, an oath or affirmation is required and no other penalty is prescribed, who:

- 1. Willfully makes an unqualified statement of that which the person does not know to be true;
- 2. Swears or affirms willfully and falsely in a matter material to the issue or point in question;
- 3. Suborns any other person to make such an unqualified statement or to swear or affirm in such a manner;
- 4. Executes an affidavit pursuant to NRS 15.010 which contains a false statement, or suborns any other person to do so; or
- 5. Executes an affidavit or other instrument which contains a false statement before a person authorized to administer oaths or suborns any other person to do so, is guilty of perjury or subornation of perjury, as the case may be, **which is a category D felony** and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130. (Emphasis added).

Without one iota of evidence to support his untrue statement, the Defendant is now hiding behind the Shield Statute to conceal the ball on **what he did or didn't do** to confirm the Plaintiff's residency in Storey County. Notwithstanding that the Defendant is not entitled to such protections under the News Shield Statute, for justice to be served, the Defendant should be compelled to answer the questions posed by the undersigned counsel related to his efforts to confirm his untrue statements. In other words, the news shield statute should have to yield especially considering there is nothing earth shattering about how the Defendant arrived at his conclusions that the Plaintiff committed perjury.

# D. THE PLAINTIFF RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE COURT EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD FOR CONDUCTING DISCOVERY.

Pursuant to the Court's Order, the deadline for completing the limited discovery is May 11, 2018. The Plaintiff would need the additional time for discovery to retake the Defendant's Deposition and other Depositions that would follow from his testimony should the Court grant the Motion to Compel. Regardless of whether the Court grants the Motion to Compel, the Plaintiff needs additional time to conduct discovery to fully look at what the Defendant knew about the falsity of his statements. The Defendant's assertion about having the Plaintiff having 30 days in which to conduct unlimited discovery is somewhat disingenuous given that the Plaintiff was not given notice of the Court's Order for many days after it was issued, and given that the Defendant's counsel limited their availability of dates for the Plaintiff's counsel to conduct depositions and the time limitations imposed by the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure.

E. THE COURT SHOULD GRANT THE PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND ISSUE A RULING THAT BECAUSE THE DEFENDANT INVOKED NEVADA'S NEW SHIELD STATUTE, THE DEFENDANT SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RELY ON THE PRIVILEGED INFORMATION AS A DEFENSE IN THIS MATTER.

In his Opposition, the Defendant makes the blanket statement that the Plaintiff Motion for Summary Judgment is not proper because it can only apply to a claim and cannot be entered on a single evidentiary issues or discovery issue. This is <u>not</u> a correct recitation of the law. NRCP 56 provides in pertinent part:

(a) For Claimant. A party seeking to recover upon a claim, counterclaim, or cross-claim or to obtain a declaratory judgment may, at any time after the expiration of 20 days from the commencement of the action or after service of a motion for summary judgment by the adverse party, move with or without supporting affidavits for a summary judgment in the **party's favor upon all or any part thereof**. (Emphasis added).<sup>1</sup>

Under NRCP 56, summary judgment is appropriate when the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, admissions, and affidavits, if any, that are properly before the court

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Defendant in his Opposition merely cites a portion of NRCP 56(a) and conveniently leaves out the pertinent parts including but not limited to the emphasized language. <u>See</u> Defendant's Opposition, page 9.

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# 18 F. <u>CONCLUSION</u>.

privileged information as a defense.<sup>3</sup>

any form of waiver whatsover.

As clearly demonstrated in the Motion to Compel, the Defendant during is Deposition improperly asserted the privilege afforded by Nevada's News Shield Statute at least ten times. Because of the number of times the Defendant refused to to answer questions based on the Media Shield privilege, the undersigned terminated the Defendant's Deposition so that this Motion to Compel could be filed. According to the "About Section" of the Storey Teller, "the [Storey

demonstrate that no genuine issue of material fact exists, and the moving party is entitled to

judgment as a matter of law. Wood v. Safeway, Inc., 121 Nev. 724, 121 P.3d 1026 (2005). Even

As set forth in the Motion to Compel, once a media litigant has invoked the protection of

the Wood case refers to facts not claims and the clear implication is that summary judgment is

appropriate for resolving some factual issues even if it is not the entire claim. Thus, the

the news shield statute to resist discovery, the defendant may not later rely on the privileged

information as a defense. See Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark, 116

Nev. 88, 101, 993 P.2d 50, 58-59 citing Las Vegas Sun, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court In and

For County of Clark, 104 Nev. 508, 514, 761 P.2d 849, 853-854 (1988). Moreover, to the extent

that a plaintiff in a defamation action is required to prove that a media litigant either knew that

shield statute may result in discovery sanctions. Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel.

County of Clark, supra at Footnote 6. Interestingly, the Defendant admits that the Plaintiff is

correct in the assertion about the applicability of the Diaz case.2 Therefore, the Court should

issue an Order granting partial summary judgment precluding the Defendant from relying on the

the published information was false or acted in reckless disregard of the truth, an assertion of the

requested partial summary judgment is appropriate.

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Diaz is misplaced in that "broadcast of substance of conversations with confidential sources does

not constitute waiver of privilege against disclosure of identities of such sources." <u>See</u> the Defendant's Opposition, page 9. Nowhere in the Motion to Compel does the Plaintiff address

<sup>3</sup> For some reason the Defendant in his Opposition states that the Plaintiff's reliance on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>See</u> the Defendant's Opposition, page 9.

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Teller] was created to provide a source of irritation to the Good Old Boys who operate The Biggest Little County in the World with selfish impunity forever." Clearly, this is not what was envisioned by the legislature in enacting NRS 49.275. Moreover, there is nothing providing for a blogger such as the Defendant in the statute. Therefore, the Defendant is not entitled to the protections afforded by NRS 49.275. Notwithstanding that the Defendant is not entitled to such protections under the News Shield Statute, for justice to be served, the Defendant should be compelled to answer the questions posed by the undersigned counsel related to his efforts to confirm his untrue statements. In other words, the news shield statute should have to yield especially considering that the Defendant accused the Plaintiff of perjury (a crime) and there is nothing earth shattering about how the Defendant arrived at his conclusions that the Plaintiff committed perjury.

If the Court is inclined to grant the Motion to Compel, the Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court impose sanctions in an amount to cover the Plaintiff's counsel's travel costs, lodging costs, court reporter fees, and attorney fees incurred in bringing this instant Motion.

Because the deadline for completing the limited discovery was May 11, 2018, the Plaintiff respectfully requests additional time for discovery to retake the Defendant's Deposition and other Depositions that would follow from his testimony should the Court grant the Motion to Compel. Regardless of whether the Court grants the Motion to Compel, the Plaintiff needs additional time to conduct discovery to fully look at what the Defendant knew about the falsity of his statements.

In the alternative, the Court should grant the Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. There are no genuine issues of material fact pertaining to the Defendant invoking Nevada's New Shield Statute. It is clear from the transcript of the Defendant's Deposition. Therefore, partial summary judgment is appropriate on the issue of whether the Defendant can rely on the privileged information as a defense.

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# AFFIRMATION Pursuant to NRS 239B.030

The undersigned hereby affirms that this document does not contain the social security

number of any person.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2018.

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2	I hereby certify that I am an employee of FLANGAS DALACAS LAW GROUP, and		
3	that on this 4 <sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, served a true and correct copy of the <b>REPLY TO</b>		
4	OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL; MOTION FOR SANCTIONS;		
5	MOTION TO EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD FOR DISCOVERY; AND IN THE		
6	ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGEMENT as indicated		
7	below:		
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and Authorities and oral argument to be made by Counsel at any Hearing of this Matter.

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# POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

# I. STATEMENT OF FACTS

# A. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>.

The instant suit involves certain false and defamatory statements made by the Defendant about the Plaintiff. The Defendant, SAM TOLL (hereinafter the "Defendant"), published and publishes a blog online under the website address of <a href="http://thestoreyteller.online">http://thestoreyteller.online</a> (hereinafter the "Storeyteller Website"). The central focus of the Storeyteller Website is ridiculing, insulting and defaming the Plaintiff, LANCE GILMAN (hereinafter the "Plaintiff").

The Defendant's attacks on the Plaintiff with false and defamatory statements have been continuous, unrelenting, and constantly targeting him personally. The false statements made by the Defendant are so far beyond acceptable and legal conduct, that the Plaintiff felt compelled to take action to protect his reputation. Because of the false unending stream of defamatory statements published by the Defendant about the Plaintiff, the Plaintiff filed a Complaint against the Defendant for Defamation Per Se.

The Defendant filed a Special Motion to Dismiss based on Nevada's Anti-SLAPP statute, NRS 41.635 et. Seq, which the Plaintiff opposed. On or about April 9, 2018, the Court

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issued its "Order Granting Anti-SLAPP Special Motion to Dismiss in Part, Allowing Limited Discovery and Staying Further Proceedings" (hereinafter the "Order"). In the Order, the Court gave the Plaintiff until May 11, 2018, to conduct discovery "limited solely to information as to whether Toll knew the resident communications were false or whether he acted with high degree of awareness of the probable falsity of the statement or had serious doubts as to the publication's truth."

After coordinating schedules of the counsel for both Parties, the Deposition of the Defendant was scheduled for and conducted on Friday, May 4, 2018, in Virginia City, Nevada. During the course of the Deposition, questions were asked by the undersigned counsel about how the Defendant arrived at his so-called knowledge about the Plaintiff's residency. Instead of answering many of the questions, the Defendant under the advice of his counsel asserted privilege under the Nevada Media Shield Statute which is set forth in NRS 49.275. Because the Defendant refused to answer the questions presented and asserted the Media Shield privilege, the undersigned counsel terminated the Deposition to file the instant Motion to Compel his answers. It is the position of the Plaintiff that the Media Shield Privilege does not apply to the Defendant.

#### В. THE DEFENDANT'S FAILURE TO ANSWER THE OUESTIONS PRESENTED.

The following are a sample of the questions asked of the Defendant which he refused to answer under the advice of counsel on the grounds of privilege pursuant to the Media Shield Statute, NRS 49.275.1

#### FIRST ASSERTION OF PRIVILEGE.2 1.

Q. Did you consult anybody to make an opinion as to what's right and what's wrong as to the zoning out there?

A. Yes.

MR. BUSBY: Objection, asked and answered. Go ahead, Mr. Toll.

An excerpt of the Rough Transcript of the Defendant's Deposition is attached hereto as Exhibit "1" (hereinafter referred to as the "Defendant's Depo"). Please note that all page numbers referenced herein from the Defendant's Depo are transcript page numbers and not the page number at the bottom of the document.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See the Defendant's Depo, pages 69-70.

#### THE WITNESS: Yes. 1 2 BY MR. FLANGAS: Q. Who did you consult? 3 A. Dozens and dozens of other concerned citizens in the county. 4 Q. Okay. What are the names of some of the folks that you consulted about whether or 5 not the zoning was correct or how they were using the zoning was correct? 6 MR. BUSBY: I'm going to go ahead and October based on the news privilege statute, which --7 .... Mr. Toll, I'm going to go ahead and invoke the news shield law in response to Mr. Flangas' question, and I'm going to direct you not to answer. 8 BY MR. FLANGAS: 9 Q. Are you going invoke the news shield? 10 A. Absolutely. 11 SECOND ASSERTION OF PRIVILEGE.3 2. 12 Q. Okay. I'm going to go back to my question, because you, again, weren't responsive to 13 my question. You can say "I don't know" if you don't know. That's fine. The question is: What did -- where did you come up with your definition -- and I know I've asked and answered this, but 14 I'm going to ask the follow-on. Where did you come up with your definition of what constitutes a multi-family dwelling? You told me the ordinance. I'm asking you: What does the ordinance say 15 what constitutes a multi-family dwelling? 16 MR. BUSBY: Same objection. Go ahead and answer, Mr. Toll. 17 THE WITNESS: Technically, in my recollection of ordinance, says that a single-family dwelling is all that is permitted. A multi-family dwellings is not permitted. Using the reasonable 18 man statute that I have inside my brain, a multi-family dwelling is -- could be considered -- you know, obviously we don't live in the day of the nuclear family anymore; however, a family unit 19 consists typically of a -- it's two sets of adults and then any children that may be a result of that union. 20 BY MR. FLANGAS: 21 Q. This reasonable man standard, that's your own reasonable man standard; is that 22 correct? 23 A. Based upon the information that has been given to me by people who I have consulted with, as we've described earlier, those people are also reasonable men and women, and they also 24 have come to the same conclusion. So no, it's not just my conclusion, it's the conclusion of the community. 25 Q. And you're not going to disclose who these -- the members of the community that have 26 this conclusion? 27

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See the Defendant's Depo, pages 76-77.

	A. No, sir.  MR. BUSBY: Same objection, news shield statute.
	MR. FLANGAS: I'll probably have to file a motion on that.
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3.	THIRD ASSERTION OF PRIVILEGE.4
	Q. Now, you're claiming Mr. Gilman doesn't live at number 5 Wild Horse Drive; right?
	A. Yes.
	Q. Now, one of the grounds for you to make that statement is because you find it hard to believe that one of the wealthiest men in Northern Nevada would be residing where he resides;
	right?
	A. I'm also basing that opinion upon the answer to your question is yes. However, I'm also basing that opinion upon interviews and information that have been given to me by third-party
	sources.
	Q. And you're not going to divulge who these third-party sources are?
	A. No, sir.
	MR. BUSBY: Objection, news shield statute.
	MR. FLANGAS: The news shield statute doesn't really shield against official sources and things like that.
	BY MR. FLANGAS:
	Q. So the question is to the official sources. Did you consult any official forces [sources]?
	MR. BUSBY: Same objection, news shield statute. Don't answer that.
	BY MR. FLANGAS:
	Q. Are you not going to answer?
	A. Based upon the advice of my counsel, I will not answer that question.
4.	FOURTH ASSERTION OF PRIVILEGE.5
	Q. Now, let's, let's talk about what investigation you did to confirm whether or not Mr. Gilman lives where he lives. Okay? First question: Did you ever drive by to see if he was there?
	A. Can't get into the property without buzzing the gate.
	Q. All right. So the answer is no, you've never been by to see if he's there or not?

<sup>5</sup> <u>See</u> the Defendant's Depo, pages 79-81.

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- A. It's not possible for me to drive by there. It is impossible for me to drive by there.
- Q. Now, I asked you in the first part of this deposition about your relationship with Mr. Antinoro, and that Mr. Antinoro is on the brothel board, and you, you told me that; right?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. You also told me that Mr. Antinoro is -- his office also oversees regulation of the brothels; right?
  - A. Per county code, yes, he does.
- Q. And I think you even gave me an anecdote that one of your family members, or somebody else you knew, did the same years ago; right?
- A. No. What I was alluding to, to clarify, is that my father wrote Joe Conforte's biography.
- Q. Okay. There you go. So you meet with Mr. Antinoro about three times a month, you said?
  - A. I do not meet with --

MR. BUSBY: Hold on. Objection, mischaracterizes earlier testimony and asked and answered.

#### BY MR. FLANGAS:

- Q. Well, you interact with him about three times a month; right?
- A. Virginia City is a small town and I occupy the same space as Mr. Antinoro occasionally.
  - Q. You can go and see him any time you want in the sheriff's department, virtually?
  - A. Just like any other citizen in Storey County:
  - Q. All right. Did you ever ask Mr. Antinoro about Mr. Gilman's residency?

MR. BUSBY: Objection, news shield statute.

MR. FLANGAS: That's not a shield statute there, counsel.

MR. BUSBY: Mr. Flangas, you're welcome to file you're a motion and disagree, but I'm going to direct my client to not answer that question.

**THE WITNESS:** Based upon my counsel's advice, I am not going to answer that question.

### 5. <u>FIFTH ASSERTION OF PRIVILEGE</u>.6

Q. Did you ever go to the sheriff's office to verify Mr. Antinoro's -- excuse me -- Mr. Gilman's residency?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See the Defendant's Depo, page 81.

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1		MR. BUSBY: Same objection. Don't answer that question.
2	6.	SIXTH ASSERTION OF PRIVILEGE.7
3		MR. FLANGAS: Are you really going to invoke the Shield on whether or not somebody went to the sheriff's office to verify residency, counsel?
4 5		MR. BUSBY: Mr. Flangas, we can argue about this later before the Court. If you have any questions for my witness, please go ahead.
6		BY MR. FLANGAS:
7		Q. So did you so you're not going to answer the question on whether or not you went to the sheriff's office to verify the residency of Mr. Gilman?
8		MR. BUSBY: Same objection. Don't answer that.
9		BY MR. FLANGAS:
10		Q. Are you going to take the same tact on virtually every question I ask now as to what you did to verify the residency of Mr. Gilman?
12		MR. BUSBY: Objection, calls for legal opinion. Don't answer that question. Go ahead.
13	7.	SEVENTH ASSERTION OF PRIVILEGE.8
14		BY MR. FLANGAS:
15 16		Q. You talk in your affidavit about a an informant, or somebody, that told you that Mr. Gilman was leaving the premises at 8:00 every evening and going towards Reno. Who was this informant?
17		MR. BUSBY: Objection, news shield statute. Don't answer that question.
18	8.	EIGHTH ASSERTION OF PRIVILEGE.9
19		Q. Have you ever seen a residence that Mr. Gilman lives in in Reno?
20		A. Have I seen a residence?
21		Q. Yes.
22		A. I have seen multiple properties that are owned by Mr. Gilman that are in Washoe County. I have not seen a residence of Mr. Gilman.
23		Q. Have you ever seen Mr. Gilman in any other residence?
24 25		A. I don't follow Mr. Gilman around. I have no I did not personally pursue Mr.
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<sup>9</sup> See the Defendant's Depo, pages 82-84.

