

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC
GULF COAST CHAPTER

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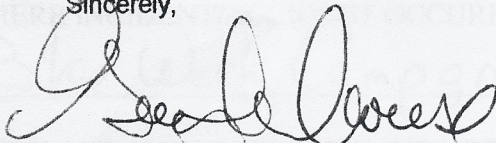
March 9, 2010

State Office/ABATE of FLORIDA, Inc
Attention State Board of Trustees
POB 2520
Deland FL 32721-2520

Board of Directors:

As is commonly known to all in the Corporation, the Gulf Coast Chapter has continuously, for the past 15 years, provided 100% support for the Corporation, State Board and the Cause. It is with great sorrow and respect for the State Board that I, as the Gulf Coast Chapter President, file the attached formal complaint against the State President of ABATE of FL, Inc on behalf of the Gulf Coast Chapter and the involved members to the incident described in the attached complaint.

Sincerely,



Gary 'Satch' VerCrouse
President of the Gulf Coast Chapter of ABATE of Florida, Inc

Cc: State Board Members and Trustees
All Chapter Presidents of ABATE of Florida, Inc

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INCIDENT/ACCIDENT REPORT

CHAPTER NAME: Gulf Coast Chapter DATE: 3/10/10 TIME: _____

ADDRESS OF INCIDENT: Volusia County Campground CITY: Deland ZIP: _____

NO. OF PERSONS INVOLVED: 2 NO. OF VEHICLES INVOLVED: —

WHERE INCIDENT/ACCIDENT OCCURRED: ABATE of Florida, Inc
Bike Week Campground at Volusia County Campground

WHEN AND HOW INCIDENT/ACCIDENT OCCURRED: (USE SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY)
See attached complaint:

PERSON(S) INVOLVED

NAME: Clay Schaeffer
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
STATE/ZIP: _____
PHONE: (____) _____

NAME: James' Doc' Dieckhach
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
STATE/ZIP: _____
PHONE: (____) _____

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
STATE/ZIP: _____
PHONE: (____) _____

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
STATE/ZIP: _____
PHONE: (____) _____

PARENT'S NAME (IF MINOR): _____
PARENT'S ADDRESS: _____

HOW MANY OF SECURITY INVOLVED & NAMES: 1 - State Sgt at arms
Dennis 'mudder' Rudoi

WITNESSES

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
STATE/ZIP: _____
PHONE: (____) _____

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
STATE/ZIP: _____
PHONE: (____) _____

TYPE OF INJURY: (CIRCLE THOSE THAT APPLY)

CUTS/BRUISES
FACE
COLLARBONE
ARMS (LEFT/RIGHT)
HAND (LEFT/RIGHT)
INTERNAL
HIPS (LEFT/RIGHT)
KNEES (LEFT/RIGHT)
ANKLES (LEFT/RIGHT)
BURNS
UNCONSCIOUS AT EVENT

HEAD
NECK
SHOULDER
WRIST (LEFT/RIGHT)
CHEST/RIBS
BACK/SPINE
UPPER LEGS (LEFT/RIGHT)
LOWER LEGS (LEFT/RIGHT)
FEET (LEFT/RIGHT)
MICELLANEOUS/OTHER
FATAL

ACTION TAKEN: Complaint Filed in writing

FIRST AID AT EVENT: N/a

GIVEN BY: N/a

AMBULANCE CALLED/REFUSED: N/a

SIGNATURE OF INJURED PARTY REFUSING MEDICAL CARE/AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION: N/a

NAME OF COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY: N/a

PLEASE SEND WITH THIS REPORT TO THE STATE OFFICE. IF NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE PLEASE SEND SOON.

SIGNATURE OF PERSON FILLING OUT FORM: Deey Albreese

PRINTED NAME OF PERSON FILLING OUT FORM: Deey Albreese

SIGNATURE: CHAPTER SGT @ ARMS: Deey Albreese

SIGNATURE: CHAPTER PRESIDENT: _____

SIGNATURE CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT: _____

THE ORIGINAL FORM IS TO BE MAILED TO THE STATE OFFICE. YOU ARE TO CONTACT THE STATE SGT. AT ARMS IMMEDIATELY. IF HE CAN NOT BE REACHED CONTACT THE STATE VICE PRESIDENT.

SIGNATURE STATE SGT @ ARMS: _____

SIGNATURE STATE VICE PRESIDENT: _____

SIGNATURE STATE PRESIDENT: _____

To all State Board Members and Chapter Presidents:

Subject: Formal complaint against State President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. James 'Doc' Reichenbach II.

From: Gulf Coast Chapter of ABATE of FL, Inc. on behalf of its board and violated members.

Please find attached the ABATE of Florida, Inc incident report referring to attached statements and conversations and interviews conducted by myself with various witnesses present at the time of the incident referred to in the incident report . This document constitutes my written report as to testimony and direct conversations with those involved either in person or by phone. It also includes any written statements collected in my investigation. These incidents occurred at the ABATE of Florida, Inc Campground during Bike Week 2010.

1/ On the morning of March 5th 2010, I received a call from my Chapter Sgt at Arms concerning an incident involving gate security and some of our members. I instructed my Sgt at Arms to investigate and report back to me.

