### GALVESTON COUNTY TEXAS

Government Corruption—Malicious Prosecution & Other Acts of Terrorism

### Summary with Attached Statements & Emergency Response Transcript

On December 23, 2020 at 7:17 PM CST, League City police department dispatched Police and heavily armed SWAT units after receiving a complaint from Lisa Salazar of a domestic incident. Lisa and her husband Edward Salazar entered Hatem Al-Ghuti's property without permission and were instructed to leave. Lisa Salazar called the police while inside of Hatem Al-Ghuti's home. In the emergency response call, Lisa Salazar complained "he's refusing to leave 'his house', she 'his wife' told him to leave, he will not leave (police transcript — line 21)". Lisa Salazar acknowledging in her statement that Hatem refused to leave because it is his house, and because "He said that he had nowhere else to go" (see page 5).

Lisa continued by stating "the man has an ak47, he was aiming it at his wife, they are Muslim, hes threatening to shoot her," an allegation not found in any of the affidavit's submitted by witnesses. The Operator questioned, "are you there right now?", Lisa replied "yes i am", operator appeared to be confused why Lisa is calling the police inside of Hatem's house, if, according to Lisa, he is a "extremely violent Muslim," with a AK-47 making threat's. The Operator asked "is he holding the gun to you as well?", with a confused expression evident by elongating "he"... Lisa replied, "he was NOT holding the gun to me, but he was holding it to his wife, and when we walked in he put it down," again , no other person witnessed this, Lisa's husband Edward Salazar stated as soon as he walked through the front door he saw "Hatem was in the office sitting in the chair" (refer to Exhibit 6, Statement-5). Operator... "did he say anything about not letting y'all leave?", Lisa replied no. Operator once more asked, "so is he kinda like keeping y'all where you are?", Lisa "Nnn."

Rawan Al-Najjar sought for her husband to leave the house immediately without a chance to collect his belongings, as evidenced in the four of the eighteen statements she wrote in the police report (refer to Exhibit-3, statement #3, 7, 13, 17), as well as Samia (exhibit-4, statement #10), Lisa (exhibit-5, statement #12), Edward (Exhibit-6, statement #13, 19, 22). Investigator COX, E. W. (241239) also noted in the case supplemental report that "Rawan said that she'd told her husband to get out of the house, and said that she didn't want him to come back. I informed her that we couldn't evict him from the residence, and when I asked her if she wanted to file charges on him, she said that she did not. When I explained about filing charges and EPO's, Rawan advised that she'd like an EPO against her husband, but that she didn't;"

Hatem Al-Ghuti was arrested without charge on 12/23/20, and released 12/25/20 on a \$2,500.00 bond after being detained in a forty degree cell for about thirty-one hours. While detained he was notified by one of the officers present at the scene that he is prohibited from getting near Edward and Lisa's property. The police department denied his request to call his wife, and forced him to sign the attached Magistrates order for Emergency Protection — see **Exhibit-7**.

The Magistrate protective order failed to instruct Rawan Al-Najjar to return the medication her husband had been taking at the time. Rawan Al-Najjar, a physician was fully aware of the dangerous health risks associated with disrupting the medication, which has dangerous side-effects and withdrawal symptoms including Seizures, Depression, Anxiety, Irritability, Insomnia (only to name a few). She also withheld his laptop, ID's, and over five years of work material, Rawan refused to return his property.

Hatem Al-Ghuti did not sleep while he was detained for 31 hours and refused food, and began to suffer from withdrawal symptoms, which resulted in him not sleeping for over 72 hours after his release. He was not able to visit with his physician prior to January 5, 2021 due to the winter holiday. Apart from severe withdrawal symptoms, Hatem became ill shortly after his release, suffering from Covid like symptoms. Hatem's sister and brother-in-law—he had been staying with at the time later tested positive with Covid, only one week after Hatem noticed serious symptoms such as high fever.

On December 27, 2020, Rawan Al-Najjjar hired the Skillern Law-firm to file a LIFETIME protective order, to prevent Hatem Alghuti from ever seeing his daughter (see Exhibit-10). Note Hatem Al-Ghuti has no prior criminal history. Matthew Allen Skillern assisted Rawan with changing the statements she made in the police report (see Exhibit-3) to the contradicting allegations made in the affidavit attached herein as Exhibit-9. The highlighted portion of the affidavit (below paragraph 7), implies the events conveyed in Lisa and Edward's police statements occurred within a 3 to 4 minute window (see incoming call time (7:13 PM) in the highlighted area — **Exhibit-1**, and 9 one-one call time (7:17 PM— **Exhibit-2**).