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Gilman. I did not do any of that. 1 Q. Well, see, I'm kind of confused, here, because you're telling me about all of this in 2 your second declaration -- let's go with your first declaration. In paragraph 18 you talk about all this diligence you're doing, but you never once went to see whether or not Mr. Gilman lived 3 anywhere else other than number 5 Wild Horse? 4 A. So I did public records requests, I checked the websites of Washoe County to determine ownership of properties. The Mustang Ranch, as you know, is behind a locked gate, 5 which, which prevents casual observers from making any observations. And so the answer to your question is as, as phrased, did I drive by, did I go look for Mr. Gilman anywhere in Washoe 6 County, no, I did not. 7 Q. You have no idea where Mr. Gilman lives, do you? 8 A. I have a pretty good idea of where he lives, yes. 9 Q. Why don't you give me that pretty good idea and what your basis for it is. 10 A. I interviewed an individual who told me that Mr. Gilman's toys, his cars, his motorcycles, all his fancy clothes, all his cool stuff, is at a place that is not on the Mustang Ranch 11 property. 12 O. Who's this interview? 13 MR. BUSBY: News shield statute. Don't answer that. 14 NINTH ASSERTION OF PRIVILEGE. 10 9. 15 Q. So my -- so conveniently you're doing all this investigation, but you 16 can't give me a single source other than you're going to invoke this shield. 17 A. I'm not giving you any source, that's correct. I don't have to. 18 TENTH ASSERTION OF PRIVILEGE.11 10. 19 Q. No. Did you ever go check over there, the brothel license applications? 20 A. "Over there"? Where is "over there"? 21 Q. The sheriff's office. 22 A. Yes, I did. 23 Q. And it showed number 5; right? 24 A. I don't recall. 25 26 27 <sup>10</sup> See the Defendant's Depo, page 85.

<sup>11</sup> See the Defendant's Depo, pages 86-87.

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Q. You don't recall. Did you ever talk to the sheriff about it?

MR. BUSBY: Objection, news shield statute. Don't answer that.

#### BY MR. FLANGAS:

Q. Did you ever talk to the sheriff about it?

MR. BUSBY: Same objection. Don't answer that.

Because of the number of time the Defendant's refused to answer questions based on the Media Shield privilege, the undersigned terminated the Defendant's Deposition.<sup>12</sup>

#### II. ARGUMENT

# A. THE PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO COMPEL SHOULD BE GRANTED AND THE DEFENDANTS SHOULD BE COMPELLED TO PROVIDE THE REQUESTED DISCOVERY.

A motion to compel discovery is an enforcement mechanism used when someone fails to comply with a discovery request. Okada v. Eighth Judicial District Court in and for County of Clark, 2018 WL 387927, \_\_\_ P.3d \_\_ (Nev.S.Ct. 2018). See generally NRCP 37 (providing procedure for failure to cooperate in discovery).

At any time after the filing of a joint case conference report, or not sooner than 10 days after a party has filed a separate case conference report, or upon order by the court or discovery commissioner, any party who has complied with Rule 16.1(a)(1) may obtain discovery by one or more of the following additional methods: depositions upon oral examination or written questions; written interrogatories; production of documents or things or permission to enter upon land or other property under Rule 34 or Rule 45(a)(1)©, for inspection and other purposes; physical and mental examinations; and requests for admission. NRCP 26(a). A party may take the testimony of any person, including a party, by deposition upon oral examination without leave of court except as provided in subdivision (a)(2) of this rule. NRCP 30(a)(1).

Unless otherwise limited by order of the court in accordance with these rules, the Parties may obtain discovery regarding any matter, not privileged, which is relevant to the subject matter

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See the Defendant's Depo, page 87.

involved in the pending action, whether it relates to the claim or defense of the party seeking discovery or to the claim or defense of any other party, including the existence, description, nature, custody, condition and location of any books, documents, or other tangible things and the identity and location of persons having knowledge of any discoverable matter. NRCP 26(b)(1). It is not ground for objection that the information sought will be inadmissible at the trial if the information sought appears reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Id. See F.T.C. v. AMG Services, Inc., 291 F.R.D. 544 (D.Nev. 2013) (Relevance for discovery purposes is considerably broader than relevance for trial purposes; for discovery purposes, relevance means only that the materials sought are reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence). Relevant evidence has been defined as evidence which has a tendency to make the existence of any fact of consequence to the determination of the action more or less probable than it would without the evidence. Desert Cab Inc. v. Marino, 108 Nev. 32, 823 P.2d 898 (1992). The question becomes whether the Defendant could rely on Nevada's News Shield Statute to assert a privilege.

## B. THE DEFENDANT'S RELIANCE ON NRS 49.275, NEVADA'S NEWS SHIELD STATUTE TO ASSERT PRIVILEGE IS MISPLACED.

Nevada's Shield Law, NRS 49.275, provides in pertinent part as follows:

No reporter, former reporter or editorial employee of any newspaper, periodical or press association or employee of any radio or television station may be required to disclose any published or unpublished information obtained or prepared by such person in such person's professional capacity in gathering, receiving or processing information for communication to the public, or the source of any information procured or obtained by such person, in any legal proceedings, trial or investigation:

1. Before any court, grand jury, coroner's inquest, jury or any officer thereof.

Nevada's news shield statute is one of the most liberal in the country. <u>Diaz v. Eighth</u>

<u>Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark</u>, 116 Nev. 88, 93-94, 993 P.2d 50,54 (2000) <u>citing</u>

Leslye deRoos Rood and Ann K. Grossman, *The Case for a Federal Journalist's Testimonial Shield Statute*, 18 Hastings Const. L.Q. 779 (1991) (comparing the protection provided by various state news shield statutes) [hereinafter Testimonial Shield Statute]. The statute confers

upon journalists an absolute privilege from disclosure of their sources and information in any proceeding.

Nevada's news shield statute is not limited to confidential sources, but includes any source. <u>Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark</u>, 116 Nev. At 101, 993 P.2d at 59. The shield statute covers both published and unpublished information, and includes both the information obtained and the source of the information. <u>Id</u>.

The protections from Nevada news shield statute extends protection only to the journalist's newsgathering and dissemination activities within the journalist's professional capacity. See Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark, 116 Nev. At 101, 993 P.2d at 59. Nevada's news shield statute provides no protection for information gathered in other capacities. Id.

## 1. NEVADA'S NEW SHIELD STATUTE DOES NOT APPLY TO THE DEFENDANT.

To invoke the privilege an individual is required to be either a *reporter*, *former reporter* or editorial employee of any newspaper, periodical or press association or employee of any radio or television station. See NRS 49,275. In the absence of one of those labels an individual is not entitled to invoke the privilege to protect either the information he obtained or the source of the information.

"It is well settled in Nevada that words in a statute should be given their plain meaning unless this violates the spirit of the act." Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark, 116 Nev. At 94, 993 P.2d at 54 citing McKay v. Bd. of Supervisors, 102 Nev. 644, 648, 730 P.2d 438, 441 (1986). "'[N]o part of a statute should be rendered nugatory, nor any language turned to mere surplusage, if such consequences can properly be avoided.'" Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark, 116 Nev. At 94, 993 P.2d at 54-55 citing Paramount Ins. v. Rayson & Smitley, 86 Nev. 644, 649, 472 P.2d 530, 533 (1970) (alteration in original) (quoting Torreyson v. Board of Examiners, 7 Nev. 19, 22 (1871)). Thus, "[w]here a statute is clear on its face, a court may not go beyond the language of the statute in determining the legislature's intent." Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark, 116 Nev. At 94-

95, 993 P.2d at 55 citing McKay, 102 Nev. at 648, 730 P.2d at 441.

There is nothing contained in the four corners of the statute that applies to the Defendant in this matter. As the Court is aware, the Defendant writes for the Storey Teller. According to the "About Section" of the Storey Teller, "the [Storey Teller] was created to provide a source of irritation to the Good Old Boys who operate The Biggest Little County in the World with selfish impunity forever." Clearly, this is not what was envisioned by the legislature in enacting NRS 49.275. In addition, there is nothing providing for a blogger such as the Defendant in the statute. Moreover, the Defendant has never made a showing how he qualifies for the protections afforded by NRS 49.275. Therefore, the Defendant is not entitled to the protections set forth in NRS 49.275.

In the case of <u>Too Much Media</u>, <u>LLC v. Hale</u>, 206 N.J. 209 (2011) the New Jersey Supreme Court analyzed New Jersey's Shield Law to decide whether the newsperson's privilege extends to a self-described journalist who posted comments on an Internet message board. *In its'* exhaustive analysis, the Hale Court noted that New Jersey's Shield Law (like Nevada's) is among the broadest in the nation and protects all significant news-gathering activities. However, the Hale Court noted that the focus was not what the law protected but whom it protected. In holding that Hale was not protected, the Court noted that the site upon which Hale posted her comments was an internet message board which was not "news Media" because it was not disseminating news to the general public.

In the instant case and as just stated, the Defendant writes for the Storey Teller.

According to the "About Section" of the Storey Teller, "the [Storey Teller] was created to provide a source of irritation to the Good Old Boys who operate The Biggest Little County in the World with selfish impunity forever." Therefore, the Storey Teller by its own admission was not created for the purpose of disseminating news to the general public. As in <u>Hale</u>, since the Storey Teller is not "news" because its purpose is not to disseminate news to the general public,

<sup>13</sup> See Exhibit "2", for a copy of the Defendant's blog.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> <u>Id</u>.

the Defendant is not a reporter, or editorial employee and is precluded from invoking the privilege.

## 2. THE DEFENDANT'S ATTEMPT TO USE NEVADA'S NEWS SHIELD STATUTE SHOULD YIELD SO THAT JUSTICE MAY BE SERVED.

Although the news shield statute provides an absolute privilege to reporters engaged in the newsgathering process, there may be certain situations, e.g., when a defendant's countervailing constitutional rights are at issue, in which the news shield statute might have to yield so that justice may be served. See Id; Aspen Financial Services, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court of State ex rel. County of Clark, 129 Nev. 878, 313 P.3d 875 (2013).

In the instant case, the Defendant has accused the Plaintiff of perjury claiming that the Plaintiff lied under oath on forms he submitted pertaining to his residency in Storey County. Without one iota of evidence to support his untrue statement, the Defendant is now hiding behind the Shield Statute to conceal the ball on **what he did or didn't do** to confirm the Plaintiff's residency in Storey County. Notwithstanding that the Defendant is not entitled to such protections under the News Shield Statute, for justice to be served, the Defendant should be compelled to answer the questions posed by the undersigned counsel related to his efforts to confirm his untrue statements. In other words, the news shield statute should have to yield especially considering there is nothing earth shattering about how the Defendant arrived at his conclusions that the Plaintiff committed perjury.

It should be noted that the Court will not allow a media defendant totally to avoid accountability for defamatory utterances through manipulative use of the shield law. See Las Vegas Sun, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court In and For County of Clark, 104 Nev. at 513, 761 P.2d at 853. The shield law creates a protective environment for the reporter who is engaged in obtaining, preparing and collecting information. Id. It does not create a special privilege for news media litigants, however. Id.

# C. SHOULD THE COURT DECIDE TO COMPEL THE DEFENDANT TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS AS SET FORTH HEREIN, THE PLAINTIFF RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE COURT IMPOSE SANCTIONS.

Generally, sanctions may only be imposed where there has been willful noncompliance

with a court order or where the adversary process has been halted by the actions of the unresponsive party. <u>GNLV Corp. v. Service Control Corp.</u>, 111 Nev. 866, 869, 900 P.2d 323, 325 (1995) <u>citing Fire Ins. Exchange v. Zenith Radio Corp.</u>, 103 Nev. 648, 651, 747 P.2d 911, 913 (1987). Fundamental notions of fairness and due process require that discovery sanctions be just and that sanctions relate to the specific conduct at issue. <u>GNLV Corp. v. Service Control Corp.</u>, 111 Nev. at 869, 900 P.2d at 325 <u>citing Young v. Johnny Ribeiro Building</u>, 106 Nev. 88, 92, 787 P.2d 777, 779 (1990).

In the instant case, the Plaintiff respectfully requests sanctions in an amount to cover the Plaintiff's counsel's travel costs, lodging costs, court reporter fees, and attorney fees incurred in bringing this instant Motion.

## D. THE PLAINTIFF RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE COURT EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD FOR CONDUCTING DISCOVERY.

Pursuant to the Order, the deadline for completing the limited discovery is May 11, 2018. The Plaintiff would need the additional time for discovery to retake the Defendant's Deposition and other Depositions that would follow from his testimony should the Court grant the Motion to Compel. Regardless of whether the Court grants the Motion to Compel, the Plaintiff needs additional time to conduct discovery to fully look at what the Defendant knew about the falsity of his statements.

# E. THE COURT SHOULD GRANT THE PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND ISSUE A RULING THAT BECAUSE THE DEFENDANT INVOKED NEVADA'S NEW SHIELD STATUTE, THE DEFENDANT SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RELY ON THE PRIVILEGED INFORMATION AS A DEFENSE IN THIS MATTER.

Under NRCP 56, summary judgment is appropriate when the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, admissions, and affidavits, if any, that are properly before the court demonstrate that no genuine issue of material fact exists, and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. Wood v. Safeway, Inc., 121 Nev. 724, 121 P.3d 1026 (2005). The substantive law controls which factual disputes are material and will preclude summary judgment; other factual disputes are irrelevant. Id. A factual dispute is genuine when the evidence is such that a rational trier of fact could return a verdict for the nonmoving party. Id.

While the pleadings and other proof must be construed in a light most favorable to the nonmoving party, that party bears the burden to "do more than simply show that there is some metaphysical doubt" as to the operative facts in order to avoid summary judgment being entered in the moving party's favor. <u>Id</u>. The nonmoving party "must, by affidavit or otherwise, set forth specific facts demonstrating the existence of a genuine issue for trial or have summary judgment entered against him." <u>Id</u>. However, the nonmoving party " 'is not entitled to build a case on the gossamer threads of whimsy, speculation, and conjecture." <u>Id</u>. In the instant case, there remain genuine issues of material fact pertaining to certain issues that preclude summary judgment.

In the instant case, there are no genuine issues of material fact pertaining to the Defendant invoking Nevada's New Shield Statute. It is clear from the transcript of the Defendant's Deposition. Therefore, partial summary judgment is appropriate on the issue of whether the Defendant can rely on the privileged information as a defense.

In <u>Diaz</u>, the Court reaffirmed its ruling as it pertains to actions for libel. In particular, the court ruled that once a media litigant has invoked the protection of the news shield statute to resist discovery, the defendant may not later rely on the privileged information as a defense. <u>See Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark</u>, 116 Nev. At 101, 993 P.2d at 58-59 citing <u>Las Vegas Sun</u>, Inc. v. <u>Eighth Judicial Dist. Court In and For County of Clark</u>, 104 Nev. 508, 514, 761 P.2d 849, 853-854 (1988). Moreover, to the extent that a plaintiff in a defamation action is required to prove that a media litigant either knew that the published information was false or acted in reckless disregard of the truth, an assertion of the shield statute may result in discovery sanctions. <u>Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark</u>, <u>supra</u> at Footnote 6.

Based upon the foregoing, the Court should issue an Order granting partial summary judgment precluding the Defendant from relying on the privileged information as a defense.

#### III. CONCLUSION

At his Deposition, the Defendant improperly asserted the privilege afforded by Nevada's News Shield Statute at least ten times. Because of the number of times the Defendant refused to

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to answer questions based on the Media Shield privilege, the undersigned terminated the Defendant's Deposition so that this Motion to Compel could be filed. According to the "About Section" of the Storey Teller, "the [Storey Teller] was created to provide a source of irritation to the Good Old Boys who operate The Biggest Little County in the World with selfish impunity forever." Clearly, this is not what was envisioned by the legislature in enacting NRS 49.275. Moreover, there is nothing providing for a blogger such as the Defendant in the statute.

Therefore, the Defendant is not entitled to the protections afforded by NRS 49.275.

Notwithstanding that the Defendant is not entitled to such protections under the News Shield Statute, for justice to be served, the Defendant should be compelled to answer the questions posed by the undersigned counsel related to his efforts to confirm his untrue statements. In other words, the news shield statute should have to yield especially considering that the Defendant accused the Plaintiff of perjury (a crime) and there is nothing earth shattering about how the Defendant arrived at his conclusions that the Plaintiff committed perjury.

If the Court is inclined to grant the Motion to Compel, the Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court impose sanctions in an amount to cover the Plaintiff's counsel's travel costs, lodging costs, court reporter fees, and attorney fees incurred in bringing this instant Motion.

Because the deadline for completing the limited discovery is May 11, 2018, the Plaintiff respectfully requests additional time for discovery to retake the Defendant's Deposition and other Depositions that would follow from his testimony should the Court grant the Motion to Compel. Regardless of whether the Court grants the Motion to Compel, the Plaintiff needs additional time to conduct discovery to fully look at what the Defendant knew about the falsity of his statements.

In the alternative, the Court should grant the Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. There are no genuine issues of material fact pertaining to the Defendant invoking Nevada's New Shield Statute. It is clear from the transcript of the Defendant's Deposition. Therefore, partial summary judgment is appropriate on the issue of whether the Defendant can rely on the privileged information as a defense.

**AFFIRMATION** 1 Pursuant to NRS 239B.030 2 The undersigned hereby affirms that this document does not contain the social security 3 number of any person. 4 DATED this day of May, 2018. 5 6 7 GUS-W. FLANGAS, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 004989 8 Email: gwf@fdlawlv.com JESSICA K. PETERSON, ESQ. 9 Nevada Bar NO. 10670 Email: <u>Jkp@fdlawlv.com</u> FLANGAS DALACAS LAW GROUP 10 3275 South Jones Blvd., Suite 105 11 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 Telephone: (702) 307-9500 Facsimile: (702) 382-9452 12 Attorneys for Plaintiff 13

#### EXHIBIT LIST

Exhibit "1": Extract of the Deposition of the Defendant, Sam Toll

Exhibit "2": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

1 I hereby certify that I am an employee of FLANGAS DALACAS LAW GROUP, and 2 that on this 10th day of May, 2018 served a true and correct copy of PLAINTIFF'S MOTION 3 TO COMPEL; MOTION FOR SANCTIONS; MOTION TO EXTEND THE TIME 4 PERIOD FOR DISCOVERY; AND IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR PARTIAL 5 SUMMARY JUDGEMENT as indicated below: By depositing the same in the United States mail, first-class, postage 7 prepaid, in a sealed envelope, at Las Vegas, Nevada pursuant to N.R.C.P. 8 5(b) addressed as follows 9 By facsimile, pursuant to EDCR 7.26 (as amended) 10 By electronic mail. 11 12 John L. Marshall 13 570 Marsh Avenue Reno, NV 89509 14 Tel: 775-303-4882 johnmarshall@charter.net 15 Luke A. Busby 16 Luke Andrew Busby, Ltd. 216 East Liberty Street 17 Reno, NV 89501 Tel: 775-453-0112 18 luke@lukeandrewbusbyltd.com 19 Attorneys for Defendant 20 21

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5	LANCE GILMAN, an individual,	:	
6	Plaintiff,	: :	
7	Vs.	: : Case No. 18-TRT-00001-1e	
8 9	SAM TOLL, an individual; DOE: I-V, and ROE ENTITIES VI-X, inclusive,	: Dept. No. II S : :	
0 1	Defendants.		
3 4 5 6	DEPOSITION OF	SAMUEL TOLL	
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3	at the offices o	of Community Chest, 175 E. Carson Stre	et,
4	Virginia City, N	Nevada, before me, Susan E. Belingheri	, a

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notary public, personally appeared SAMUEL TOLL.

