

Brookfield Town Police
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8/25/3 at 8:15am Officer Sean Schmidt received a telephone complaint from Cindy Zahnow concerning the 8/22/3 interview with her. Case No. 031776.

At around 8:45am Schmidt called RDH on his mobile. Schmidt very nastily said that if I contacted Zahnow again I would be arrested for aggravated harassment and that I had no legitimate reason for contacting her. To add to the intimidating effect, Schmidt said Zahnow told him that an FBI agent had talked to me concerning my interview of Zahnow. Schmidt was clearly implying I was the subject of an FBI inquiry.

I explained to Schmidt about the letter by one of her employees to the court in the Federal case. I said I have a right to confirm the information in the letter. Schmidt went on that I have no legitimate right to contact her again, to visit her shop and if I do I will be arrested for aggravated harassment.

Schmidt added that Zahnow told him that an FBI agent had contacted her and told her to call the local police concerning the interview. Zahnow did not tell Schmidt the name

Around 11:30am, RDH visited the Town of Brookfield police and talked with Acting Chief Chris Perket. Told the Chief I did not appreciate the intimidation implicated in the threat to arrest me. I informed him about the RICO case in federal court, that the defendants in Wisconsin were Russian and Zahnow was the former employer of one defendant. I added I was within my rights to continue my investigation into the case. I requested a copy of the complaint that they later provided.

8/26/3 at around 10:50am, RDH called Sean Schmidt and asked why his report did not include that Zahnow told him an FBI agent told her to call the Brookfield police to file a complaint. Schmidt confirmed that is what she said but did not put it in the report because it was not confirmed. I told Schmidt that I would probably need a statement as to what she said and he agreed. Schmidt said he did not include Zahnow's statement about the FBI because he had no way of confirming whether it was true.