

From: [Joey Smyth](#)
To: [Bill Janes](#)
Subject: Re: David Riche and Inquiry
Date: Friday, October 07, 2016 3:54:04 PM

Ok, I can meet you then. Was at music with my son when you called, but I can call you back in 10 min if you would like also.

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> On Oct 7, 2016, at 3:36 PM, Bill Janes <billj[REDACTED]> wrote:

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> Joe

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> I am available between 11 and 2 on Tuesday.

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> WJ

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Joey Smyth [[mailto:joey.e.smyth\[REDACTED\]](mailto:joey.e.smyth[REDACTED])]

> Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 2:50 PM

> To: Bill Janes

> Subject: David Riche and Inquiry

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> Chief,

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> I feel obligated to write you this message because I have been at HQ recently engaging in conversation with various members, and anticipate more conversation in the coming weeks and months. I want to ensure you hear directly from me as it relates my sentiments around the RNC handling of the comments made by David Riche and matters related to the pending inquiry.

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> Firstly, I have profound respect for the Office of the Chief of Police and whomever attains that office. With that said, I want you to know that I am very unhappy with your handling of this situation. I am saddened and hurt that you were unable to speak publicly and strongly in response to the very damaging, albeit misinformed, comments of David Riche. His attack on me, was also an attack on all of our members and policing. His comments were ignorant, outrageous and essentially accused me of murder (ie "Intent to Kill"). After being cleared of any wrongdoing, I would have expected you to firmly defend our organization and seize the opportunity to educate our community on issues surrounding police use of force and protocol. All of which could have been achieved without speaking to specifics of the incident itself. Instead, the complete lack of public RNC representation only fuelled the misinformation and misunderstandings.

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> I would have likely navigated the upcoming months without much reference to the above, but the reality that I have to come to learn is that these feelings are very widely shared within our general membership. I have not solicited commentary from others on this, but I want you to know that I have however shared my perspective when asked.

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> I do feel that you have failed me, and I believe you have failed the organization; most importantly, I feel you have failed our community by allowing public confidence to be eroded without the firm stance that was needed. I would rather these comments, although tough to say, not get back to you from someone else.

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> I appreciate you have been in a very difficult position and I will always respect you and the Office.

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> I am happy to discuss this in person if you would like.

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> Joey

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