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8	SAMUEL TOLL,
9	having been duly sworn,
10	was examined and testified as follows:
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12	EXAMINATION
13	BY MR. FLANGAS:
14	Q. Good morning, sir. We've already met. I'm Gus
15	Flangas. I represent the plaintiff in this action,
16	Lance Gilman.
17	Could you please state your name and spell it for
18	the record.
19	A. My name is Samuel Clover Toll. S-a-m-u-e-l,
20	C-l-o-v-e-r, T-o-l-l, just like the bridge.
21	Q. Mr. Toll, you just took an oath; correct?
22	A. I did, yes.
23	Q. You understand that that oath has the same
24	ramifications and solemnity as though you took it in a
25	court of law?
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1	A. I do.
2	Q. When I say "ramifications," what I mean is the
3	same ramifications for perjury as though you took it in
4	a court of law. Do you understand that?
5	A. I do.
6	Q. Have you ever had your deposition taken before?
7	A. No, sir.
8	Q. I'm going to go over some ground rules to do this Page 4

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- 4 physical parcel, which the Mustang Ranch occupies, that
- 5 fall in that range. As is 56, 52 -- or 5 and 5B wild
- 6 Horse Canyon Drive.
- 7 Q. So what's Mr. Gilman's residence?
- 8 A. According to his driver's license, it is 5 Wild
- 9 Horse Canyon Drive, and I believe --
- 10 Q. Okay. So --
- 11 A. -- that that is, that is on page 11 of 21 of
- 12 Exhibit 7.
- 13 Q. So the five prostitutes residing at 1000 Wild
- 14 Horse, how do you make the connection that they reside
- 15 with Mr. Gilman?
- 16 A. They're all one -- part of the same property.
- 17 And in fact, back in the good old days, you know, Joe
- 18 Conforte had a block of 200 prostitutes that all voted
- 19 using his address at the brothel.
- 20 o. What's the address of the brothel?
- 21 A. I've just described those to you, to my
- 22 knowledge. We can check with the assessor. I believe
- 23 that I've got an email, which we included and attached
- in one of the attachments that we provided for this
- 25 deposition, that describes the range of addresses.

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- 1 Q. So is the brothel number 5 wild Horse, according
- 2 to you?
- 3 A. No. According to the assessor -- if you look at
- 4 page 3 of 21 there's a Google Earth picture with a
- 5 circle around -- the document is nearly impossible to

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- 6 make out in this printout -- where it says, "Lance
- 7 Gilman and Kris Thompson are roommates here."
- 8 Q. Where did that picture come from?
- 9 A. As I stated, Google Earth.
- 10 Q. Did you -- were you the one that Googled it?
- 11 A. I am.
- 12 Q. You're one that put it there in that article?
- 13 A. That's my handiwork.
- 14 Q. All right. So my question for you: Is the
- address number 5, where Mr. Gilman resides, the same as
- 16 the address for the brothel?
- 17 MR. BUSBY: Objection, asked and answered.
- 18 Go ahead.
- 19 THE WITNESS: No, it is not. However,
- 20 however, the compound, the complex, is all in the same
- 21 parcel, and that parcel is zoned agricultural/industrial
- 22 2, which permits only a single-family dwelling, which I
- 23 guess we could, you know, go online and look up from
- 24 Merriam's dictionary what a single family is, but I'm
- 25 pretty sure, unless you live in Utah, it doesn't consist

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- 1 of two men and a woman as a family.
- 2 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- 3 Q. You mentioned to a minute ago five prostitutes
- 4 are residing with him, too, and you told me -- I asked
- 5 you where are you getting that five prostitutes are
- 6 residing with him, and then you're telling me that the
- 7 prostitutes reside at 1000, and Mr. Gilman resides at 5.
- 8 So I'm trying to see how they're all living under the Page 62

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- 9 same roof, here.
- 10 A. I have no idea who's sleeping with who, but I do
- 11 know this, if you look at the parcel number -- and I
- believe it's 001-161-121, although I may be not
- 13 accurately reflecting the, the lot. There are four lots
- 14 that actually make up the compound. They're all zoned
- the same, and they all have the same zoning
- 16 requirements, which means that only a man and a woman,
- or their kids, or a man and a man and their kids, or a
- woman and a woman and their kids, but a single family,
- 19 and not a multiple family, not a bunch people, not a
- 20 commune, not a group of prostitutes and their pimp, can
- 21 live there.
- Q. Are you -- you mentioned earlier you're not a
- 23 zoning expert; right?
- 24 MR. BUSBY: Objection, asked and answered.
- THE WITNESS: Yes. As I've already

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- 1 stated --
- 2 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- 3 Q. Just a yes or no so I can go on to my next
- 4 question.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Did you consult anybody to make an opinion as to
- 7 what's right and what's wrong as to the zoning out
- 8 there?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 MR. BUSBY: Objection, asked and answered.

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- 11 Go ahead, Mr. Toll.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 13 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- 14 Q. Who did you consult?
- 15 A. Dozens and dozens of other concerned citizens in
- 16 the county.
- 17 Q. Okay. What are the names of some of the folks
- 18 that you consulted about whether or not the zoning was
- 19 correct or how they were using the zoning was correct?
- 20 MR. BUSBY: I'm going to go ahead and
- 21 October based on the news privilege statute, which --
- 22 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- Q. Well, first of all, were any of these people your
- 24 attorney?
- MR. BUSBY: Not first of all. Please let me

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- 1 finish my objection sir.
- 2 I'm citing to Nevada's Shield law, codified
- 3 under NRS 49.275, the news media:
- 4 "No reporter, former reporter or editorial
- 5 employee of any newspaper, periodical or press
- 6 association, or any employee of any radio or television
- 7 station may be required to disclose any published or
- 8 unpublished information obtained or prepared by such a
- 9 person in such person's professional capacity in
- 10 gathering, receiving or processing information for
- 11 communication with the public, or the source of any
- information procured or obtained by such a person, in
- any legal proceeding, trial or investigation."
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- 14 And that includes issues before courts. So
- 15 Mr. Toll, I'm going to go ahead and invoke the news
- 16 shield law in response to Mr. Flangas' question, and I'm
- 17 going to direct you not to answer.
- 18 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- 19 Q. Are you going invoke the news shield?
- 20 A. Absolutely.
- 21 Q. Were you looking -- were these consultants, was
- 22 this in your trying to do this to gather news for a news
- 23 story?
- 24 A. Every person who I talked to who provides me
- 25 information that I later write about is a source.

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- 1 Q. Every single person. So you relied on these
- 2 so-called news source consultants to arrive at your
- 3 opinion that what Mr. Gilman -- how he was occupying
- 4 those premises was incorrect. Am I stating your answer
- 5 correctly?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Now, you said you consulted with many people to
- 8 arrive at that opinion; right?
- 9 A. Yes. And let me clarify.
- 10 Q. Just let's start with that first --
- 11 MR. BUSBY: Mr. Flangas, please --
- 12 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- 13 Q. -- and then you can clarify.
- 14 MR. BUSBY: -- let the witness answer the
- 15 question before you move on.

16	Rough Draft MR. FLANGAS: Well, the question, with all
17	due respect, counsel, the question called for a yes or
18	no answer, and then I can go into the next one and he
19	can verify all clarify all he wants.
20	MR. BUSBY: Mr. Flangas, I'd like the record
21	to reflect that the witness is not being permitted to
22	fully answer his questions before being interrupted by
23	the examiner, and I object on that basis and I ask that
24	the witness be allowed to answer the question that
25	you're asking before you continue.
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1	MR. FLANGAS: With all due respect, counsel,
2	you have been interjecting improper objections
3	throughout this entire deposition. You're using the
4	"asked and answered" when he isn't, obviously, clearly
5	not answering the questions that I asked. He's gone off
6	on several tangents. You've been coming up with a host
7	of objections, I think, that are completely designed to,
8	you know, to muddle muddy up the record. Not only
9	muddy up the record, but to try to you know, whatever
10	attempt you're trying do to throw me off, which it's
11	obviously not working.
12	So I would appreciate that the objections be
13	legally valid objections. And, you know, the reason
14	we're having so much trouble getting through this depo
15	is because every single question I've asked, you've
16	interspersed some form of objections.
17	MR. BUSBY: Mr. Flangas, if you continue to
18	ask questions and not allow the deponent to answer them Page 66

- 19 fully before interrupting him, we'll cease the 20 deposition and we'll ask for a conference to -- with the 21 judge to resolve the matter. 22 I've stated the exact basis for every single 23 objection that I've made on the record. They're
- 24 permitted under law, perfectly proper. So I guess we
- 25 can either proceed or not.

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- 1 MR. FLANGAS: The record speaks for itself, 2 I fully intend to proceed on this. If you 3 want to cancel the depo, please, you have whatever 4 rights you want to -- you know, however you want to do 5 it. The bottom line is I asked for a ves or no question 6 and I get -- I start getting quotations to certain 7 things, everything from the Jerry Falwell case to what 8 George Orwell said. So --9 MR. BUSBY: Mr. Flangas, disagreeing with 10 the substance of the answer of the witness is not 11 grounds for interrupting and proceeding with another 12 question without letting the witness completely answer 13 the question you've asked. BY MR. FLANGAS: 14 Q. Go ahead and answer the question.
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- 16 A. Can you repeat the question, please?
- 17 MR. FLANGAS: Can you read back the
- 18 question, please?
- 19 (Whereupon the reporter read the record.)
- 20 THE WITNESS: Yes.

- 21 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- Q. Did you want to clarify so we can appease your
- 23 counsel on this one?
- A. To clarify, as I earlier suggested, I speak to a
- variety of people, locally, the state level, and people

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- who have professional capacities and people who do not,
- 2 and all of those people are considered sources.
- 3 Q. Now, you mentioned that you consulted with a
- 4 number of people to determine whether or not Mr. Gilman
- was residing properly, as pertaining to the zoning in
- 6 his residence; right?
- 7 MR. BUSBY: Objection, asked and answered.
- 8 Go ahead.
- 9 THE WITNESS: In regards to the zoning, yes.
- 10 As you can see, the, the public records request reflect
- 11 that.
- 12 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- 13 Q. How many people did you consult?
- 14 A. On the zoning issue?
- 15 Q. Yes.
- 16 A. I've only really talked to a half-dozen
- 17 individuals, and Mr. Osborne, and the -- Lyndi and Kathy
- 18 in the planning department.
- 19 Q. The reason you consulted with those folks is
- 20 because you entertained doubts as to what the zoning
- 21 was; right?
- 22 A. I have no doubts as to what the zoning is, and I
- 23 have no doubts as to what the, what the zoning says and Page 68

- 24 what they allow and what they don't allow. However, the
- 25 whole purpose of going down the zoning route has

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- absolutely nothing to do with the fact that I absolutely
- do not believe -- and I indeed understand that I'm under
- 3 oath -- that Mr. Gilman lives at the double-wide trailer
- 4 behind the whorehouse. I just don't believe it. In
- fact, the investigation that I've done prior to even
- 6 being served, recent investigation, confirms that even
- 7 more stringently.

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- 8 However, the purpose, since we're talking about
- 9 zoning, is to illustrate to the gentle readers of The,
- 10 of The Teller and to the citizens and voters and
- 11 taxpayers of Storey County, that there are two sets of
- 12 rules under which we exist. And there's one set of
- 13 rules for the privileged Mr. Gilman, and there's another
- 14 set of rules for folks who can't buy a thousand hogs and
- 15 set them up on their residential property that's not
- 16 zoned agricultural without seeing the sheriff and
- 17 getting shut down.
- 18 Q. Where did you arrive for your definition and
- what's appropriate for multi-family use?
- 20 A. From the Storey County ordinance.
- 21 Q. What ordinance did you look at?
- 22 A. It's in the Storey County ordinance book. I
- 23 don't have it -- I can't quote it gospel -- or paragraph
- 24 and verse.
- Q. What did it tell you?

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- 1 A. As I've stated on record before, that the only 2 thing that can exist on -- as far as dwellings are 3 concerned on agricultural zoned property is a 4 single-family dwelling. The, the parcel is also zoned 5 industrial. The only thing that a person can sleep in 6 on an industrial park is a, is a watchman's quarters. 7 I'm going to go back to my question, Q. Okay. 8 because you, again, weren't responsive to my question. You can say "I don't know" if you don't know. That's 9 10 fine. 11 The question is: What did -- where did you come up with your definition -- and I know I've asked and 12 13 answered this, but I'm going to ask the follow-on. 14 Where did you come up with your definition of what 15 constitutes a multi-family dwelling? You told me the 16 ordinance. I'm asking you: What does the ordinance say what constitutes a multi-family dwelling? 17 18 MR. BUSBY: Same objection. Go ahead and 19 answer, Mr. Toll.
- 21 recollection of ordinance, says that a single-family
- 22 dwelling is all that is permitted. A multi-family
- 23 dwellings is not permitted. Using the reasonable man
- 24 statute that I have inside my brain, a multi-family
- 25 dwelling is -- could be considered -- you know,

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THE WITNESS: Technically, in my

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- obviously we don't live in the day of the nuclear family
- anymore; however, a family unit consists typically of
- 3 a -- it's two sets of adults and then any children that
- 4 may be a result of that union.
- 5 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- 6 Q. This reasonable man standard, that's your own
- 7 reasonable man standard; is that correct?
- 8 A. Based upon the information that has been given to
- 9 me by people who I have consulted with, as we've
- described earlier, those people are also reasonable men
- and women, and they also have come to the same
- 12 conclusion. So no, it's not just my conclusion, it's
- 13 the conclusion of the community.
- Q. And you're not going to disclose who these -- the
- 15 members of the community that have this conclusion?
- 16 A. No, sir.
- 17 MR. BUSBY: Same objection, news shield
- 18 statute.
- 19 MR. FLANGAS: I'll probably have to file a
- 20 motion on that.
- 21 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- Q. Now, you're claiming Mr. Gilman doesn't live at
- 23 number 5 Wild Horse Drive; right?
- 24 A. Yes.

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25 Q. Now, one of the grounds for you to make that

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1 statement is because you find it hard to believe that

- one of the wealthiest men in Northern Nevada would be
- 3 residing where he resides; right?
- 4 A. I'm also basing that opinion upon -- the answer
- 5 to your question is yes. However, I'm also basing that
- 6 opinion upon interviews and information that have been
- 7 given to me by third-party sources.
- 8 Q. And you're not going to divulge who these
- 9 third-party sources are?
- 10 A. No, sir.
- 11 MR. BUSBY: Objection, news shield statute.
- MR. FLANGAS: The news shield statute
- 13 doesn't really shield against official sources and
- 14 things like that.
- 15 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- 16 Q. So the question is to the official sources. Did
- 17 you consult any official forces?
- 18 MR. BUSBY: Same objection, news shield
- 19 statute. Don't answer that.
- 20 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- Q. Are you not going to answer?
- 22 A. Based upon the advice of my counsel, I will not
- 23 answer that question.
- Q. So we've established one of the reasons you don't
- 25 believe he lives there is based on -- and it's been

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- 1 asked and answered, I know, but it to lead into the next
- 2 question. One of the reasons you're saying this is
- 3 because you find it hard to believe that Mr. Gilman
- 4 would live where he does because he's a wealthy man; Page 72

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- 5 right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Now, let's, let's talk about what investigation
- 8 you did to confirm whether or not Mr. Gilman lives where
- 9 he lives. Okay? First question: Did you ever drive by
- 10 to see if he was there?
- 11 A. Can't get into the property without buzzing the
- 12 gate.
- 13 Q. All right. So the answer is no, you've never
- 14 been by to see if he's there or not?
- 15 A. It's not possible for me to drive by there. It
- is impossible for me to drive by there.
- 17 Q. Now, I asked you in the first part of this
- deposition about your relationship with Mr. Antinoro,
- 19 and that Mr. Antinoro is on the brothel board, and you,
- 20 you told me that; right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. You also told me that Mr. Antinoro is -- his
- office also oversees regulation of the brothels; right?
- 24 A. Per county code, yes, he does.
- Q. And I think you even gave me an anecdote that one

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- of your family members, or somebody else you knew, did
- 2 the same years ago; right?
- 3 A. No. What I was alluding to, to clarify, is that
- 4 my father wrote Joe Conforte's biography.
- 5 Q. Okay. There you go.
- 6 So you meet with Mr. Antinoro about three times a

- 7 month, you said?
- 8 A. I do not meet with --
- 9 MR. BUSBY: Hold on. Objection,
- 10 mischaracterizes earlier testimony and asked and
- 11 answered.
- 12 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- Q. Well, you interact with him about three times a
- 14 month; right?
- 15 A. Virginia City is a small town and I occupy the
- 16 same space as Mr. Antinoro occasionally.
- 17 Q. You can go and see him any time you want in the
- 18 sheriff's department, virtually?
- 19 A. Just like any other citizen in Storey County.
- Q. All right. Did you ever ask Mr. Antinoro about
- 21 Mr. Gilman's residency?
- 22 MR. BUSBY: Objection, news shield statute.
- 23 MR. FLANGAS: That's not a shield statute
- 24 there, counsel.
- MR. BUSBY: Mr. Flangas, you're welcome to

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- file your a motion and disagree, but I'm going to direct
- 2 my client to not answer that question.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Based upon my counsel's
- 4 advice, I am not going to answer that question.
- 5 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- 6 Q. Did you ever go to the sheriff's office to verify
- 7 Mr. Antinoro's -- excuse me -- Mr. Gilman's residency?
- 8 MR. BUSBY: Same objection. Don't answer
- 9 that question.

