

## ANSWER TO LIES IN MALICIOUS LETTER

Let's just look at the grammar and punctuation in the latest trash letter. If you look at it, you will find the exact mistakes that are in the Mayors Monthly Report. Also, some of the things that were said, were private discussions that I had with Cruz. So, we all know, or can guess, who wrote the filth and lies.

First of all, it was stated that he got rid of me. Wrong, I quit when Cruz was re-elected because I knew that real law enforcement was impossible with him in office. Over three years as chief instilled that in my mind.

Next, he talks about the shooting in Wagon Mound in which I was involved. I guess he thinks that he knows more than the State Police Investigators and the eyewitness that witnessed the whole thing from the interstate. The man in question was being detained for a gas skip in Wagon Mound the night before. He was wired on coke, so says OMI. He resisted arrest and got off the first shot. He missed, I didn't. As to Eileen and I dealing drugs, what a joke. Eileen's oldest son was a police officer in the Town of Mountainair. He was shot in the head after making a substantial drug bust. Eileen and I both hate drugs and what they do to people and families. To the writer of these lies, I am willing to take a six-month toxicology test, are you? Or are you too afraid of what they will find? And, as usual, the facts are twisted. I received a Governor's commendation for pulling a family from a burning vehicle, not for a shooting!

Here is the summation of private conversations between Cruz and myself:

When Cruz accused me of lying, I told him that I included the information concerning the DWI on my application when I applied for the chief's position in Springer. I explained how it came about and how it happened at the time. The DWI was in 1981. A DWI stays on your record for 25 years. I was working undercover with some really bad ass people at the time. Others from this group were arrested at the same time. If I had it "fixed", and they found out about it, it might have blown my cover. These people were not to be messed with and I could have been killed if they suspected anything.

As for no one remembering me or rehiring me, that is bullshit. Cruz told me shortly after I went to work that he had called the DA in Albuquerque and they had never heard of me. In the first place, no DA would reveal an undercover officer, in the second place, Cruz called in 1995, and I worked for the DA in 1981! Pretty stupid to think that the same person would still be there after all those years, since many elections had come and gone. I then gave Cruz the names of the DA and his assistant at the time. I don't

think he ever called them. I never heard another word on the subject. This is one of the reasons I know who wrote, or dictated, this pack of lies. There was no other person in the room when this conversation took place.

By the way, speaking of the pot calling the kettle black, what about the DWI Cruz received in May of 1993, when he was involved in an accident? It too is a matter of public record and can be obtained by written request. I have a copy.

Everything I will tell you about is in black and white, with signatures and/or official stamps. I am not into spreading lies and hate.

As for the many things in my file at town hall. I know that is probably plum full of letters written by Cruz's friends and full of lies. You see, when he wants to get rid of someone, he starts a false paper trail so he will have grounds to show the council. Old trick used by scumbag officials and bosses everywhere. In my case, the council saw through his plan and took him to court to make him stop firing and suspending me. The District Judge that heard the case was not fooled either and ruled that Cruz quit interfering with me and stop all the hassle. Funny how Andy Williams was used even though he has passed on. You will remember that Andy fought for truth and sensibility in town government, just like Jean Martinez is now doing. Remember how Andy and Cruz would go around and around about things that Andy felt were improper or illegal? Cruz hated him because of this. Sound familiar? Andy was a good man and should be remembered with honor. So it seems we have a town council and a District Judge that saw through this farce. I can't understand why anyone would believe all these lies and deceit.

Lets look at how town hall has run so smoothly before Jean Martinez. Remember that I have hard copy and testimony to back all this up.

No. 1: The girl who worked for the town, was to make a deposit at the bank. She was in personal financial trouble at the time, and took some money from the deposit. She later repaid the money and made the deposit. When asked why the deposit was late, she told the truth. She was fired. Cruz took almost \$38,000 from all of us taxpayers and did not pay it back and is still in the NM National Guard. Funny no? I have all that paperwork as well.

No. 2: A police officer who quit, out of fear for his wife and children. His wife had received a phone call from someone stating that they represented a political power in Springer. He told her that her husband and children's lives would be in danger if the officer did not stop helping me with certain investigations in town. Threatening women and children? Sound familiar? What a bunch of cowardly barf bags! Oh yeah, I have the officer's letter of resignation that tells about this.