2/ Later that morning I received a call from the State President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. In our conversation I was told by him that he had an incident with one of our members named Clay. In our conversation he related to me his version of the incident and relayed information that he was stressed from incidents involving other issues at the campground and that he had people working 18 hr shifts. He also stated that he and Clay had a conversation in the golf cart concerning the gate incident from the night before. In the conversation he related that Clay had been vocal and had, as an end result, thrown his security pin and membership card at him. He then stated he had to "snatch him up". I was shocked that this particular member would ever cause someone to feel physically threatened. The conversation with the State President ended with his statement that " no one was going to talk to him that way" He did not ask for me to take any further action. He did mention as a side conversation that one of our members had TP'd his cart and Mudder's cart. He said it was no big deal. Conversation ended at this point. It is our contention that the statement concerning the throwing of Clay's security pin at him is false, as the pin was used by Clay to leave the campground and is still in his possession and never left his possession. The un-laminated membership card was thrown and was later retrieved by our MSAP trustee and given back to him at a later date.

3/ I immediately called our MSAP Director who was present at the campground. I asked him if he had seen what happened. He said yes, it was ugly.

4/ I then called Tina Schaeffer, Clay's wife, to see if they were okay. She seemed very upset. She gave me her version of what had happened. I was concerned as she seemed upset. I called her two more times to make sure she was okay. I asked to meet with all involved when they got back.

5/ On the afternoon of Friday March 5th 2010, I had another phone conversation with my Chapter Sgt at Arms. He was understandably concerned about the actions of the State President in this incident.

6/ On Saturday and Sunday, March 5th and 6th 2010 I had several phone conversations with Chapter members who were present for at least a portion of the incidents leading up to the final acts of aggression and battery by the State President..

7/ On the morning of March 9th 2010 I had a phone conversation with the State Sgt at Arms, who was present at least during the final incident. He relayed to me that there was a verbal confrontation between the State President and our member Clay. He told me he was close enough to see Clay leave the cart and throw what appeared to be a Security pin and a membership card in the direction of the State President. He does not remember any physical contact between the two until he stepped in to break up and separate the State President from his physical attack on Clay. Clay had already retreated to his vehicle and was trying to leave when the State President had reached through his open window and grabbed him. At that point the State Sgt at Arms states he stepped in between the State President and the truck and forced him to retreat. Clay then left in his truck.

8/ In my investigation I find the following to be true and accurate:

a/ There was an avoidable incident at the security gates that could have been resolved through simple and reasonable consideration. Our Chapter members had paid what they were told to pay to enter the campground, visit with Chapter brothers and sisters and purchase food, as well as make purchases from the vendors, and leave their bikes on the grounds under the security of our other Chapter members.

b/ There were several verbal exchanges between security members, the State President and several of my Chapter's members. Both sides, in my opinion, were involved in argumentative comments. People got involved in the situation on the 4th that should not have been involved.

c/ A solvable problem escalated to a verbal and then physical act of aggression and battery by the State President on one of my Chapter members.

Miscommunication caused excessive disrespect to be shown to members of my Chapter by some members of the gate security and the State President.

d/ Through my investigation and conversations with all (to my knowledge) involved I find that a majority of the information being disseminated from each person is pretty much the same.

e/ Absolutely nothing in anyone's statement, including the State President's conversation with me concerning the incident, justifies the acts of aggression and battery on one of my Chapter members by the State President. Especially when the offended member was attempting to disengage the confrontation by leaving. The information that I have shows that there may have been two acts of aggression and battery committed by the State President on our member prior to his entering his truck. At the very least there was an act of battery through the truck window by the State President on my Chapter member. This is known to be true beyond reasonable doubt, because the State Sgt at Arms claims to have broken it up.

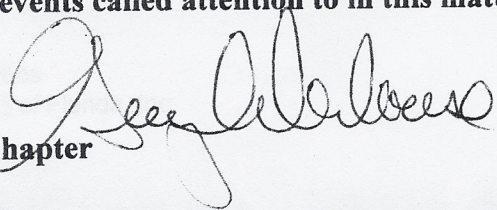
f/ Statements like "No one talks to me like that" and "I'll kick your ass" are not acceptable to me from our State President.

As a direct result of the State President's actions in these acts of aggression and battery, the Gulf Coast Chapter and its Board demands that the following happen. These demands are our right through the State By Laws last revised December 13th 2008.

- 1/ The State President should resign as unfit to lead a great organization such as ABATE of Florida, Inc. This should be done within 15 days of receipt of this complaint.
- 2/ Should the State President not resign, then we are requesting that the State Board convenes and vote to remove him from office under Article XI paragraph J.
- 3/ If one of the above is not accomplished then I will take this opportunity to request a placement at the appropriate position, to be placed on the Agenda for the April Meeting in Tallahassee, to present our case to the delegation to vote on exercising our rights under Article XI paragraph J of the State By Laws last revised on December 13th 2008.
- 4/ The Gulf Coast Chapter is in full compliance with all the by laws and rules of operation of our Chapter under both our Chapter By Laws and the State By Laws. Therefore any retaliation against the Chapter or any of its officers or members will not be tolerated. We are members of the corporation in good standing and expect to be treated that way.

Again it is with great respect for the Corporation, the State Board and the Cause that we regretfully but earnestly feel the need to file this official written complaint and ask for immediate action. I attest that all information provided by me in this report is accurate and the truth as given to me by all involved as participants or witnesses to all or part of the events called attention to in this matter.

Ride safe, free and aware
Gary 'Satch' VerCrouse
President of the Gulf Coast Chapter



3/10/10

Cc: State Office
State Board
Chapter Presidents
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