- MR. FLANGAS: Are you really going to invoke
- 11 the Shield on whether or not somebody went to the
- sheriff's office to verify residency, counsel?
- MR. BUSBY: Mr. Flangas, we can argue about
- 14 this later before the Court. If you have any questions
- 15 for my witness, please go ahead.
- 16 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- 17 Q. So did you -- so you're not going to answer the
- 18 question on whether or not you went to the sheriff's
- 19 office to verify the residency of Mr. Gilman?
- 20 MR. BUSBY: Same objection. Don't answer
- 21 that.
- 22 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- Q. Are you going to take the same tact on virtually
- 24 every question I ask now as to what you did to verify
- 25 the residency of Mr. Gilman?

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- 1 MR. BUSBY: Objection, calls for legal
- 2 opinion. Don't answer that question. Go ahead.
- 3 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- 4 Q. You talk in your affidavit about a -- an
- 5 informant, or somebody, that told you that Mr. Gilman
- 6 was leaving the premises at 8:00 every evening and going
- 7 towards Reno. Who was this informant?
- 8 MR. BUSBY: Objection, news shield statute.
- 9 Don't answer that question.
- 10 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- 11 Q. And so what is it, that if Mr. Gilman goes

- 12 towards -- if Mr. Gilman is heading towards Reno at
- 13 8:00 -- scratch that.
- 14 How many times a week does Mr. Gilman leave and
- go towards Reno at 8:00, according to your source?
- 16 A. According to my source, it's virtually every
- 17 night.
- 18 Q. And how does your source know this?
- 19 A. Because of the position that they occupy, they
- 20 are there.
- Q. Do they have -- do they follow Mr. Gilman?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. Have you ever seen a residence that Mr. Gilman
- 24 lives in in Reno?
- 25 A. Have I seen a residence?

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- 1 Q. Yes.
- 2 A. I have seen multiple properties that are owned by
- 3 Mr. Gilman that are in Washoe County. I have not seen a
- 4 residence of Mr. Gilman.
- 5 Q. Have you ever seen Mr. Gilman in any other
- 6 residence?
- 7 A. I don't follow Mr. Gilman around. I have no -- I
- 8 did not personally pursue Mr. Gilman. I did not do any
- 9 of that.
- 10 Q. Well, see, I'm kind of confused, here, because
- 11 you're telling me about all of this in your second
- 12 declaration -- let's go with your first declaration. In
- 13 paragraph 18 you talk about all this diligence you're
- doing, but you never once went to see whether or not Mr. Page 76

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- 15 Gilman lived anywhere else other than number 5 Wild
- 16 Horse?
- 17 A. So I did public records requests, I checked the
- websites of Washoe County to determine ownership of.
- 19 properties. The Mustang Ranch, as you know, is behind a
- 20 locked gate, which, which prevents casual observers from
- 21 making any observations. And so the answer to your
- 22 question is as, as phrased, did I drive by, did I go
- 23 look for Mr. Gilman anywhere in Washoe County, no, I did
- 24 not.
- Q. You have no idea where Mr. Gilman lives, do you?

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- 1 A. I have a pretty good idea of where he lives, yes.
- 2 Q. Why don't you give me that pretty good idea and
- 3 what your basis for it is.
- 4 A. I interviewed an individual who told me that Mr.
- 5 Gilman's toys, his cars, his motorcycles, all his fancy
- 6 clothes, all his cool stuff, is at a place that is not
- 7 on the Mustang Ranch property.
- 8 O. Who's this interview?
- 9 MR. BUSBY: News shield statute. Don't
- 10 answer that.
- 11 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- 12 Q. And they told you that Mr. Gilman's got a house,
- 13 this source?
- 14 A. Mr. Gilman houses his nice clothes, his
- 15 motorcycles, his vehicles, his, his rich -- his
- 16 expensive cars, all his, you know, jewelry and all of

- 17 his personal effects -- perhaps not all, but certainly a
- 18 majority of them -- at a place that is not on the
- 19 Mustang Ranch compound.
- Q. What's the address of the place?
- 21 A. He did not reveal.
- Q. You have no idea what's in his places, do you?
- 23 A. I sure don't. I've never been there.
- Q. You don't know what clothes he has.
- 25 A. So what's interesting is Mr. Gilman could have,

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- at any time, invited me to his place, shown me where he
- 2 lives, and put an end to this. He could also have, as I
- 3 requested in one of my -- no, actually, I didn't request
- 4 this in a piece -- in a conversation with someone, that
- 5 he could release his cell phone records showing
- 6 triangulation of where he parked his cell phone from
- 7 midnight -- or 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and shut me up at
- 8 any time.
- 9 Q. Why does he have to do that?
- 10 A. Why doesn't he -- why does he have to sue me for
- 11 claiming that he doesn't live there.
- 12 Q. Because you're the one that did it.
- 13 A. Right. So if he --
- Q. But why does he have to prove --
- 15 A. He doesn't.
- 16 Q. -- anything to you?
- 17 A. He absolutely doesn't.
- 18 Q. So my -- so conveniently you're doing all this
- investigation, but you can't give me a single source Page 78

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- 20 other than you're going to invoke this shield.
- 21 A. I'm not giving you any source, that's correct. I
- 22 don't have to.
- Q. Are you aware that Mr. Gilman lists 5 Wild Horse
- 24 on his brothel application?
- 25 A. Am I aware that he lifts 5 Wild Horse--

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- 1 Q. Lists. Lists, not lifts.
- 2 A. -- lists 5 Wild Horse -- yes, I am.
- 3 MR. BUSBY: Objection, confusing question.
- 4 Go ahead.

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- 5 BY MR. FLANGAS:
- 6 Q. Okay. Are you -- do you know that Mr. Gilman has
- 7 a CCW issued by the sheriff of Storey County?
- 8 A. I do not know that, no.
- 9 O. It lists number 5 Wild Horse.
- 10 A. So what? I contend still, to this day, that he
- 11 doesn't live there.
- 12 Q. Did you ever go check this, or did you --
- 13 A. As I've stated earlier, I cannot go check it
- 14 because he resides behind a locked gate.
- 15 Q. No. Did you ever go check over there, the
- 16 brothel license applications?
- 17 A. "Over there"? Where is "over there"?
- 18 Q. The sheriff's office.
- 19 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. And it showed number 5; right?
- 21 A. I don't recall.

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22	Q. You don't recall. Did you ever talk to the
23	sheriff about it?
24	MR. BUSBY: Objection, news shield statute.
25	Don't answer that.
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1	BY MR. FLANGAS:
2	Q. Did you ever talk to the sheriff about it?
3	MR. BUSBY: Same objection. Don't answer
4	that.
5	MR. FLANGAS: Counsel, I guess we're done
6	today. I'm going to have to file a motion, because
7	MR. BUSBY: Okay. I'd like to examine the
8	witness.
9	MR. FLANGAS: No. We'll pick this up later.
10	MR. BUSBY: I'd like the record to reflect
11	that counsel for the defendant has refused to allow
12	counsel for the plaintiff to examine the witness.
13	MR. FLANGAS: Let the record reflect that
14	the issue is is you're not letting your client answer
15	any questions, and so I'm going to have to go file a
16	motion with the Court before we go any further in this
17	deposition, because I can't finish my deposition because
18	he's hiding behind this you know, improperly hiding
19	behind this Shield law.
20	MR. BUSBY: I'm sorry you feel that way.
21	(Deposition concluded at 11:50 p.m.)
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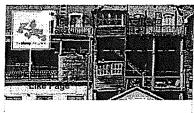
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COMES NOW, SAM TOLL, ("Defendant" or "Toll"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and hereby files the following Opposition to the May 10, 2018 Motion to Compel; Motion for Sanctions; Motion to Extend the Time Period for Discovery; and In the Alternative. Motion for Summary Judgment (hereinafter "Motion(s)") filed by Plaintiff LANCE GILMAN ("Plaintiff" or "Gilman").

This Opposition is based upon the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the pleadings and papers filed herein, and any oral argument on this matter the the Court should require.

#### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### I. Background

On April 9, 2018, the Court entered an Order Granting Anti-SLAPP Special Motion to Dismiss in Part, Allowing Limited Discovery, and Staying Further Proceedings (hereinafter "Court's Order"). The Court's Order found in favor of the Defendant on seven out of the eight alleged defamatory statements alleged in the Plaintiff's Complaint and concluded that the resident communications at issue, i.e. Toll's statements that Gilman does not live in Storey County, were made in direct connection with an issue of public interest in a place open to the public or on a public forum. (Court's Order at 14:9). The Court granted leave to the Defendant to conduct discovery, "limited solely to information as to whether Toll knew the resident statements were false or whether he acted with a high degree of awareness of the probable falsity of the statement or had serious doubts as to the

publication's truth." (Court's Order at 21:8)

During the discovery period, the Defendant's have deposed the Plaintiff and Mr. Austin Osbourne, a Storey County employee to whom Mr. Toll submitted public records requests. The Defendants are aware of no other discovery conducted by the Plaintiff.

#### II. Argument

The Plaintiff moves and argues: (1) That the Court compel Mr. Toll to answer questions regarding the sources of information in his stories despite the News Shield Privilege codified in NRS 49.275 (Motion at 9:10) because it does not apply to Toll because he is a blogger (Motion at 11:12); (2) That the Court impose sanctions on Mr. Toll for invoking the News Shield Privilege (Motion at 13:26); (3) That the Court extend the time for discovery in this matter (Motion at 14:11); and, (4) In the alternative, the Court grant partial summary judgment and issue a ruling that because of the Defendant invoked the News Shield Privilege, the Defendant may not later rely on privileged information as a defense in this matter (Motion at 14:19).

#### A. The News Shield Statute Protects Toll's Sources

The Plaintiff argues that Toll should be compelled to answer questions disclosing the confidential sources of his news stories regarding Mr. Gilman's purported residence. Plaintiff argues that the News Shield Privilege does not apply to the Defendant because he is a "blogger." (Motion at 12:6) The Plaintiff also argues that because the Teller's website states that it was created to provide a source of irritation to the Good Old Boys who

operate The Biggest Little Country in the World that the Teller was not created for the purpose of disseminating news to the general public. (Motion at 12:21). Both of Plaintiff's arguments fail.

First, Toll is a reporter and the title "blogger" does not drive application of the News Shield Statute. In the February 1, 2018 Declaration of Sam Toll, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, Toll describes that he started the Teller to provide an alternative to the Comstock Chronicle, which he states is a competing local news source. Attached to Exhibit 1 are various articles published in the Teller, which all relate to news events and/or opinion and/or satire about news events in Storey County, and all of which self identify the Teller as a source of news. On page 7 of 12 on Attachment 1 to Exhibit 1, it states: "Thank you for supporting local facts-not-fake news" and "If you want to find out what happened last week, buy a paper. To find out what's really going in in Storey County, check out thestoreyteller.online."

In the February 26, 2018 Declaration of Sam Toll, attached hereto as Exhibit 2, Toll states that during a normal week the Teller receives between 800 and 1000 visitors, and that based on these numbers he believes that a large percentage of the overall residents in Storey County visit the Teller and are interested in the issues that Toll writes about, including Lance Gilman, the Storey County Commission, TRIC, and the Mustang Ranch, among other topics.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 is the declaration of Barry Smith, Executive Director of

the Nevada Press Association. Mr. Smith's declaration describes the Nevada Press Association, states that the Defendant joined the Nevada Press Association in August of 2017, and states that the Defendant is an active member in good standing of the Nevada Press Association. Exhibit 4 is a copy of the Nevada Press Association's website listing "Specialized Publications," under which The StoreyTeller is listed along with numerous other Nevada publications. Attached hereto as Exhibit 5 is a photo of Toll's press badge from the Nevada legislature issued by the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

A "reporter" is defined as: "(1): a person employed by a newspaper, magazine, or television company to gather and report news (2): a person who broadcasts news." There is no dispute as to whether the Teller, which is run by Mr.Toll, is an online news source that broadcasts news. Toll self-identifies as a reporter, he holds himself out as a reporter, is a member of the Nevada Press Association, and is regarded as a reporter by others, including the Nevada Press Association and the Legislative Counsel Bureau, who issued Toll a press badge. Thus, Nevada's Press Shield Privilege in NRS 49.275 protects Toll from being compelled to disclose his sources.

Second, NRS 49.275 broadly protects any information that is gathered in the course of preparing a news story, as well as the sources of such information. *Aspen Fin. Services, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court of State ex rel. County of Clark*, 129 Nev. 878, 884, 313 P.3d 875, 879, 129 Nev. Adv. Op. 93, 2013 WL 6224478 (2013). Even where application of NRS.

<sup>1</sup> https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/reporter?src=search-dict-hed

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49.275 might significantly impair a defamation plaintiff's ability to meet his burden of proving actual malice, the News Shield Privilege precludes disclosure of confidential sources and information:

The Court fully recognizes that application of Nevada's shield law may significantly impair Plaintiff's ability to meet his burden of proving "actual malice" under New York Times v. Sullivan, supra. The Court appreciates as well that application of Nevada's shield law deprives Plaintiff of discovery he would be entitled to take in a State without such a near absolute press privilege statute. However, the Nevada legislature, in granting almost absolute protection to a journalist from disclosure of his confidential sources, has made a decision to favor the public's interest in access to information over an individual's interest in vindicating his reputation in a defamation action. Reconciling such conflicting interests is an appropriate function of a legislative body. Newton v. Nat'l Broad. Co., Inc., 109 F.R.D. 522, 530, 2 Fed. R. Serv. 3d 320, 18 Fed. R. Evid. Serv. 118, 11 Media L. Rep. 1950 (D. Nev. 1985)

Numerous news sources in Nevada are not traditional print "newspapers," but offer content exclusively online like the Teller, such as The Nevada Independent,<sup>2</sup> which is spearheaded by Nevada journalist Jon Ralston. Although one can pejoratively refer to Ralston or Toll as merely "bloggers," they are the modern day version of what a reporter was before the internet changed the media landscape.

As to whether the News Shield Statute applies equally to a traditional newspaper or an online news outlet like the StoreyTeller and the Nevada Independent, courts' addressing the issue state that there is no difference in how similar legal principles should be applied:

We agree with our sister circuits. The protections of the First Amendment do not turn on whether the defendant was a trained journalist, formally affiliated with traditional news entities, engaged in conflict-of-interest disclosure, went beyond just assembling others' writings, or tried to get both sides of a story. As the Supreme Court has accurately warned, a First Amendment distinction between the institutional press and other speakers is unworkable: "With the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://thenevadaindependent.com/

advent of the Internet and the decline of print and broadcast media ... the line between the media and others who wish to comment on political and social issues becomes far more blurred." Obsidian Fin. Group, LLC v. Cox, 740 F.3d 1284, 1291, 42 Media L. Rep. 1186, 14 Cal. Daily Op. Serv. 500, 2014 Daily Journal D.A.R. 627, 2014 WL 185376 (9th Cir. 2014) quoting Citizens United v. Fed. Election Comm'n, 558 U.S. 310, 352, 130 S. Ct. 876, 905 (2010).

# B. No Violation Occurred to Justify Discovery Sanctions - The Required Procedures for Requesting Sanctions under the FJDCR 15 and NRCP 37 were not followed

The Plaintiff requests, should the Court compel Mr. Toll to disclose his sources, sanctions in an amount to cover the Plaintiff's counsel's travel costs, lodging costs, court reporter fees, and attorney fees incurred in bringing the Motion. (Motion at 13-14). "Parties may obtain discovery regarding any matter, *not privileged*, which is relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending action." NRCP 26(b)(1) [*emphasis added*] Toll's sources are privileged under NRS 49.275 and not discoverable under the applicable rules of civil procedure.

Further, NRCP 37(a)(2)(B) states that if a deponent fails to answer a question propounded or submitted under NRCP 30 the discovering party may move for an order compelling an answer. NRCP 37(a)(2)(B) also requires that the motion include a certification that the movant has in good faith conferred or attempted to confer with the person or party failing to make the discovery in an effort to secure the information or material without court action. FJDCR 15(11) also requires that motions to compel discovery or for sanctions for failure to provide discovery will not be considered unless a statement of the movant is attached to the Motion certifying that after a personal

consultation with opposing counsel and a good faith effort to comply, counsel has been unable to satisfactorily resolve the matter. No such attempt to meet and confer took place outside of the deposition and no such certification by the Plaintiff's counsel is attached to the Motion.

Further, as described above, sanctions in this case are not warranted because the Defendant invoked the News Shield Privilege in NRS 49.275 in an appropriate and lawful manner, with sufficient grounds, and in good faith.

#### C. There is no reasonable justification for further time for discovery

The Plaintiff requests additional time to conduct discovery to fully look at what the Defendant knew about the falsity of his statements. (Motion at 14:17) To the best of the undersigned counsel's knowledge, the only discovery conducted by the Plaintiff in this matter was the deposition of the Defendant on May 4, 2018, and the deposition of Storey County employee Austin Osbourne on May 11, 2018. The Court has provided the Plaintiff with ample opportunity to conduct essentially unlimited discovery within 30 days of the Court's Order on the issue of Toll's good faith belief in his statements that Gilman does not reside behind the Mustang Ranch, but the Plaintiff let this time pass without substantial effort. Further, proper invocation of the Press Shield Privilege by the Defendant is not a sound reason for extending the time for discovery in this case.

#### D. Summary Judgment May Resolve Claims, Not Evidentiary or Discovery Issues

The Plaintiff requests that the Court enter partial summary judgment on the issue of

whether the Defendant can rely on privileged information as a defense, citing Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark, 116 Nev. 88, 91, 993 P.2d 50, 52, 28 Media L. Rep. 1513, 2000 WL 96832 (2000) (Motion at 15:11).

NRCP 56(a) states that a party seeking to recover upon a claim, counterclaim, or cross-claim or to obtain a declaratory judgment may move for summary judgment. The Plaintiff's Motion is not seeking summary judgment as to a "claim" but rather one single evidentiary or discovery issue. Whether Toll properly invoked the News Shield Privilege is not an element of the Plaintiff's defamation claim. The court cannot enter "judgment" on a single evidentiary or discovery issue in a case, such as whether the News Shield Privilege is properly invoked under NRCP 56. Under NRCP 54(a) a "judgment" is a decree and any order from which an appeal lies, i.e. a decision from the Court that resolves a claim.

