

September 28, 1992

Mr. J S  
Principal, Lake Ridge Elementary School  
11970 Hedges Run Drive  
Woodbridge,VA 22192

Dear Sir:

As you know, I attended the "Parents' Orientation Nights" for my daughters, L J W and C A W, who are currently enrolled as a students at Lake Ridge Elementary School (LRES). I was once again very impressed with the school, the programs for this school year, and the children's teachers, Mrs. R d and Mrs. Q y.

Unfortunately, other events which occurred on the evenings of September 15 and 21, 1992, made my visits to LRES very stressful and fearful.

Upon my approach to the main entrance of the school on September 15 at approximately 6:50 P.M., I was met by C E. M, my former father-in-law. I have to the best of my ability reconstructed the conversation (see attached) which occurred. During the entire course of my presence at the school, Mr. M watched me rather intently and followed my every move. Further examples of his unusual behavior are as follows:

- (1) Mr. M and/or my former wife parked his car at some unknown location so as to give the impression that he was not present when I drove up.
- (2) On one occasion during the large meeting in the All-Purpose Room, Mr. M went up to you (you were seated next to the speaker) and whispered something in your ear. Since the speaker was in the process of speaking, I must assume that Mr. M felt his comment was of immediate importance.
- (3) Following the large meeting in the All-Purpose Room, I stayed for several minutes such that I might speak with you briefly. I noticed that Mr. M was standing nearby watching my every move. After you were finished speaking with another couple, you turned your attention to me. I shook your hand and thanked you for taking time out of your busy schedule to speak with me and to deal with this very sensitive issue.
- (4) I left the All-Purpose Room and walked down the several hallways necessary to get to my daughter's classroom. Mr. M followed behind me at a distance of approximately twenty feet. I entered the classroom and he also entered.

- (5) At the conclusion of the presentation by my daughter's teacher, I stood up and walked around the room looking for my daughter's seat. I noticed that Mr. M was staring very intensely at me. I then left the classroom and went out in the hall to look at a picture which my daughter had drawn. As I stood there, I noticed that Mr. M was watching me. I turned to leave and as I walked, I noticed that Mr. M was again following me at a distance of approximately twenty feet. He did this all the way until we were outside. He stopped at the end of the sidewalk. He watched me get in my car. As I drove away, I noticed that he was still watching me.

Although I have nothing to hide, one of the items that is particularly disturbing to me is the distinct impression that my former wife and her family-of-origin might in some way be watching or following me during my daily activities in Maryland. Despite the fact that I do not know anyone named "Meagan", Mr. M certainly implied that he had found out some major piece of information regarding my personal life which he assumed I would want kept private. Such action on his part, if true, would constitute an invasion of my privacy.

Needless to say, after the events of September 15, I was very apprehensive about my plans to attend the "Parents' Orientation Night" for my older daughter. I was very nervous and feared what sort of action Mr. M might take, especially considering his greatly agitated condition.

On the evening of Monday, September 21, I returned to attend the "Parents' Orientation Night" for my older daughter. I came accompanied with my mother in an effort to either prevent a similar scene from occurring or to have a witness in case another verbal assault did occur. Upon our arrival at 6:45 P.M., my mother and I did not notice Mr. M or any member of my former wife's family standing outside the school. Upon entering the school, my mother and I spoke briefly to Mrs. J and then went to look at Mrs. Q's classroom. Mr. M and K M (my former wife's sister and a teacher in the Prince William County Public Schools) appeared. They "hovered" around us while we looked at the classroom and bulletin board outside the classroom. They followed us as we went to look down the hallway where other daughter's kindergarten classroom is located. They followed us as we went to the library and "stood guard" outside. They then followed us to the All-Purpose Room. During the entire course of the evening, Mr. M continued to watch my mother and me rather intently and followed our every move. Further examples of his unusual behavior are as follows:

- (1) Mr. M and/or my former sister-in-law parked his car at some unknown location so as to give the impression that he was not present when we drove up.
- (2) We left the All-Purpose Room and walked down the several hallways necessary to get to my daughter's classroom. Mr. M followed behind us at a distance of approximately twenty feet. We entered the classroom and he also entered.

- (3) At the conclusion of the presentation by my daughter's teacher, I stood up and walked around the room looking for my daughter's seat. I noticed that Mr. M [REDACTED] was staring very intensely at me. My mother and I then left the classroom and went out in the hall to sign the guest list outside the classroom door. As I stood there, I noticed that Mr. M [REDACTED] was watching me. When we turned to leave, I again noticed that Mr. M [REDACTED] was again following us at a distance of approximately twenty feet. As we walked through the front lobby, we stopped and greeted you. You may have noticed Mr. M [REDACTED] standing several feet away. He then followed us all the way until we were outside. He stopped at the end of the sidewalk. He watched us get in my car. As we drove away, we noticed that he was still watching us.

It goes without saying that these events were very stressful for me. My innocence or guilt in the pending Maryland case does not give my former wife or members of her family-of-origin the right to invade my privacy, harass me, verbally abuse me, imply physically-threatening overtones, and make attempts to intimidate me. This sort of behavior by a grown adult, who is a highly visible Prince William County official, is unacceptable in any environment. I would think that such behavior is particularly unacceptable on the grounds of a public school. I am not sure what can or should be done about this, but I did want to alert you of these events.

Thank-you for time and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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- (3) Mr. C [REDACTED] E. M [REDACTED]  
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The following exchange occurred on Tuesday, September 15, 1992 at approximately 6:50 P.M. in front of the outside entrance to the All-Purpose Room of Lake Ridge Elementary School. All comments represent my best recollection of them and therefore the exact words written may not be the exact words spoken. Comments by CEM were delivered with much emotion.

Person Comment

SDW "I assume that you are waiting to speaking with me?"

CEM "OOOooooo yes (laughs). You better believe it."

SDW approaches CEM and is standing approximately six feet from him (face-to-face).

CEM "How's Meagan?"

SDW "I'm sorry ... Who's Meagan?"

CEM "Your girlfriend."

SDW "I don't know anyone named Meagan and I don't have a girlfriend."

CEM "Why don't you stay on your own side of the river?"

SDW "I have spoken with the principal about my reason for being here. I do not need to explain it to you."

CEM "Oh yes, you do. You're nothing more than a biological father. What you did to those children ... you're a child molester."

SDW "I do not plan on talking with you about this. I am waiting for court to resolve this."

CEM "We are too. And we're coming after you, not just in civil court either ... criminal court."

At this point CEM has moved his face within two feet of SDW's face. His face showed that he was intensely angry and his body was very tense. He appeared to be encouraging a "physical" altercation.

CEM "You have no right to be here."

SDW "As I said before, I do not plan to discuss this with you."

CEM "You are a sick, sick person."

SDW "If you are done now, I am going inside."

SDW = S [REDACTED] D. W [REDACTED] CEM = C [REDACTED] E. M [REDACTED]