No. 3: What about the police officer whose probation was extended over a personal thing with one of Cruz's friend's wife. It was extended even though Cruz himself had taken the officer off probationary status before this incident occurred. I have the signed letter from Cruz stating this. How can you extend something that is not in effect? The officer told me that he knew he was on the shit list and resigned. He is doing well in a real police department in the southern part of the state.

No. 4: What about the police officer that was told he could no longer work alone on patrol because Cruz felt he was not trained well enough to do so? Again, even though I have a signed letter from Cruz stating that he concurs that this officer had been trained well and was ready for lone patrol. Of course, this happened after he arrested one of Cruz's relations. The officer also said that he was on Cruz's shit list for doing the job he was sworn to do. He also resigned to keep from getting fired.

No. 5: What about the officer that was going to be fired and asked for a hearing, which was his right under the law. He was denied due process and was fired. He could not afford to hire an attorney to fight it. When I intervened, I was written up for insubordination.

I could go on and on, but you get the idea. The threats and harassment while working at town hall is rampant. Seems like it is all about power and control and had nothing to do with the efficient running of town hall. I feel that Cruz is an egotistical, micromanaging maniac. Sure makes me wonder what would, or could cause that kind of ego. Why is control of town hall or the entire town so important to certain people?

Doesn't it seem that cooperation and mutual respect in town government would help all concerned? Right now, everyone is worried about Al-Qaida, Saddam Hussein and others like them. I am here to tell you that this country is rotting from the inside with drugs, crime and crooked politicians. Hell, I believe this internal rot will defeat us long before a foreign entity does. In all of history, any great power that turned decadent has fallen. Take a good look at this last letter and you can see the threats, the false accusations, the sexual undertones, and decadence in it.

I am waiting on some paperwork from the US Army Crime Records Center in Ft Belvoir, VA. This paperwork has to do with happenings in Korea and Desert Storm. I will share it when I get it.

TO THE WRITER: What is this crap about a trigger finger? Are you threatening some of us with a shooter? Also, what about asking certain people if they want to get in on the dance? Well, I have kept out of town hall business except for water and sewer questions because the sewer lagoons sit in the middle of my property. Now, I have this to say. Hell, I can dance, and I know all the fancy steps. If you and your bros are up to it, let's rock and roll. A shooter? Well I can do that dance

too, and, I am sick of these punks standing around the bars and other places telling each other how bad they are. After awhile, I think they even believe it. I guess I should have been from Missouri – show me!

Not all is bad, on a good note; I would like to thank the town work crew for the fine job they did in relocating my water meter. Good job Danny, Steve, Martin, Jerry, Marcy, Laura and all. Good example of how people can work together to save precious water and keep things running well. My compliments.

I apologize to some of you for the strong paragraph on the trigger finger. But to the writer, you have stepped on your tool with this last bit of malicious trash. People who know me, know that I am not a violent person. I try to be friendly to all. But you are talking trash about my wife. If confronted with violence, you will not believe what happens next.

I just saw our football team leaving town to play a game. We are all proud of them. What makes them so successful? I think that they have good leadership (coaches) that work together to have a good team. All the players exercise teamwork by supporting each other for the end goal. Maybe folks, yes, us adults, can take a lesson from our high school football and basketball teams. Not one of them is more important than the other - one alone will never win a game. Teamwork and good leadership that work toward a common and worthwhile goal. Sounds like America to me, or at least what America is supposed to be.

As far as the writer asking people to go back where they came from and they were not invited here? I say this. We are all where we came from – The United States of America. Me, nor does anyone else need an invitation to go where in the hell we please. This is free country. Our friends, neighbors, and families have died to give us this right, and no scumbag self-centered loudmouth can take that away. Lets get it together folks, we are all Americans, no matter what the area or belief.

Hope and pray that this insanity ends and we can worry about foreign threats and not domestic ones.

One more thing, instead of listening to lies and deceit, try and look at cold, hard facts. I have four granddaughters growing up in Springer. I don't want them to inherit all the garbage, drugs and threats in this town. It is time to clean it up and live right like our forefathers intended. Remember, UNITED WE STAND!!! However, don't forget, DIVIDED WE FALL.

That's all I have to say now.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.