The Plaintiff's reliance on *Diaz* is also misplaced. While it is the case that once a media litigant has invoked the protection of the news shield statute to resist discovery, the defendant may not later rely on the privileged information as a defense, *Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark*, 116 Nev. at 101 (2000), broadcast of substance of conversations with confidential sources does not constitute waiver of privilege against disclosure of identities of such sources. *Newton v. Nat'l Broad. Co., Inc.*, 109 F.R.D. 522, 2 Fed. R. Serv. 3d 320, 18 Fed. R. Evid. Serv. 118, 11 Media L. Rep. 1950 (D. Nev. 1985). Under *Diaz*, Toll can still rely on the information provided to him by confidential informants regarding Gilman's residence as a basis for his belief that Gilman does not live

in Storey County without revealing who those confidential sources are. "The shield statute covers both published and unpublished information, and includes both the information obtained and the source of the information." Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark, 116 Nev. at 101 (2000). Further, pursuant to NRS 49.405(1), a claim of a privilege, whether in the present proceeding or upon a prior occasion, is not a proper subject of comment by judge or counsel and no inference may be drawn therefrom.

#### III. Conclusion

WHEREFORE, The Defendant respectfully requests that this Court Deny the Plaintiff's Motion(s).

#### NRS 239B.030(4) AFFIRMATION

I certify that the attached filing includes no social security numbers or other personal information.

Respectfully submitted this May 22 2018:

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on the date indicated below I served the foregoing document on the

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#### **Exhibit List**

- 1. February 1, 2018 Declaration of Sam Toll
- 2. February 26, 2018 Declaration of Sam Toll
- 3. Declaration of Barry Smith
- 4. NPA Website
- 5. Sam Toll Legislative Press Tag

### Exhibit 1

#### **DECLARATION OF SAM TOLL**

- 1. I am the declarant and I am competent to make this testimony;
- 2. I have personal knowledge of each and every fact attested to herein;
- I have been named as the Defendant in Case No. 18-trt-00001-1e in the First Judicial District Court in Storey County;
- 4. In January 2017 the I decided to start storeyteller.online (the "Teller");
- 5. I bought the storeyteller.online domain on February 14th 2017 and made the first post on the website on February 18th;
- 6. When I started the Teller I hoped to provide an online alternative to the Comstock Chronicle, which is a competing local news source;
- 7. The initial focus of the Teller was to provide a local news source where people in Storey County could obtain the facts surrounding information contained in pieces criticising the Storey County Sheriff Gerald Antinoro published by the proponents of the effort to recall the Sheriff that was ongoing at that time;
- Although I had some suspicions, when I started the Teller I did not know that Lance Gilman, who is a Storey County Commissioner, was deeply involved in the recall effort;
- The recall vote was held on April 11, 2017, and was unsuccessful. After the recall vote I became aware of facts that show that Lance Gilman was a major supporter of the recall effort;
- After the recall effort of the Sheriff was unsuccessful I was encouraged to continue the Teller by the strong support of the community;
- 11. I am aware that Lance Gilman has claimed in this lawsuit that I have made false and defamatory statements about him in the Teller;
- 12. I do not know which articles or statements in the Teller about which Gilman complains specifically, but I suspect that it includes the articles attached hereto as Attachments 1-11, all of which are true and correct copies of articles published in the Teller relevant to Gilman's claims;
- 13. I authored all of the articles in Attachments 1-10 with the exception of the article in Attachment 5 titled, "Long Live King Lance," by "Annie Mouse," which is the pseudonym I use for anonymous submissions to the Teller;
- 14. The article in Attachment 4 is clearly labeled as satire as follows: "For those of you from Rio Linda, this article was reprinted with permission from the Shallot. If you thought this was stranger than fiction, you should adjust your satire-o-meter." "The Shalott" is a satirical news website based in Australia, similar to The Onion. "From Rio Linda" is a reference to a phrase used by media figure Rush Limbaugh, meaning to put things into terms that those lacking sophistication can understand. The

- statements in the article in Attachment 4 were not meant to be taken literally, but rather as comedy/commentary on the ongoing feud between Gilman and the Sheriff;
- 15. With the exception of the satire piece in Attachment 4 and the anonymous submission in Attachment 5, I believe that the statements of fact that I have made about Gilman in Attachments 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. are the truth and I made these statements because I believe that the public should have full information about what government officials, including Mr. Gilman, are doing. Each of the articles I authored are related to subjects of political concern relevant to voters and taxpayers in Storey County.
- 16. On September 28, 2017, I filed a complaint to the Storey County District Attorney ("DA") (cc'ed to Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt) regarding Lance Gilman's residence and was advised by the DA that since I was making an accusation of a criminal offense, that I needed to file a complaint with the Storey County Sheriff's Office. Attached hereto as Attachment 11 is a true and correct copy of the complaint I filed with the DA.
- 17. On October 17, 2017, I then filed a complaint regarding Lance Gilman's residence with Storey County Sheriff's Office, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment 12.
- 18. I conduct research for the pieces I write in the Teller by gathering information from a variety of sources. This includes using the internet to access places like the Storey County Website, Las Vegas Sun, RGJ, the Nevada Revised Statutes, Nevada Appeal, Transparent Nevada and others. I attend and actively participate in the Storey County Commissioner meetings regularly as well as the Storey County Planning Department and the Virginia City Tourism Commission meetings. I was selected as a public witness during the effort to recall the Sheriff. I attend many many other public gatherings that generate public interest stories. I filed over 50 public records requests in 2017 and set up a database on January 1, 2018 to manage them. As of January 18th, 2018, I have filed 9 public records requests in that database. I have a working relationship with almost every elected official in Storey County and receive anonymous tips from employees of the County and other residents. I also conduct interviews with folks in the field with my "podcast in a backpack" equipment.
- 19. While Gilman is a frequent topic of my writing in the Teller, this is the case because of his stature in the County and his frequent participation in newsworthy events. I often write about other topics and other public figures in Storey County.
- 20. I have no personal malice against Lance Gilman, and I admire his accomplishments as a businessman and his contributions to the economic vitality of Northern Nevada and Storey County, and I have expressed this to Gilman at public meetings of the Storey County Commission. But, I believe that Gilman's conduct as a government official combined with his business interests in the County creates a massive conflict of interest to the detriment of the public good. The articles I have written in the Teller are highly and bombastically critical of Gilman because I believe the facts show

that Gilman uses his position as Storey County Commissioner to enrich himself and his associates, and that Gilman does not even live in Storey County.

Dated: 2/1/18

21. If I were to give testimony in open court, it would be substantively the same as that set forth herein above.

Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 53.045, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

By:

Sam Toll

# Attachment 1

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#### HOME (HTTP://THESTOREYTELLER.ONLINE)

NEWS (HTTP://THESTOREYTELLER.ONLINE/NEWS/)

EDITORIAL (HTTP://THESTOREYTELLER.ONLINE/EDITORIAL/)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (HTTP://THESTOREYTELLER.ONLINE/LETTER-TO-THE-EDITOR/)

ABOUT (HTTP://THESTOREYTELLER.ONLINE/ABOUT-US/)

SATIRE (HTTP://THESTOREYTELLER.ONLINE/SATIRE/)

# Storey County Taxpayer's Investment in TRIC Tops \$100 Million Dollars With Latest Pipeline Deal



▲ EDITOR (HTTP://THESTOREYTELLER.ONLINE/AUTHOR/SAMTOLL/)

The August 1st Commissioners Meeting agenda included a proposal for Storey County Taxpayers to borrow \$35 Million Dollars to purchase 19 miles of pipeline for the TRIC General Improvement District to transfer effluent purchased from Washoe County. TRIC will upgrade their existing plant on their own dime and Storey Count and Nevada State Taxpayers will build the pipeline from Sparks to the TRIC. TRIC will then sell the liquid gold to water hungry clients like Google and Switch to cool server farms that they currently run (Switch) or will build (Google).

This pipeline "deal" once again confirms to anyone paying attention that Commissioner Lance Gilman does not serve at the pleasure of Storey County Residents Voters. Rather, we and our pocketbooks serve at the pleasure and plunder of Lance Gilman, Don Norman and the band of merry TRICsters.

This pipeline "deal" proposes the use of taxes that would otherwise be spent to benefit all of Storey Count instead of being diverted to directly benefit Commissioner Gilman's enterprise.

Nicole Barde has been the Lone Ranger in her reporting of County Commissioner Meetings since she started in 2015. In her breakdown of the August 1st meeting (which I encourage you to read here (http://www.bardeblog.com/so-whats-going-on/212-summary-of-the-august-1-2017-storey-county-commission-meeting)), she delivers a lengthy in-depth and dead on point dissection of the latest effort of Brothel Owner, TRIC Executive and self serving crony County Commissioner Lance Gilman to once again have Storey County Taxpayers forfeit \$35 Million Dollars of future tax revenue from a "special tax area" so he and Don Norman can make even more money.

In the real world projects like this pipeline "deal" would normally be borne by the developer as part of the improvement of their development. But here in the surreal world we call Storey County, **the chumps** errr... Storey County Taxpayers gleefully divert tax revenue directly into the band of merry TRICsters pockets.

Ms. Barde accurately called this Corporate Welfare, I call it reverse graft. In the alternate reality call that exists in the Courthouse, it's a "public-private partnership-investment-thingy".

If nothing else, you have to admire the ginormity of the brass balls these hucksters clang around in broad daylight.

I read Ms. Barde's piece and was almost finished with my assessment of the deal when I read TRIC employee, and Lance Gliman roommate Kris Thompson\* defend the proposed swindle and personally attack Ms. Barde's piece labeling her as "progressive, anti-business and liberal". I will break down his post in a separate piece **but you can read it for yourself here** (https://vch.groups.io/g/main/topic /responding\_to\_ms\_barde\_s/5741061?p=,,,20,0,0,0::recentpostdate%2Fsticky,,,20,2,0,5741061). In his defense of TRIC, he uses his Houdini like attention deflection skills to cleverly avoid the facts that Ms. Barde revealed. All while attacking her by painting her as a bleeding heart, knee-jerk, commie pinko, sjw libtard.

While I can't speak for Ms. Barde, I want to make one thing perfectly clear before I deliver my assessment of this hustle.

I am not a Progressive Liberal. Not. Even. Close. I like to tell folks I am a Reformed Liberal, but technically I am Classical Liberal (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Classical\_liberalism). A Libertarian.

I read works by F. A. Hayek (http://product.half.ebay.com/\_W0QQprZ52642953), Bastiat (http://bastiat.org/en/petition.html), von Mises (https://www.mises.org/), Albert Nock (https://www.mises.org/library/our-enemy-state-2), Lysander Spooner (http://www.lysanderspooner.org/), Hans Hoppe (http://www.hanshoppe.com/), Jeffrey Tucker (https://liberty.me/members/jeffreytucker/) and Tom Woods (http://tomwoods.com/).

I listen to daily podcasts from Tom Woods (http://www.stitcher.com/podcast/tom-woods-show/the-tom-woods-show), Jason Stapleton (http://www.stitcher.com/podcast/trade-empowered/the-live-show-with-jason-stapleton) and the Liberty.Me Network (http://www.stitcher.com/podcast/libertyme).

I encourage you put a shotgun to your TV and Radio and join me in the real world of ideas.

One of the most rewarding things I have done in the last 30 years is being able to represent the Libertarian Party at High Schools in Placer County including the school where three of my children graduated; Del Oro High School. Placer County's Office of Education registers seniors to vote with their Rock the Vote program where they invite all registered political parties to introduce their party to freshly minted voters.

In my 5 minute Libertarian Party Platform overview, I include the following passage:

"When I moved here in 1983, I got a job at an Apple Dealership. This was before the Apple Store that you are all used to. A local businessman opened a dealership and sold Apple Computers to hobbyists. I met Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak four days before the Macintosh Computer was released in 1984. I bought my Macintosh 128k Computer from Jobs and brought it back to Rocklin and proceeded to sell the pants of it.

In 1986 I quit selling computers and founded The Electric Page in downtown Sacramento. Within 5 years I had 50+ employees, owned an 8,000 square foot building and had a 5 million a year run rate.

And I did it without any help from the government."

# Small Government Free Market Capitalist Entrepreneur. Not. A. Liberal.

#### **Back to the Pipeline Hustle**

When this deal is approved by Marshall McBride and Jack McGuffey, TRIC will have accomplished another spectacular job of bamboozling Storey County officials. It will mean that Storey County and Nevada Taxpayers have dumped \$100 million dollars of what can only be described as "reverse graft" directly into the pockets of the band of merry TRICsters.

The details of this deal legally encumber 2.1 million dollars of "future tax revenue" to pay for the

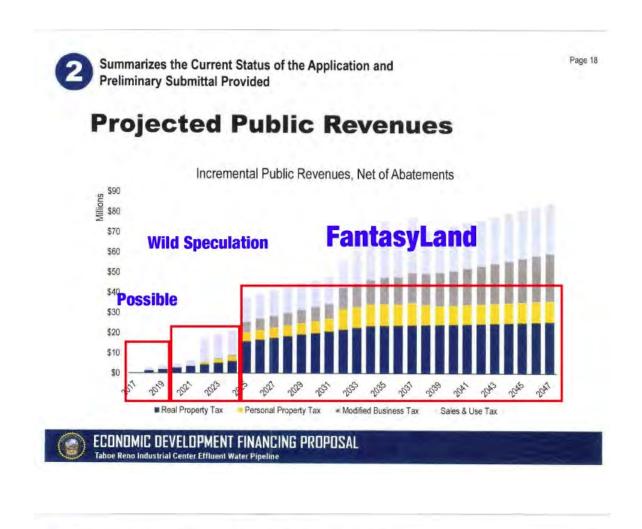
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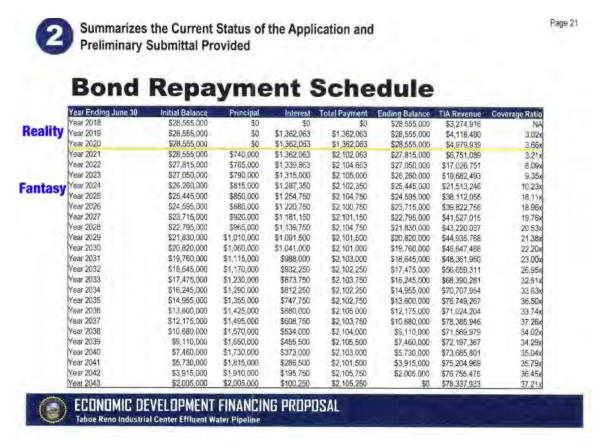
When I was at the podium expressing my "activist"\*\* opinions on this matter, Storey County Manager Pat Whitten told me that they are trying to use tax revenue provided by SB1, Tesla-like business stimulation legislation passed by the Nevada Legislature (http://mvprogress.com/2016/01/06/legislators-sum-up-recent-special-session/) designed to lure now defunct Tesla wannabe Faraday Futures (https://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/11/automobiles/faraday-future-north-las-vegas-jia-yueting.html). Mr. Whitten suggested the State of Nevada would pay half of the \$ 2.1 Million dollars with money in the Faraday Futures pool leaving the balance coming from "future tax tax revenues from new business". Mr. Whitten said on record this revenue would not be available if they didn't try to capture the money.

Being the eternal skeptic, I am in the process of confirming this claim by contacting the State of Nevada. So far I have had no luck getting confirmation, but I am only two rounds of voicemail into the process. I will report my findings in a followup article.

Jeremy Aguero of Las Vegas consulting firm Applied Analysis (http://appliedanalysis.com/) said in his presentation the projections beyond three years are conjecture. I suggest they lie somewhere between Wild Speculation pure Fantasy.

Take a Look:





I call these projections speculative fantasy mindful that we are one Orange Tweet or North Korean Missile into Seoul away from a major deviation from the ice cream and lollypops shown in the charts above. The debt, however dwells firmly in the real world. If the tax revenues fall short, the taxpayers of Storey County are obligated to pay the loan. That is why they need Storey County Commission Approval.

The last point I want to make on this is to remind sober minded residents of Storey County that encumbering us with this debt takes the cream off the top of the annual flood of mythical revenue from the Oceans of Cash floating in the Sea of TRIC. The first Million Dollars goes to buy the TRICsters a pipeline to transport the liquid gold they will make a killing on.

- Shaun Griffin of the Community Chest could use a million dollars to pay for the Community Center instead of begging for nickles.
- Stacey Gilbert could use a million dollars to build a new Senior Center.
- With a million dollars we could build a new pool.
- A Million Dollars to use to benefit the Storey County Residents anywhere.

But no.

Commissioner Lance Gilman wants that money to pay for infrastructure to benefit his band of merry TRICsters.

# Final thoughts on Reverse Graft and Creative Math and the pipeline deal.

In her piece, Ms. Barde places the debt we already owe for the TRIC boondoggle at \$67 Million once this pipeline "deal" is rubber stamped and rammed up our checkbook. Yet my headline puts the number at breaking the \$ 100 Million Dollar mark. How do I get \$100 million out of \$67 Million?

I include the \$42 Million dollars the TRICsters pocketed when they sold USA Parkway to the State of Nevada. Yes, Pat Whitten and the County Commissioners gave Lance and the TRICsters our little stretch of the roadway, got a maxed out \$45 Million "Interest Free" credit card and the TRICsters sold the road to NDOT for \$42 million (https://lasvegassun.com/news/2015/mar/26/some-call-him-hypocrite-gilman-others-want-alterna/).

Mad Props on world class negotiating skills "Team Storey"!

An elected official is supposed to selflessly serve the interests of all their constituents to the best of their ability, not the other way around.

This pipeline "deal" is the latest effort to benefit TRIC at the expense of every person in Storey County and should make everyone stand up and voice outrage.

If our current County Leadership fail to recognize this for what it is and approve it, it's time to demand a change of those leaders.

Marshall McBride is our only hope to shoot this hustle down. If you think Lance should finance his own projects, call or email Marshall and let him know.

Marshall McBride – County Commissioner

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# Update on Mustang Ranch Zoning Complaint



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We recently shared our frustrations with Storey County Administration in what we considered to be stonewalling our request for information about the zoning of Mustang Ranch (which you can read here (http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/10/16/teller-files-criminal-complaint-storey-county-da-sheriff/)). Additionally, we question the residency status of two public officials; County Commissioner Lance Gilman and Planning Commissioner Kris Thompson.

