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Jolene: Thank you for contacting the Ohio Attorney General's Office. My name is Jolene. How may I help you?

Phil: Hello Jolene, just a few questions regarding personal attacks, and whether or not if you are the right direction in reporting these personal attacks when it comes to the internet. I was told by local law enforcement that they do not know who's domain it is to handle this matter.

Jolene: Hello Phil.

Phil: Hello

Jolene: Are these personal attacks from individuals you know? How did you come to learn about such?

Jolene: If you believe your safety is at risk, then I would suggest contacting law enforcement to file a police report. However, if you believe this is more along the lines of lets say for example slander, you would need to contact an attorney for guidance on how to proceed.

Phil: The person(s) I do not know, this individual(s) I believe are those who work for us publically, not for sure, but due to the nature of the group I started on facebook one can only suspect?. I do not know this individual, and it appears they are using a fake alias since they will not prove who they are. They know where I work and post many deceptive rants on our group page that I have been saving now for quite some time. I can give you a link to my group where you can watch, read, and or advise what I should do.

Jolene: I can't advise you on what to do. That would be something you would need to seek private legal counsel on.

Jolene: Unfortunately Facebook, being a privately owned entity, does not fall under state jurisdiction, but does have a customer service component that addresses consumer concerns. You would best be served by seeking an explanation from them as to how this account can be deleted. You may reach their customer service department by writing to 471 Emerson Street, Palo Alto, California, 94301 or by calling 650-543-4800.

Jolene: Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) is another option.

Phil: So, you are saying we are responsible for any retribution that may stem from speaking out publically on local issues?. I believe this is a serious matter that our elected AG should seriously consider looking into. I reported a death threat that came into my employer a few months back in which local law enforcement said they could do nothing, which I find hard to believe. We have just as much criminal corruption here in Richland County as anywhere in the State, and it's no wonder when you advise how they can attack private citizens that they laugh. I just want this conversation documented just in case something does stem from this individual that we cannot validate. I guess what you are saying since I am in control of the group it's better to not find out who this is and give them a pass by blocking them?. I just want to make sure if this person has what appears criminal intent that they get caught before something happens. Thanks, just want to make sure our top legal counsel knows.

Jolene: Sir, I am just advising you what the necessary steps our regarding your matter. Our office serves as legal counsel to state agencies, boards and commissions. Should you believe that the law needs to be changed, I suggest you contact your legislators.

Phil: Whom would that be?

Jolene: If you believe that corruption is occurring, then you need to let local law enforcement, county prosecutor.

Jolene: Let me see if I can pull up your state rep with your zip code, one moment.

Jolene: Depending on your District... I have Rep. Jay Goyal, who serves district 73

Jolene: and

Jolene: Rep. Margaret Ruhl serving district 90.

Jolene: 800-282-0253 is the number for legislative information, and they may be able to direct you further, should you not know what district you fall under.

Phil: Funny, the local county prosecutor is part of the problem. I thought the guy "Mike DeWine" was his boss and would make a great option. I guess this Drew Tyler fella is pretty smart and was right, this agency would laugh. I would say they know the system pretty good, how dumb do I feel now?. I guess what you're saying is, it would be easier just to delete Drew from the group than find out who they are?. I thought it was better to keep an enemy close so I know what they are up to, after all they do know where I work, they assure people of that by repeating it enough with the hope that some crazy may pay me a visit?. I guess this is what happens when you speak out on politics. Sorry to have wasted your time, I will try our Reps with the hope nothing stupid happens. Thanks...

Jolene: Well, sir, if you believe an elected official is acting inappropriately, then you should contact the Ohio Ethics Commission.

Jolene: I can provide that information for you, if you would like it.

Phil: Can you?, that would be greatly appreciated.

Jolene: Sir, I am just trying to advise you on the proper avenues to contact.

Jolene: Yes, just one moment.

Jolene: Address: Ohio Ethics Commission

Jolene: William Green Building

Jolene: 30 West Spring Street, L3

Jolene: Columbus, Ohio 43215-2256

Jolene: Telephone: (614) 466-7090

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Jolene: E-mail: ethics@ethics.ohio.gov

Jolene:

Phil: I don't mean to sound harsh on you, you have been a great help.

Jolene: Sorry, I am not sure why it separated like that.

Jolene: Not a problem. I understand that you are upset.

Jolene: Is this anything else I can do for you today?

Phil: None the less, I got it. Will you send me a copy of this so I have the numbers?.

Jolene: You can cut and paste this yourself on your end. If you would like a copy of such from our office, you will have to make a public records request, as this is now a public record. .

Phil: Thanks again Jolene, I found the print button and printed it out. Again, I want to thank you for your help. (smile)