

From: Todd Spitzer [<mailto:todd@toddspitzer.com>]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 10:07 AM
To: Pasco, Jean
Subject: RE: Spitzer Statement: Please edit/suggestions

I tried to reach out Saturday through boystown. That's how I found out he was terminated.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Pasco, Jean" <Jean.Pasco@ocgov.com>
Date: 09/04/2015 9:57 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: "'todd@toddspitzer.com'" <todd@toddspitzer.com>, Melanie Eustice
<meleustice@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Spitzer Statement: Please edit/suggestions

Why don't you invite the gentleman to lunch at Wahoo's to show how much the incident is behind you?

From: Pasco, Jean
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 9:51 AM
To: 'todd@toddspitzer.com'; Melanie Eustice
Subject: RE: Spitzer Statement: Please edit/suggestions

My worry is that you've already implied the guy was fired from his job and was acting as if he was mentally ill. Going further to tie the incident to his alleged mental illness may be perceived as slander.

From: todd@toddspitzer.com [<mailto:todd@toddspitzer.com>]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 9:47 AM
To: Pasco, Jean; Melanie Eustice
Subject: RE: Spitzer Statement: Please edit/suggestions

my new edits

I will make this a public statement about mental health

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Spitzer Statement: Please edit/suggestions

From: "Pasco, Jean" <Jean.Pasco@ocgov.com>

Date: Fri, September 04, 2015 9:30 am

To: "'todd@toddspitzer.com'" <todd@toddspitzer.com>, Melanie Eustice <meleustice@yahoo.com>

I must recommend against making any other statements regarding this incident.

It was a one-day novelty story at best. A further statement will be seen by reporters as issuing a defensive manifesto and will just prolong a story that wasn't particularly newsworthy to begin with.

So my edit would be not to send it.

From: todd@toddspitzer.com [<mailto:todd@toddspitzer.com>]

Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 9:16 AM

To: Melanie Eustice; Pasco, Jean

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please edit as appropriate

"I WILL NEVER TURN MY BACK ON THE PUBLIC OR ITS SAFETY"

Supervisor Todd Spitzer Issues Statement about Wahoo's Restaurant Detention

First and foremost, Orange County has a serious mental health population issue. We have taken significant measures such as being the largest California County to pass "Laura's Law." The Board of Supervisors is utilizing significant amounts of state and federal mental health dollars to deal with this growing and important issue.

Multiple media outlets have reported on an April 3, 2015 incident involving me and a gentleman, Mr. Castellanos, who clearly is affected by mental and emotional issues. That fact has been corroborated through his former employer and also by the video interview of the gentleman by the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

How many violent incidents resulted in a good news result and not death or serious injuries?

This event took place on Good Friday. I had just walked the twelve stations of the Cross and had addressed a group of 200 Christians at the site. My interaction with Mr. Castellanos began initially pleasant, but despite my sharing of the Christian events I had participated in, he was persistent and unwavering. Later in the video interview, he tells deputies that he had "missed an opportunity" earlier in the day. One can only interpret that to mean that I had become his "opportunity." When he tried to sit down next to me by sliding between two tables and began eyeing the serrated steak knife I could not let him advance. As a police officer, I have received hours of training on edged weapons. Police officers are trained not to allow anyone either armed with a knife or ready access to a knife to come within 10 feet. Use of deadly force is justified under those circumstances.

I have been involved in three other incidents since become a sworn reserve police officer for the LAPD. I have never run from danger and I have oftentimes put myself in harm's way by pure instinct. I believe it's my duty as a citizen. In addition, I have years of experience working the most difficult beat in America, the streets of Los Angeles, for an entire decade. I have made or assisted in thousands of arrests. I graduated from one of the world's finest academies. I was my class leader in the Academy and I was named Hollenbeck's Reserve Officer of the Year and the Divisions' Reserve Officer of the Year. In the entire decade of using force when necessary, I was only criticized on one occasion. I was told during an arrest in a domestic violence case where the subject beat his girlfriend, resisted arrest and was peppered sprayed by me and my partner, fled, jumped through a glass window and then resisted further before I place him into custody that I did not use enough force—that I should have used my baton to break his legs.

Other Incidents:

1991: I stopped a carjacking at the entrance to CHOC hospital and the 22 at gunpoint. Three people tried to steal a car from a man and his wife and child. They fled and I kept the family safe. I was armed.

2002: In Sacramento, while in the Assembly, I was in line waiting to pay in a supermarket. A shoplifter was being chased by security and he was fighting them. I tackled him to the ground and used security's handcuffs to take the man into custody. I was not armed.

2012: I was at a gas station getting gas when I hear the sound of multiple crashes. I saw the subject car flee at a high rate of speed although the vehicle was suffering engine problems as a result of the damage to the car. I chased the driver to a private home where he exited the car and fled into the house. I was on the phone with 911 and CHP dispatch the entire time. Multiple CHP arrived at my location and the subject was arrested. During the incident, the subject jumped out of the second story trying to flee police. He sustained injuries. Months later, I was at my gym working out. The subject's father confronted and threatened me about leading the police to his son. The father blamed me for the serious injuries the son suffered from the jump.

2015: the incident at Wahoos.

Without a doubt, our society is becoming more violent and random acts of violence are common place. On any given day, we have a stabbing, shooting or vehicle pursuit that results in civilian or officer injuries.

It even happens in Orange County. Monica Quan and Keith Lawrence were murdered in Irvine by a retaliatory police officer. Ali Syed killed a young woman in his home in Ladera Ranch and fled to Tustin where he randomly gunned down innocent people in Tustin before he took his own life on the street in Villa Park.

We have rights as citizens to be free of threats and to take necessary steps to protect our safety.

I wasn't leaving Wahoos until I knew that the customers and the workers there were safe from Mr. Arellano.

I have special training. Most people do not. I encourage everyone who sees or is involved in an incident to call 911 and to find a place of safety until the police indicate its safe.

I also do not want to see us turn our back because we don't want to get involved or we are afraid.

Based on the level of scrutiny I have received, most Americans and citizens feel it is not worth it. An entire television show has been built by host John Quinones about this question entitled: "What would you do?" testing American's resolve to get involved in peculiar and uncomfortable situations.

I refuse to be complacent. I would do it again. Four times in twenty five years I have refused to turn my back. It's bound to happen again. Indeed, it could again tomorrow. As Americans let's not be complacent. Sometimes we have a duty to say "Let's go."