Our investigation seeks information and answers to issues posed below:

# The actual residence of Mr. Gilman and Mr. Thompson

• In documents provided to County Clerk Vanessa Stephens, Gilman and Thompson list 5 Wild

Horse Canyon and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive as their legal residences.

- According to Assessor Jana Seddon, these addresses are associated with two sides of a doublewide trailer on blocks behind the swimming pool of The Mustang Ranch Brothel.
- According to Mr. Thompson and Mr. Gilman, they are bunkmates in the doublewide
- If Mr. Thompson indeed lives in the doublewide, according to Storey County Ordinance, he needs a work card. Our sniffing around suggests such a work card does not exist. As Brothel owner, if Mr. Gilman actually lives on site, he doesn't need a work card.
- According to common sense combined with functioning neural synapses, one of the wealthiest men in Northern Nevada doesn't put head to pillow within earshot of the transactional action going down near his alleged, less than 1000 square foot half doublewide.
- According to everyone and their mothers, Mr. Gilman lives in Reno
- If these moms are to be believed, Mr. Gilman can't legally hold office as Storey County Commissioner.

# The Zoning of Mustang Ranch

- If the Ranch is zoned residential, then it is legal to claim it as their legal residence.
- If the Ranch is zoned anything other than residential, it is illegal to claim it as a legal residence.
- If the Ranch is zoned anything other than residential, people may be able to "sleep" with each other for 20-30 minutes, but not overnight.
- If the zoning ordinances are ignored by impotent people, why should the rest of us pay any attention to them?

# The Criminal Complaint of Cheating and Lying

- If Gilman and Thompson live there, they are in violation of county ordinance and subject to misdemeanor criminal conduct (cheating).
- If Gilman and Thompson don't live there, they are guilty of perjury when they filled out proof of residency forms (lying)
- If Gilman and Thompson exist in a parallel universe of Storey County immune from the trivial annoyances of law, code and ordinance compliance, why can't the rest of us teleport to that universe so we can chill with them and ignore the rules too?

# Stonewalling and Restricting the Free Flow of Public Information

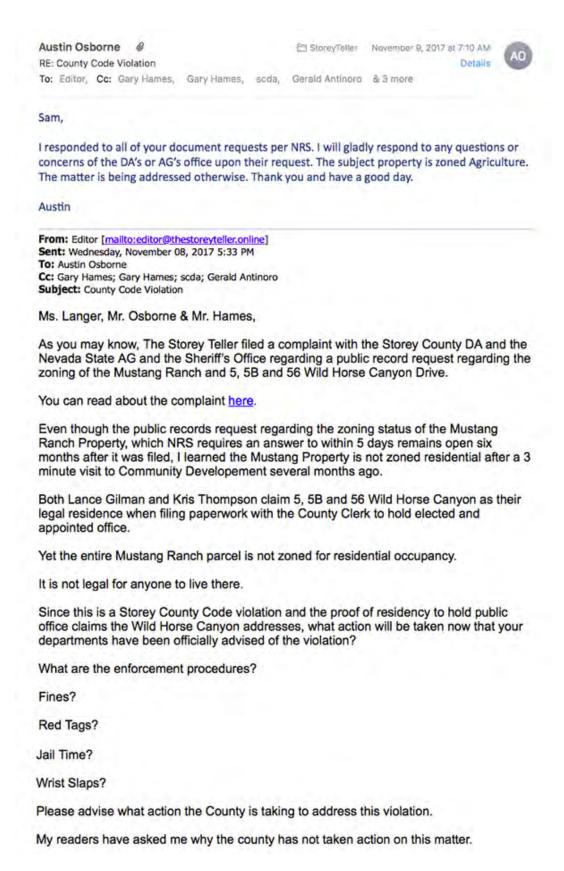
Earlier this month I sent Assistant County Manager, Human Resources Manager, Planning Director, Master Plan Point Man and Man of Mystery Austin Osborne an email asking why it has taken him six months past the five days required by Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) to respond to my innocuous question, "What is the zoning for 5 and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive?"

He referred me to the email response made within the five-day time frame prescribed by NRS telling me he and Kathy Canfield were looking into the matter. I reminded him that telling me he was busy and that he would get back to me may technically satisfy NRS, **but it didn't actually answer the question**.

I advised him that I was still waiting for an official reply.

I shared that in May I wandered into the Community Development Department and walked out with a printout saying Mustang Ranch was zoned industrial.

I sent him, DA Langer and Battle Born Consuting LLC principal Gary Hames the email below which finally produced an (amazing) answer to my super simple question "What is the zoning on the Mustang Ranch?".



As you know, the law applies to everyone equally, including those in power.

Is there special consideration being made because this involves our County Commissioner and his employee and a county planning commissioner?

Mr. Kris Thompson told the community that there is an effort underway to rezone a portion of the Mustang to "clean this up ". Is this true?

Respectfully,

Sam Toll - Editor editor@thestoreyteller.online www.thestoreyteller.online 775-583-8655



Eight Months Later we learn how the Mustang Ranch is zoned.

This is the only response to the above email full of questions posed in part by conversations with you, gentle reader.

Storey County District Attorney and Nevada Attorney General, the enforcement arms of criminal charges, are church mouse quiet.

Battle Born Consulting's Gary Hames, Chief Enforcement Officer of Storey County code violations (but not an actual Storey County employee), drools asleep at the wheel.

Mr. Osborne includes two incredible, mind-blowing six-word sentences scribbled into his grudged email:

- 1. The subject property is zoned Agriculture.
- 2. The matter is being addressed otherwise.

# Whisky. Tango. Foxtrot.

The Mustang Ranch is zoned "Agriculture". What does that even mean?

Astonished, I called two other jurisdictions who license brothels; Lyon and Nye Counties. The Community Development Office in Lyon County (operated by actual county employees and not empty suited, unqualified crony "consultants") advised me that the 4 licensed brothels operate under a strict and carefully constructed county zoning ordinance; Ordinance X. Additionally these brothels function

under an equally strict Special Use Permit (SUP) that is regularly reviewed and is reviewed regularly.

Nye County regulates brothels under similar sober-minded and careful attention. They take their jobs seriously and construct an ordinance that serves the constituents of the county carefully.

What these two counties don't have is the owner of any of these brothels seated as County Commissioner.

# But not here in Storey County. No Sir. We zone our brothels "Agriculture"

If this doesn't plop the reality that the self-serving self-interests of the Owner of the Mustang Ranch and County Commissioner Lance Gilman trump the interests of the residents and taxpayers of Storey County smack dab into the broadest of dazzling daylight, what does?

Keep walking, people. There's nothing to see here...

# The Next Sentence Is Just As Bizzare; "The matter is being addressed otherwise."

What in God's Green Earth does this mean? Austin "The Master of Opacity" Osborne could not be less clear.

Sounds like they plan on "fixing" the matter in some happy quiet little way under the cloak of invisibility.

- Are they going to rezone the property?
- Are they going to give the County Commissioner and his boy wonder an exclusion?
- Are they going to approve a friendly little SUP?
- Are they going to look the other way?
- Will everyone else get to have their trivial infractions fixed with expensive county employee labor?
- Are they going to stand on their heads while consulting the Magic 8-Ball?
- All of the above?

Nothing would surprise me.

# The Double Standard is Alive and Well For County Commissioner Gilman and Planning Commissioner Thompson

People tell me that Storey County maintains two standards separating the people who think they own this county from the ones who actually do.

People also tell me this fact doesn't sit well with them.

It doesn't sit well with me.

It shouldn't sit well with you, either.

As the countdown to the next election cycle ticks off, it's stuff like this that makes us take inventory of our leadership.

I suggest you ask the simple question; Are our leaders conducting Storey County Business with your and my interest or self-interest at heart?

Next November I guess we'll know our answer.

Stay Tuned.

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# Teller Files Criminal Complaint with Storey DA, Sheriff



▲ EDITOR (HTTP://THESTOREYTELLER.ONLINE/AUTHOR/SAMTOLL/)

On March 28th, 2017, The Storey Teller filed a public record request with Assistant County Manager, Planning Director and all around busy guy Austin Osborne. In this request we asked for the zoning of the Mustang Ranch Compound, specifically to see if any section of the property was zoned residential. This residential zoning inquiry was the result of previous requests filed with County Clerk Vanessa Stephens and County Assessor Jana Seddon.

We asked Clerk Stephens for the proof of legal residences claimed by Leonard Lance Gilman and Kris Thompson required by Nevada State Law for anyone running for office or holding an appointed office. The request from County Clerk Stephens was fulfilled in one business day. It revealed that Leonard Lance Gilman resides at 5B Wild Horse Canyon Drive and Kris Thompson resides at 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive.

Since the United States Post Office does not show 5B or 56 Wild Horse Canyon as addresses in their system (they will return any correspondence sent there as "Address Unknown") we asked Assessor Jana Seddon where these addresses physically were. Her response, delivered in two business days, was remarkable; Lance and Kris reside in a dual wide mobile home located behind the swimming pool at the Mustang Ranch.

Let me say that again.

Lance Gilman, one of the wealthiest men in Northern Nevada, lives in a mobile home behind the swimming pool with his employee and roommate Kris Thompson. At a the brothel.

While many Storey County Resident were born at night, none of us reading this were born last night. Suggesting this is a fact stretches credulity around the planet. Twice.



Must be exciting living in an actual cathouse; think of all the interesting people you meet!

After I learned where County Commissioner Gilman and Planning Commissioner Thompson claim to live, I then sent my public record request to Mr Osborne. As stated above, this request was to determine the zoning of the Mustang Ranch and was filed on March 28. After several back and forth

emails, included below, the matter went cold. I saw Mr Osborne on multiple occasions and asked him about the inquiry. I got the usual dismissive reason, "We're in the midst of the Budget" or "I'm in the middle of revising a statute" or "My dog ate my keyboard".

During the months of delay on the simple request of what is the zoning of the Mustang Ranch, I decided to stroll into the Community Development Department and ask them. Within 5 minutes I was holding the printout containing the zoning of the Mustang Ranch.

Nowhere on Mustang property is it zoned residential. So nobody can live there. And nobody can claim they live there. In order to live there, the property must be zoned..... residential.

# Six months later...

On the six month anniversary of the initial, unfilled, public record request The Teller filed a criminal complaint with Storey County District Attorney Anne Langer and Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt. DA Langer advised me that since I was making a criminal complaint I needed to file the complaint with the Sheriff's Office before she could proceed.

The purpose of this complaint is to hold accountable County Commissioner Gilman and Planning Commissioner Thompson for committing perjury when they filed paperwork claiming to live somewhere it is illegal to live. Since they took office illegally and since they don't actually live at Wild Horse Canyon Drive (or anywhere else in the county for that matter) and can't legally reside where they claimed they did, we conclude and insist they be prosecuted for perjury and removed from office.

My complaint also charged that Mr Thompson was most likely in violation of county ordinance 5.16.220 which reads in part:

5.16.220 Work card registration required.

A. It is unlawful for any person to work as an independent contractor or be employed or for a licensee to employ or allow a person on the premises of a licensed operation, unless the person is the holder of a valid current work card issued by the sheriff. Customers of the brothel are exempt from this requirement.

Because brothel work cards are not public record, I can only make the claim without actual proof. The Sheriff's Office issues the work cards so they will immediately know if Mr Thompson holds one.

Once the Criminal Complaint is completed I will share the results with you, kind reader.

Below, find the public documents and emails filed with DA Langer, AG Laxalt and Sheriff Antinoro.

Stay Tuned...

September 28th, 2017

Ms. Anne Langer Storey County District Attorney 205 South C Street P.O. Box 496 Virginia City, NV 89440 Mr. Paul Laxalt Nevada Attorney General

100 North Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701Subject: Public Records Request and Obstruction Complaint against Storey County

I am writing to you today on the six month anniversary of a public records request whose purpose is to verify the status of the residences of two Storey County Officials. I have attached the email correspondence between myself and Storey County regarding the zoning of the addresses supplied by Lance Gilman when he submitted required documents to run for County Commissioner and Kris Thompson to confirm his residence to qualify for being appointed to serve on the Storey County Planning Commission.

According to various NRS statutes and Storey County Code, in order for an elected or appointed official to hold office or be appointed to a board in Storey County, the elected official or appointed board member must reside in Storey County.

The purpose of my query was to confirm that the residence addresses supplied by Mr. Gilman and Mr. Thompson, two sides of a small double wide mobile home, located behind the swimming pool at the Mustang Ranch Brothel, are zoned as legal residence addresses by Storey County Statute.

This request now has collected six months worth of dust and remains unanswered.

According to Mr. Austin Osborne, assistant Storey County Manager, when I asked him about it he claimed "the matter was still under investigation".

Yet when I went into the Storey County Community Development Department several weeks after the last email communication from Storey County on this matter, I was able to leave with the zoning status of the property in less than 5 minutes. I discovered that there is no place on Mustang Ranch parcel zoned residential, not even a watchman's residence.

In other words neither 5 and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive are legal residences; nobody can legally reside there or claim either address as their legal residence.

It is my contention that by supplying this address, both Mr. Thompson and Mr. Gilman appear to be guilty of perjury.

Further, as they do not reside in Storey County, they are exempt and prohibited from holding office of any kind in Storey County.

I further contend that by stonewalling this public records request, Storey County, Mr. Pat Whitten and Mr. Austin Osborn are obstructing justice.

It is common knowledge to anyone paying attention that Lance Gilman, who has multiple residence properties in Washoe county and is extremely wealthy, does not bunk with Kris Thompson in a doublewide trailer. I respectfully request an immediate investigation into this matter in an effort to restore integrity in our elected and appointed officials and look forward to the fair and just application of law by removing these men from office.

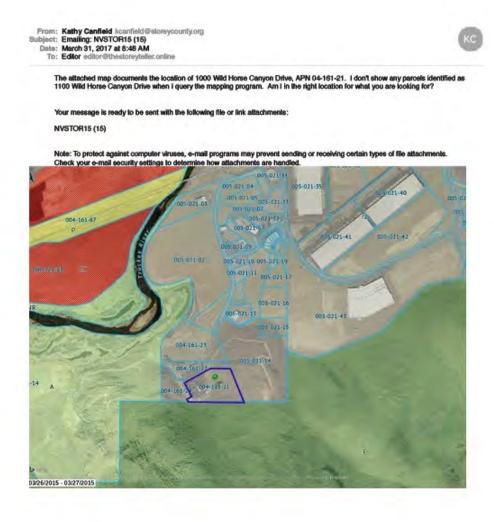
Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Sam Toll - Editor editor@thestoreyteller.online www.thestoreyteller.online 775-583-8655



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#### Hello Sam,

I am still looking into the matter and will get you an answer. We have a lot on our plate right now, so thank you for your patience. Please direct your follow up questions directly to me so that Kathy can focus on her other priorities. Thank you for your understanding and have a good day.

#### Austin

From: Editor [mailto:editor@thestoreyteller.online]
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:57 PM
To: Kathy Canfield
Co: Austin Osborne
Subject: Fwd: Emailing: NVSTOR15 (15)

#### Kathy

Have you been able to uncover the disposition of residential zoning on the parcel APN 04-161-2. I have highlighted in red the area identified by the assessor as the location of 5, 5B and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sam

#### Begin forwarded message:

From: Editor <editor@thestoreyteller.online>
Subject: Re: Emailing: NVSTOR15 (15)
Date: March 31, 2017 at 10:47:13 AM PDT
To: Kathy Canfield <a href="mailto:kcanfield@storeycounty.org">kcanfield@storeycounty.org</a>

#### Kathy,

Thank you for your prompt reply,

Yes that is the location, APN 04-161-21 (detail of the Mustang Ranch Complex below via google earth).

Somewhere in that complex there are two physical addresses; 5 and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive.

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Are there any nooks and crannies somewhere in there designated residential; specifically 5 and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive?

According to public documents there are two residences located somewhere in the Mustang Ranch complex (5 and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive) and if so, they would require residential zoning.

That is the focus of my query; is there any location within that parcel that is zoned residential and is legally approved for people to reside?

I appreciate your time and effort on this inquiry.

Respectfully,

Sam Toll editor@thestoreyteller.online www.thestoreyteller.online 775-583-8655



# Lance Gilman's Proof of residency on file with Clerk Stephens



# STATEMENT OF LANCE GILMAN RE RENT FOR KRIS THOMPSON

November 30, 2015

Kris Thompson resides by my permission at 5B Wild Horse Canyon Drive, Sparks, NV 89434 as part of an employment arrangement he has with Lance Gilman Commercial Real Estate Services Co. He does not pay rent for this living space.

Thank you for your consideration.

L. Lance Gilman



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### Certification of Nevada Residency

This certification is used to support a claim that you are a Nevada resident. You must be a resident of Nevada to be eligible for a Driver's License (DL), Driver Authorization Card (DAC) or Identification Card (ID) [NRS 483.250 (7), 483.290 (5)(b), and 483.934]. The definition of "resident" is found in NRS 483.141.

Custome	r Information		
Name KALS THOMPSON			
Residential Address S. B. Wila Horse Canyon Dr.	City Sparts	State NV	28 89 Y34
Mailing Address if different 42\$50 ( 41A Pav tway	Sparks	State	Zip 89434
DL/DAC/ID Number	Social Security Number (n	ot required for a DA	c)

This form and one of the following documents must be submitted to show proof of Nevada residency.

ORIGINAL OR CERTIFIED COPY DATED WITHIN 60 DAYS	ORIGINAL OR CERTIFIED COPY OF LAST ISSUED DOCUMENT		
 Receipt for rent of a residential address A record from a public utility for residential service A bank or credit card statement A paycheck stub A document from a state or federal court A record, receipt or bill requesting payment Motel, hotel, campground or recreational vehicle park receipts showing that you have been residing in Nevada for at least 30 consecutive days A Nevada Voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517 A document showing receipt of public assistance or benefits from a State of Nevada agency Military Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) to evidence Nevada residency of applicant deployed outside of Nevada while serving on active duty A student identification card from a Nevada educational institution FORM DMV115 - Relief Agency or Shelter Certification FORM DMV116 - Property Owner Residency Affidavit	A property tax record, lease, rental agreement, mortgage document or deed of a Nevada residence     Enrollment records from a Nevada educational institution     A vehicle liability insurance card, binder or bill issued by a Nevada-based carrier (cannot be handwritten)     Confidential Address Program (CAP) documents Issued pursuant to NRS 217.462 to 217.471, inclusive     Tax records other than property taxes		

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT: The Privacy Act as passed by the United States Congress authorizes the use of your Social Security number for the purpose of verifying your identity. This number must be provided and will be used in the administration of driver's license laws as required by NRS 483.290. (This is not required for a DAC.)

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that all statements in this application are true and correct. I agree and understand that any misstatement of material facts may cause cancellation and/or denial of my driver's license or identification card under NRS 483.420 and NRS 483.530, respectively. I further understand that any misstatement of facts may be a misdemeanor or felony under NRS 483.530 and may be púnishable pursuant to NRS 193.130.

Applicant's Signature

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IF the applicant is not able to produce one of the above required documents in his or her name, this certification must be signed by a second resident living at the same residential address. The applicant must present proof of residency showing the second resident's name and residential address in the form of one document listed above. The second resident does not need to accompany the applicant to the DMV.

Signature of Second Resident Attesting to Nevada Residency

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I love you! Be prepared for some weird government thing to arrive at your door. Rich cheaters do not like publicity. Hillary Clinton for example. Best of luck getting something accomplished, get rid of thieves like Denny Dotson, the political kickback meter from Virginia city, NV and his family taking money under a promotions scam called liquid blue. Is there any honest people willing to stand up to these money hungry clods? Enough!

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(http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/10/16/teller-files-criminal-complaint-storey-county-da-sheriff/#comment-378)

People warn me to check my lug nuts and watch my back. Both Heckler & Koch and Mossberg are my co-pilots so I worry very little about my back.

Your point about government arriving at my door is more like it. Thank goodness we elected a Sheriff that will not be their intimidation department. Instead they will have to resort to using county code to hassle me and since that won't work, they'll just have to sit and spin.

I plan on busting out a piece about the VCTC and the graft that goes on there, asking the question why do we spend 10% of our budget on 100 businesses in the County, many of whom don't live or own property in Storey County.

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# Susan Stubbs (http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/10/16/teller-October 18, 2017 files-criminal-complaint-storey-county-da-sheriff/#comment-379)

What is "At a the brothel"? Unbelievable that you will report on the violation of this law, yet say nothing about the criminal you have for a sheriff. I have, in my hands, a rape report from 2014 involving the sheriff and Deputy Tony Docen. Sparks criminal report number 14-430. You can get your own intriguing copy for only \$5.00. The sheriff is also guilty of a class D felony; that of assisting in the concealment of a child from her biological father. I have documentation of this as well. At least the Mustang is contributing to the community. What is the sheriff doing for the community other than getting charged with ethics violations and sexual harassment? Why aren't you reporting on any of this? Sounds to me that you're pretty biased in your reporting and are not taking a non-biased, third person point of view; something that all seasoned reporters do. Oh, and it may behoove you to take a grammar class or two to brush up on your writing skills. I guarantee you'll hear nothing but crickets from the direction of Anne Langer's office. Good luck with that!

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Susan, thanks for reading The Teller.

I have read the Sparks Police report. The entire county read similar things when Lance Gilman sent us the smeary stuff and dropped \$ 160,000 on the Recall Effort. All the charges in the world have yet to result in arrest or conviction.

I have read the Family Court Custody Documents. It's pretty hard to conceal a child from a father who abandoned the child and fled the state. The father is concealing himself from his responsibility while imposing a hardship on the child's mother by not fulfilling his child support responsibility.

Interestingly, this matter has nothing to do with the fact that the County Commissioner doesn't live in the county and committed perjury.

If you'd like you can report me to Sheriff Antinoro.

He has an entire Internet division of grammar police standing at the ready to correct and serve.

I called them on you for not capitalizing the proper noun "Sheriff"... 😐

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Wow...you are obviously reading the smear campaign against my husband. Your 'facts' are incredibly skewed. The fact that you've "read the family court documents" tells me you're in bed with the sheriff as well and much of the rest of Storey County. As for "sheriff" being a proper noun, the word is only capitalized if it is followed by a proper noun; for example the name of the sheriff himself. I dusted off my master's degree in English and clarified this rule. Truth be told there is nothing proper about your sheriff, therefore I would not capitalize his name regardless of the English rules of capitalization. My husband did not flee the state. He merely moved. My husband pays child support as well as health

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insurance for his daughter. If you would like to hear the other side of the story,

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# Gilman pledges to Pay Antinoro's Ethics Fine



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Brothel Owner Lance Gilman told thestoreyteller.online he will cover the 1000.00 fine incurred by his ethics investigation request filed against Sheriff Gerald Antinoro.

In an exclusive press release sent to The Teller, spokesman Kris Thompson said, "TRIC and The Mustang Ranch want to help our community heal after the polarizing recall effort we forced residents in our good county to endure this Spring. We realize spending \$160,000 to unseat the Sheriff to achieve our own personal vendetta was both mean spirited and downright ugly. For this we are deeply sorry. In the spirit of moving peacefully and constructively forward, we have pledged to not only pay the 1000.00 fine imposed on the Sheriff as a result of our petty complaint but also to reimburse Storey County for the estimated \$30,000 spent on the Recall Election. He will also return the \$7600 Storey

County taxpayers paid for the trip to the Donald Trump Inauguration Party he and his valet enjoyed earlier this year."

## But that's not all.

Mr. Thompson's press release continued: "Mr. Gilman wants to silence his critics and prove to the community he has turned over a new leaf. Therefore, he will finally honor campaign promises made over the last six years. Commissioner Gilman will distribute the entire 29,100,000 purchase price of the property Google bought earlier this year to the residents of Storey County. On July 4th, 2017, we will be holding a Independence Day festival at the Mustang Ranch where we will deliver a check for \$7100 to every man, woman and child in Storey County along with a frozen turkey and a brass ring good for one free ride on the Mustang Ranch Merry-Go-Round."

"I want the people of Storey County to know that I am a man of integrity and my word is more valuable than gold. This County has been very, very good to me and I want to deliver on promises I made over and over to the good people of Storey County regarding the cash that would be gushing around here. I want to thank them along with the entire **Team Storey** Team for helping Mr. Norman and me becoming the wealthiest people who do business in Storey County but don't actually live here" said Mr. Gilman.

In related news, Corrado de Gasprias announced on Friday the discovery of what he calls "the worlds largest Gold and Silver deposit, a modern day El Dorado!" under C Street. He announced that CMI has been granted the necessary permitting by county manager Pat Whitten and the County Commissioners. Digging under the Delta Saloon will start as early as June first.

For more information, contact Comstock Mining Inc.'s and TRIC's public relations officer Elaine Spencer-Barkdull of the Comstock Chronicle at comstockchronicle@gmail.com.

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I read the above linked article this morning, and at first wondered where Sam got that file photo of Lance, resplendent in his ostrich skin jacket and glinting aviators, sans cowboy hat. As my eyes roamed through the first few paragraphs, I honestly was thinking, "Really? REALLY?????" and then I realized ole Sam was pulling my leg all the way to Joe Conforete's penthouse in Rio.

This is a FINE piece of editorial humorous sarcasm that surely deserves a shot in the Nevada Press Association's annual competition. Be sure to submit it, Sam!

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WOW! I thought my prayers had been answered and we would all get an early Christmas present along with a turkey.....damn.....

This was a great article.

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## Long Live The King



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This piece was submitted by a resident of Storey County who wishes to remain anonymous. If you would like to submit a piece and post with or without revealing your identity, please email to editor@thestoreyteller.online or annie.mouse@thestoreyteller.online. Why sit on your hands when using them to type your mind is so much better. For your hands and your community.

## Long Live King Lance

by Annie Mouse

That's essentially what almost 600 Storey County citizens said when they signed the petition to recall Sheriff Antinoro. King Lance must be celebrating in his whorehouse with his concubine (that's their stated address on the petition), now that his dream of ENTIRELY controlling Storey County is about to come true.

THAT's what this recall petition was about – it was Lance showing Antinoro who has the upper hand in Storey – NOT the LAW, not the SHERIFF, but a County Commissioner.

This started years ago when Lance fleeced his investor by not making his payments to him on the loan the man had made to help build the Wildhorse brothel. Essentially, Lance shut down the Wildhorse, saying it didn't exist anymore, and christened the property the Mustang Ranch. Quite clever wasn't it? By making the name change, he told his investor to "Take a hike. The Wildhorse doesn't exist anymore." Funny thing is, the courts didn't agree and the investor won. But, in the meantime, because Lance had shut down the Wildhorse and reopened it as the Mustang, he thought he didn't need to go through the investigation that the Nevada Revised Statutes require for the opening of a new brothel. He didn't want to follow the law. The County Commissioners even agreed with him. Why should Lance, the man who's been a virtual Santa Claus (at least he tries to convince people he is) for Storey County, have to follow the law? Sheriff Antinoro said the law had to be followed and that the Mustang had to be closed for the required number of days, per state statute, for the investigation with which ALL brothels must

comply. King Lance was furious. He secretly plotted payback.

So, King Lance ran for County Commissioner. What did it matter that he owned the largest business in the county; surely St. Nick couldn't ever have a conflict of interest, could he? He had a glorious campaign – spent over \$35 THOUSAND DOLLARS on it. Never has a candidate spent so much on a campaign in this county! But, he ran huge advertisements in the newspapers – publishers LOVED him! He had BBQ's – the people LOVED him! He had rallies with food, chocolate, and speeches about how King Lance was going to bring the financial prosperity he'd accumulated to all the voters. Virginia City was going to be transformed! He'd share his secrets for success with the shop owners and earnings would soar. Tourists would jam the boardwalks every day of the year because of his promotional skills. We'd have the BEST schools, the BEST roads, and BEST of ALL, we'd have LOWER property taxes because the wealth of taxes his

Golden Goose generated – Tahoe Reno Industrial Center, or TRIC (appropriate, huh?), would be so copious, that every property owner in Storey would reap the benefits!!!!!

Remember all that? It was only about five years ago. Surely you remember? Did King Lance make good on his promises?

But, the voters believed Lance. They munched on his BBQ, they consumed his crudite', they chowed down on his chocolate, and they ATE HIS LIES! King Lance was elected. Once in office, when King Lance was asked about these promises, he always had excuses; but he did have groceries for seniors, and checks for charity functions. They helped King Lance keep up his Santa Claus image.

2016 rolled around, and King Lance was up for re-election but would anyone run against him? OF COURSE NOT! Who has at least \$35 THOUSAND DOLLARS to try to compete with King Lance? Who has spent the last four years raining money and groceries around the county? NO ONE, because no one has that kind of money, and most importantly, NO ONE has the POWER that King Lance has acquired during his time in office.

Now, King Lance was ready for retaliation against the Sheriff who had dared to cross him years ago. He had a list he'd made of Antinoro's transgressions (who cared how true, embellished or fabricated they were), from IMPRINTED PENS no less, to sexual harassment, a bungled murder case, inflated budgets, \$144 THOUSAND DOLLARS the Sheriff had stolen from the county. King Lance licked his lips in anticipation of the delicious dish of revenge he'd serve. Last year, Antinoro had the audacity to do the regular inspection of King Lance's brothel workers' paperwork. How DARE he set foot in the King's realm without invitation!

The retaliation came in the form of a recall petition. At the top was the list of all of Antinoro's sins. He was a CRIMINAL and MUST BE RECALLED! King Lance assembled a group of lackeys that were his Recall Committee. All were underlings who'd proven their allegiance to him. Some were characters who were of ill repute and hated in the county. Pawns were sent out to get signatures. "Yes, Antinoro ASSAULTED women! He STOLE money from the county! He had PENS PRINTED with his name on them using YOUR MONEY. He ABETTED in a MURDER case!" – Anything was said to get petitions signed.

As he lay in his bed at night, King Lance mused smugly on how all his plans were working. The petitions were signed, sloppily and with many errors, but it was Storey County, wink, wink! There would be a recall election, and how his Committee would MALIGN Antinoro even MORE – he wouldn't be able to show his face ANYWHERE! "Ha ha! Antinoro will be OUT, and I, er myself and my fellow commissioners that is, will appoint a NEW Sheriff!!! Of course he will be of my choosing, do my bidding, and never say 'Peep!' unless I ask, and then I will tell him how long and how loud. I WILL FINALLY RULE ALL OF Storey County! I can't believe how EASY it was to get those sheep to do what I want. Those groceries and checks were all worth it. When I'm termed out in 2020, maybe I'll run for U.S. Senate...." Sleep overcame King Lance, as he turned over and snuggled closer to the warm Rubenesque body next to his. "You're so smart, I think you could be President, Lance. I really do." she cooed.

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## Leadership - Sunday Word Of The Day



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## leadership | ˈlēdər SHip| noun

- The action of leading a group of people or an organization: different styles of leadership.
- The state or position of being a leader: the leadership of the party.
- [treated as singular or plural] the leaders of an organization, country, etc.: a change of leadership had become desirable.

The packet for the upcoming Storey County Commissioners Meeting was released last Thursday (and modified on Friday) and I had to raise my eyebrows as I read some of the agenda items.

I'll post a preamble to the meeting and run down my take on some of the agenda items soon (if you just

can't wait you can see the packet for yourself here (http://www.storeycounty.org/AgendaCenter /ViewFile/Agenda/\_12052017-733)) as this meeting looks to be one of the more interesting meetings we have seen in quite some time.

A couple of the items got me thinking about the concept of leadership as it relates to Storey County Governance. In my mind, one of the most important roles of leadership is **doing the right thing** for the people you represent. Many of the pieces I post shine the light on the actions taken by Storey County Leadership that serve self and special interests at the expense of We The People.

I point out these actions and look at them through the lens of "Are They Doing The Right Thing?"

Let's consider some of the events of this year and ask "Are They Doing The Right Thing?"

## Cronyism

Cronyism initiated by Pat Whitten and approved by the County Commissioners.

- Awarding an \$11,345 monthly no-bid contract to Battle Born Consulting, aka Gary Hames, to run the "world class" Community Development Department, where he is learning on the job about structural and other types of integrity.
- Awarding a \$4500 monthly no-bid contract to Mike Nevin to oversee the installation of the Sewer
  Project when qualified candidates for the position of Public Works Director were passed over in
  favor of Jason Van Havel. These candidates could have overseen the Sewer project and run the
  Department without needing to feather the Nevin Nest with Taxpayer Money every month.
- Giving out \$70,000 retirement bonuses to Gary Hames and Dean Haymore in the form of PERS contract purchases.

Based on the contents of the aforementioned Commissioner Meeting Packet, the Commissioners appear to be shocked about the conduct of the County Manager. Yet they were at the same meetings I was at when they voted to approve every one of the above actions. Where were they? Were they asleep at the wheel? Part of responsible governance includes paying attention.

## Real Estate Purchases

Purchasing and improving Real Estate in Virginia City while other areas of the County remain neglected and in need of urgent repairs like the Lockwood Bridge, the imaginary Virginia City Highlands Community Center, and Mark Twain Fire Department. While Storey County is in a unique position with respect to historic properties and has shown sober-minded leadership with the 4th Ward School, The Fire House Museum and St. Marys, they have shown questionable vision with the Black & Howell property, the Bank of America Building the Gold Hill Depot and the Camel Races Arena. This year they have busted out the county checkbook for property in Virginia City:

- Pipers Opera House \$360,000
- The House between the Courthouse and Pipers \$385,000
- Courthouse Parking Lot \$900,000
- Threatening to use Eminent Domain to steal property from private land owners

## **Special Interests**

The Commissioner Lance Gilman – TRIC Speical Interest merry-go-round that gives Mr. Gilman and TRIC access to the Storey County check book, tax coffers, real property and special consideration regarding rules and regulations.

- Saddling Storey County Taxpayers with a \$35 Million dollar effluent pipeline connecting TRIC tenants to the "liquid gold" effluent from Sparks. This pipeline will divert a million dollars per year of potential tax revenue from the General Fund for the next 30 years.
- Repeatedly reconveying Storey County property to TRIC with zero consideration or payment that
  TRIC has turned around and included the free property into lucrative land deals, including the
  one that gave a portion of the USA Parkway to TRIC (for free) which Mr. Gilman and TRIC turned
  around and sold to NDOT for \$43 Million Dollars (without giving us a single penny or paying
  down the \$47 Million Dollar Storey County Credit Card balance).
- Allowing the Mustang Ranch to illegally operate for decades on property zoned for Agricultural use.
- Allowing an illegal multi-family dwelling for Mr. Gilman and Mr. Thompson to claim as their residence.
- Failing to require Mr. Gilman to reside in the district he represents within Storey County.

## The Recall Election of Sheriff Antinoro.

Finally, consider people in Storey County employ who signed the recall petition. While it is their legal right to sign the petition, what does their signature say about their impartiality and moral responsibility to do the right thing? Was this the right thing to do? Only Commissioner McBride considered the community before petty grievances and did not sign the petition.

## Do The Right Thing

The question we should all be asking of Pat Whitten and our Commissioners every day is "Are you doing the right thing by all the citizens of Storey County."

If the answer is yes, then let's cheerfully sign up for more of the same heaping helping of leadership we have enjoyed (endured) this year.

If the answer is no, it's up to We The People find us some new faces with fresh eyes.

The countdown to the Primary Election is underway.

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## Sunday Word of the Day – Profit



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In our second Sunday word of the Day essay, we chose the word **Profit**.

**noun** a financial gain, especially the difference between the amount earned and the amount spent in buying, operating, or producing something: pretax profits |his eyes brightened at the prospect of profit.• advantage; benefit: there's no profit in screaming at referees from the bench.

**verb** (profits, profiting, profited) [no object] obtain a financial advantage or benefit, especially from an investment: the only people to profit from the entire episode were the lawyers.• obtain an advantage or benefit: not all children would profit from this kind of schooling.• [with object] be beneficial to: it

would profit us to change our plans.

Brothel resident, TRIC Project Manager, Storey County Planning Commissioner and Lance Gilman bunkmate Kris Thompson used the word of the day in reference to tax revenue generated by companies at TRIC. He posted his comments on Jack McGuffey's "irrelevant" (http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/11/12/irrelevant-the-sunday-word-of-the-day/) VCH chat group which you can read here (https://vch.groups.io/g/main/message/50998) and here (https://vch.groups.io/g/main/message/51010).

As I read Kris Thompson say this, the pinball machine I was playing went tilt.

# Mr. Thompson's statement is mind-blowing on many levels.

First and foremost is reveals the mindset of Mr. Thompson's cabal; The Band of Merry TRICsters. These fools consider the tax revenue generated by companies inside the "Largest Industrial Park In The World" is profit to be used to benefit the park.

This notion comes as no surprise when you consider the self-serving actions displayed by Brothel Owner, TRIC Sales and Marketing Manager, TRIC Shareholder and Storey County Commissioner, Lance "The Magnificent" Gilman. When you look at how Storey County has conducted business since Gilman's election in 2012 and before, Storey County taxes serve the interests of TRIC every time you turn around.

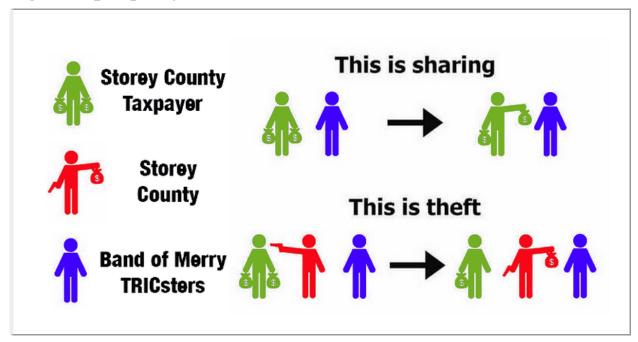
# Under the watchful eye of Commissioner Gilman we have given away the farm:

- We gave them a freeway interchange in Washoe County
- We gave them a railhead to help load and unload TRIC businesses.
- We gave them our portion of USA Parkway so they could turn around and sell it to NDOT for \$43 million dollars.
- We give them land every time we turn around at Commissioner Meetings with zero financial consideration.
- We are about to give them \$35 million to transport fecal material for an effluent pipeline so they can sell water to their client base.

Theses gifts (developer expenses) are paid for with Storey County "profit" (tax revenue) generated from TRIC. Gleefully, inside the world headquarters of The Band Of Merry TRICsters, spending this "profit" is sport. In reality, their profit is actually tax revenue that would otherwise be deposited into our general fund to, for example, pay for the bridge that has been washed out for nearly a year in Lockwood or the Community Center in the Highlands.

## The Band Of Merry TRICsters view our tax revenue as their

## rightful property.



## Yes, Virginia, Taxation is theft.

If I stole all your money at gunpoint and gave every cent I stole from you to a starving homeless child, it would still be theft.

Yet Storey County takes your money at the point of a gun (yes, you will be arrested and caged if you don't pay your taxes, ask Wesley Snipes). Storey County then takes our cash and pays themselves killer salaries, retirement and health benefits and then decides how much of what's left of the "profit" they will share with The Band Of Merry TRICsters. Everyone cheerfully opens up their wallet and lets them in. After all, who will fix our roads?

Taxes come from our hard earned money. From working stiffs and billion dollar corporations alike.

When our elected and appointed government officials treat our tax revenue as profit, it's time for a revolution.

Once again, Taxes are not Profit.

Our revolution will not be fought on the streets of Concord or Lexington.

In Storey County, our Revolution will be fought at the ballot box. June and November 2018.

Hasta La Victoria Siempre!

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## Leadership, Part Two



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It's reassuring to know that when I write something (in a house or with a mouse) that makes it's way to the (McGuffey-says-it's-Irrelevent) Virginia Highlands chat group, TRIC Executive, Mustang Ranch Brothel resident and Lance Gilman bunkmate Kris Thompson pipes up with a longwinded diatribe about what a pants on fire guy I am.

Mr. Thompson took umbrage to my most recent Sunday Word of the Day essay about Leadership (which you can read here) with a critical piece of his own (posted below) on the VCH.

For those who don't frequent the VCH chat group, here is my response where I expand on the whole Leadership in Storey County thing.

This will reply to Mr. Thompson, The Minister of Truth.

Before we get to the meat of the bone, for the record:

The words I write, be they In a box or with a fox, are my own and are intended for the gentle residents, taxpayers and voters of Storey County.

I do not represent a cabal, cartel, conspiracy or a confederacy. Of dunces or otherwise.

Like the Green Hornet, I roll with my faithful Japanese valet Kato and The Black Beauty. That's it. The Tollbardona cabal is a fabrication of The Ministry of Truth.

### **Graft and Payola**

The Minister's claim of transparency is pure irony.

I'll be writing about this later so I'll save my commentary about how Pat Whitten gave golden parachutes to his homies Hames, Haymore and Nevin to the tune of **\$215,000 freaking dollars** only to watch your boss and his fellow Commissioners feign shock and astonishment after they unanimously approved the graft.

Fact.

### **Community Development and Public Works**

Gary Hames is as qualified as Me and Bobby McGee to inspect the billion dollar GigaFactory. Mike Nevin was awarded his graft before Jason Van Havel went on paid leave. Look it up.

Another Fact: Van Havel beat out an applicant with years of direct experience installing the exact type of "very critical projects" Nevin has never overseen and could have run the Public Works Department while overseeing the "very critical project" thus obviating the need to pay for the same job twice.

You know, someone who has been where we are going and isn't a relative.

Fact.

## **Bleeding Heart Liberal**

Mr. Thompson, if you read anything I have written (in a boat or with a goat), you would know that as a Libertarian:

I HATE RED TAPE AND REGULATION.

I HATE LICENSES, FEES AND TAXES OF EVERY COLOR, TYPE AND FLAVOR.

I LOVE FREE MARKET CAPITALISM.

#### I HATE GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION AND CRONY CORPORATISM

Quit painting me with the "liberal" brush. It's classical liberalism. Get it right.

I am so freaking conservative, I make almost every conservative I know look a little pink.

Pay attention.

Fact.

### **TRIC Effluent Pipeline**

I'll repeat myself (again) by saying I fully support the construction of the Effluent Pipeline.

Fully. Support. The. Pipeline.

I just don't want the Storey County Taxpayers to be the chumps paying for it.

TRIC/Google/Tesla/Switch paying for their Pipeline to provide them with their water to cool their servers = **Great**.

Storey County Tax Revenue stolen from teachers and firefighters and police and given to TRIC/Google/Tesla/Switch to pay for their Pipeline to provide them with their water to cool their servers = **The Opposite Of Great.** 

Fact.

### It's about Leadership

We need people in leadership who have been where we are going. We just may need people who have been to places you can't see from the top of Mt. Davidson.

If that Leadership used to lead in San Francisco or Sacramento or St. Louis or Pittsburg or New York or London or Berlin or Dubai or Pretoria or Beijing or Tokyo, so be it.

We need fresh eyes and sharp minds to parlay the yuge, wonderful, large-handed gift of besplendored amazement which Lance the Magnificent and you, his Minister of Truth, have so generously bestowed upon us, the little people of Storey County into something even more yuge, wonderful and large-handed.

The Leadership we need to realize our potential won't come from the five families who think they own this place simply because they have run it for the last 60 years.

Proof of this can be found in the Hames and Nevin's contracts and their golden parachute retirement bonuses. This corrupt graft is the another shining example of the Good Old Boy Cronyism and Self Serving, Self-Interested horse-apples the gentle little people of Storey County have been been force fed for decades.

The winds of change are blowing.

Stay Tuned...

#### This is what I was responding to, from the keyboard fo the Minister himself...

This will respond to the post by Ms. Barde and Mr. Toll (and Mr. Carmona who they are campaigning for). The upcoming Toll/Barde/Carmona cartel campaign for public office is clearly trying to get off the ground now.

The Whitten agenda items show the County is operating at a very high level of transparency – they are completely airing this issue out in a public meeting with everyone having notice ahead of time. All documents are being provided and a report was prepared all of which is part of the record. The Agenda item provides a number of acceptable options for the Commission. The options are laid out for all to see. It should be noted that the three individuals mentioned devoted almost a century of work – basically their entire adult lives – to serving the residents of Storey County. I'm sure more will come out at the meeting concerning the reasons.

The Toll/Barde/Carmona cartel complains about the Battle Born contract for plan reviews and building inspections and the temporary use of Mike Nevin to supervise a very critical project after the suspension of the Public Works director. They offer no alternatives here, not one. They just gripe about what the County did.

No one knows TRI better than Gary Hames. No one has dealt face to face with more companies out here than Gary Hames (except maybe Dean Haymore who also retired). Hames knows inside and out the Storey County "magic" which has drawn the best companies in the world into TRI. The critics I presume would want to advertise a department head position for interviewing with people applying from San Francisco and Sacramento. They would come in here having no idea what brought the massive success to the County, and they would implement systems that they are experienced with – eg. red tape and high fees. It would kill development in this County. And who specifically would they proposed take on the critical VC sewer project? They would want someone from Sacramento coming in to handle the delicate and sensitive nature of the project in the heart of Virginia city – that would be a disaster. The course taken by the County in both instances is a safe, prudent course. And no better alternative – has been suggested or put forward by anyone.

The pipeline comments again show these three don't understand either the deal being worked or the basics of economic development. The water in the pipeline will provide the ability to bring high water using customers. These facilities tend to be very dense in capital investment – eg they would pay much higher real and personal property tax payers (the facilities could be in the billions of capital investment instead of millions). Without the pipeline, many of these companies would locate elsewhere. The Toll/Barde/Carmona cartel would kill this pipeline deal. They don't want the pipeline, period. This would greatly restrict economic development and capital investment in the County going forward. But it appears that's what their goal is – no more economic development, and no more job growth in this county. Companies looking here to invest and create jobs would be driven away quickly by the attitude of this crew – but that's their goal. Let alone the fact that 4,000 acre feet plus of treated sewage outflow would continue to be discharged into the Truckee River rolling right through Lockwood and Painted Rock.

They comment about the Tesla deal and how that deal should not have been made. And they ignore the fact that TRI put a ton of skin in the game for Tesla. TRI provided over 3,000 acres to Tesla free of charge. TRI only got paid because it sold land for the USA Parkway/Infinity Highway to the State, who paid TRI for it. TRI also provided around 500 acre feet of water to Tesla to get them into TRI. This was

no sweetheart deal at all, TRI put a ton of its own skin in the deal to win Tesla for the park. And the County is being paid I believe over \$3 million per year by Tesla, even during the abatement period. If these three had been in power, there would be no Tesla, no Switch and no Google. And had they been in power at the beginning there certainly wouldn't be a TRI as they would have quickly run off any potential developer.

Lastly, the Toll/Barde/Carmona group again claims Lance does not live in his district. This is a false statement of a fact plain and simple. He lives here in the River District and has for over a decade.

I guess the sole basis of the upcoming campaign is to rip into Lance Gilman and try tear him down in every way possible. That's pretty sad treatment for a man who has brought thousands of jobs and billions in capital investment to this County and the region, and all the charitable food he sends out every week to senior centers, the backpack programs for the little kids from needy families, and the other donations he makes all the time. Sad treatment indeed.

Yet they want to tear this man to pieces so they can get one of their own into a position of power in this County. All should beware. Be very aware.

Thanks to all readers for considering my post. I've been trying to stay silent and focus on helping the horse situation and doing my job out here at the park, but the lies in the post were just way out of line. If I don't respond to these three in the future, just please consider what would be (and should be) said about the actual truth of the matter in response to their posts.

Thanks much.

#### Kris

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December 4, 2017

Ahem. I do believe y'all do have people who have been where you are going, which is in a very tight circle. Three people. For decades, endlessly. Once you decide on governance by five, things will get more real, not to mention more fun.

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# TRIC Executive Shoves Foot in Mouth – The Storey Teller Helps.



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Mustang Brothel Resident and TRIC Executive Kris Thompson recently ripped Nicole Barde's coverage of the September 19th Storey County Commissioners Meeting (which you can read here (http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/09/21/storey-county-commissioners-meeting-report-nicole-barde/)) as "dishonest". Ms. Barde is fully capable of defending herself so rather than taking umbrage with Mr. Thompson's dirty pool with her, I chose to rip apart his "facts".

I will be pushing a piece this weekend with my take on the Meeting (probably in three parts) but I thought I would share the commentary in case readers of the Teller don't subscribe to the Virginia City Highlands email chat group. I first present Mr. Thompson's tripe, then follow it with my own.

Enjoy.

This will respond to Ms. Barde.

Ms. Barde's summary is completely dishonest.

I hope the readers know by now that what Ms. Barde says in her summary has no connection to the truth of what actually happens at the meetings.

First off, her claims are contradictory. Her first claim is that the "fix is in" between TRI and the County government because there was a very small land reconveyance. But then she criticizes Lance because he has not yet been able to coerce the County into giving property owners a property tax rebate – eg so she is saying here that Lance doesn't control the County?. Well which is it????

The Tax Rebate issue is not dead. Lance is pushing for it personally and I am as well. The County government has had enough money to benefit senior employees with higher salaries and retirement buyouts and to increase County union pay and benefits. Some of this perfectly appropriate of course. For decades our County lagged behind others in employer salaries and benefits. And it is a good thing it's being fixed. And lord knows the County employees work hard and are good and professional at what they do. But when I hear the argument that there isn't any money, not one penny available, to reward residents, I have a hard time buying it.

The County has a number of options available here – There are legal ways to provide tax reductions for residents only, and the county has been given that concept. The County has been told that rebates would be legal as well. And there are other options available. There is a workshop scheduled for next month and I look forward to seeing what happens there.

The "free land giveaway" to TRI, is simply a reconveyance of very thin strip of land in a drainage area to allow an incoming business to put a slope there so their building pad is stable. It's called a slope easement." TRI is not charging the buyer for this strip of land. TRI originally gave this land to the County free of charge. But this allows the County to charge taxes on the land to the incoming buyer. So let's summarize – right now, the land is doing nothing and the County does not make revenue from it. After this transfer the County gets a new business on the land adjacent which will produce revenue and can gain property taxes. It's a no brainer.

Ms. Barde would love to see Storey County government turn into a new San Francisco. She is a radical liberal. Another Nancy Pelosi in the flesh. She thinks business is the enemy. She believes the government should be large and overbearing. That the private sector should have to beg the government for action, that if a business needs action or services from the government that the business should be punished financially and pay through the nose for whatever they might need. In her mind, there is no such thing as economic development, unless its the government grabbing more from the private sector.

If she had her way there would be no TRI. No one would have ever made a deal on her terms. Readers here will remember how she ranted that the Tesla deal was a terrible mistake, and that it never should have happened. That would be news to the 5,000 workers that are today on site at the Gigafactory, and their families who are benefiting from those great jobs.

Can you imagine if someone like her was in a responsible position at the County. Businesses thinking of coming to Storey County would have one meeting with her, where whatever they would be asking for would be nitpicked and nitpicked, and they would walk out the door, shake their head, and never come back.

Last, it's remarkable at how Ms Barde can nitpick just about anything. And with all that nitpicking, she never offers any real solutions or alternative approaches. She doesn't want solutions, she wants problems for her own personal gain politically.

Thanks for considering my post. Kris Thompson

This will respond to Mr. Thompson.

While I can't speak for Ms. Barde, I can tell you I am a principled conservative who looks at welfare recipients without small children to support with distaste.

Principled conservatives look at white collar welfare recipients like Tesla and TRIC, companies who can afford to pay their way but choose to freeload on taxpayer money, with venomous contempt.

Unlike the RINO's in Storey County government and among the ranks of the band of merry TRICsters, genuine principled conservatives view the continued corporate welfare at TRIC, soon to eclipse \$110 Million with the pipeline "deal", with vile disgust.

My initial assessment of the remarkable Commissioner Meeting conducted in the Courthouse with a Million Dollar parking lot on September 19th, 2017 can be read here —> http://thestoreyteller.online /2017/09/21/storey-county-commissioners-meeting-report-nicole-barde/ (http://thestoreyteller.online /2017/09/21/storey-county-commissioners-meeting-report-nicole-barde/)

I double dog dare you to compare me to Nancy "don't know whats in it till we pass it" Pelosi.

The fix is in between Storey County Government and TRIC and has been for years.

Anyone paying attention sees this for what it is; as disgusting an example of collusion between government and business to benefit individual elected officials and the businesses at the expense of the

Taxpayers anywhere in these United States.

Readers of this chat group will not need take your or my or Ms. Barde's assessment of what went on at the Commissioners meeting but will get to hear you telling the commissioners that this "worthless" stripe of land is essential to cutting a real estate deal with an active buyer.

I like to use indisputable facts of what transpired to tell the story.

Stay Tuned.

As a taxpayer, I am delighted that you are conducting business at TRIC because at some point, once the abatements expire, Storey County perhaps may benefit one day.

Perhaps.

But lets look at the latest land swindle err... reconveyance carefully:

If your proposed land deal is contingent on Storey County Taxpayers giving you the stripe of land, then that land is not worthless. It has value to you and to your client.

In the free market, something is worth only what someone else is willing to pay for it.

While you claim that you are not charging your client for the stripe of land, If you cannot close your pending deal without the stripe of land being part of the deal, it has value.

Having value, at the very least, giving the "worthless" stripe back to TRIC should incur a modest deduction from the \$45 Million of developer improvements (corporate welfare) we somehow got snookered into owing you and your band of merry TRICsters.

Anything.

Even if it's only 5 bucks.

That is how a this principled conservative who looks at freeloaders and thieves of taxpayer money with disgust sees things.

For the readers information, here is what this stripe of land looks like:





Gerrymanderish Land Stripe

And now that Pat Whitten has the power to approve more corporate welfare and can add to the \$45 Million dollar TRIC welfare account behind closed doors, I'll bet you 5 bucks that the our debt to the TRICsters will double by the time Pat retires. My grandson is stoked.

Principled Conservatives fight waste, abuse and corruption with nuclear weapons, F-22's, Tanks, grenade launchers, M60's, Molotov cocktails, small arms fire, knives, sticks, stones and bare knuckles.

We certainly don't lift our skirts every time some gladhanded TRICster wanders by looking for a place to sniff out taxpayer handouts.

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P.S. I want to play centerfield for the San Francisco Giants as much as Lance wants to deliver on his promised tax rebates, maybe more so. I'm giving odds on me getting on an Opening Day Lineup Card before Lance's mythical Tax rebate check arrives in your mailbox.

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