On December 29, 2020 Daryl Zavesky issued a Complaint/ Probable Cause Affidavit, and warrant for Hatem Al-Ghuti's arrest with a \$10,000 bond, alleging Hatem violated the protective order by inquiring about the "SWATTING" incident. Mr. Zavesky states that "One of the last messages he 'Hatem' sent to ALNAJJAR that I observed read, "I want to die", and "Im not afraid of anything," resulting from the symptoms mentioned earlier (see Exhibit -8). Note: Hatem Al-Ghuti only had \$5.10 in his account.

On Friday January 10, 2021, a order was handed to Hatem Al-Ghuti demanding he appear in court on Thursday January 14, 2021, giving him only three business days to hire an attorney and come up with \$5,000. Tad Nelson attorney hired to advise Hatem, joined Matthew Skillern and his client in mocking Hatem about his inability to afford attorney fees, stating "he is using daddy's money", he also mocked my private writings which Rawan decided to file in the court records without permission. Tad Nelson also failed to advise me about the hearing and engaged in the misconduct found in Exhibit-10.B. On January 15, Hatem was released from Galveston County prison (second arrest) on a \$10,000 bond. Tom Dickens presented the evidence found in this document to Galveston DA Jack Roady. Jack Roady refused to drop the false charges, instead seeking for Hatem to serve upto one year in prison on top of the terrorism which has negatively impacted his mental health and well being. The court also denied Hatem Al-ghuti's

request for the return of his personal property, financial assistance to seek medical and services of a mental health professional, and a photo of his daughter—which according to Matthew Skillern violates the unsigned protective order (see email Exhibit).

# PRIVATE INVESIGATION

**Incident Case Number: 20-6588** 

Reporting Agency: Private Investigation—Government Corruption

Date/Time: December 23, 2020

Disclaimer: The information contained within this report is reflective of the investigation at the date and time of its printing.

The below statements are found in the League City Police report signed by Rawan Issa Alnajjar, Samia Adel Marmash, Lisa Salazar, and Edward Salazar on December 23, 2020, and attached herein as Exhibit 3 through Exhibit 6. The verbatim statements are organized into ten "Accounts—of a reported Incident". Each recorded incidents is further categorized in a manner which takes the order-of-events into consideration, to derive the general consensus among the four witness statements.

This report does not include a statement from Hatem Al-Ghuti, who is being accused of "violating a protective order" and making a "terroristic threat to a family member". Hatem Al-Ghuti states the unusual manner in which this case is being handled is due to a government corruption complaint he made which involves Galveston County working in coordination with other agencies.

# FIRST ACCOUNT | R: 4 | S: 1

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**Rawan Alnajjar:** "I had a small argument with my husband tonight, he got really upset and got outside to the backyard  $^{R,1}$ ; He started calling me names, with the "f" word, shouting, calling me arrogant and that I will be destroyed with my family  $^{R,2}$ ; I told him i don't want to be with him anymore, and that he needs to leave  $^{R,3}$ ; He said he wont leave. he was shouting so loud that the neighbors next door heard him" —Exhibit(3);  $^{R,4}$ 

**Samia Marmash:** "Initially I heard shouting in the backyard. Then another shouting" —Exhibit(4); S.1

## SECOND ACCOUNT | R: 1 | S: 1

**Rawan Alnajjar**: "After about 20 minutes, he came inside to the office and slammed the door"— Exhibit(3); R.6

Samia Marmash: "Then Hatem entered into the study" —Exhibit(4); 8.2

THIRD ACCOUNT |R: 1 | S: 1

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Rawan Alnajjar: "I went in and told him i want a divorce, and he needs to leave; — Exhibit(3)" R.7

**Samia Marmash**: "Rawan entered to speak with him"— Exhibit (4); S.3

### FOURTH ACCOUNT |R: 1 | S: 1

Rawan Alnajjar: "He started shouting, yelling again using the "f" word"— Exhibit (3); R.8

**Samia Marmash**: "Suddenly he shouted loud, using foul language directed towards Rawan"— Exhibit (4); s.4

### FIFTH ACCOUNT | R: 1 | S: 1

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**Rawan Alnajjar**: "My mom came to calm him down, he called us "son of bitches" and he slammed the desk with his hands twice"— Exhibit (3); R.9

Samia Marmash: "I entered the office to speak with Hatem to calm the situation"— Exhibit (4); 8.5

### SIXTH ACCOUNT |R: 1 | S: 1

Rawan Alnajjar: "My mom got scared and left"— Exhibit (3); R.10

Samia Marmash: "Then Hatem shouted at me"—Exhibit (4); S.6

### **SEVENTH ACCOUNT | R: 1 | S: 2 | L: 1 | E: 1**

Rawan Alnajjar: "At this time, the neighbors next door Lisa and Edward Salazar came to calm him

down, and he was still very angry and yelling and shouting"— Exhibit (3); R.11

Samia Marmash: "Lisa and Edward came to the house"— Exhibit (4); 8.7

**Lisa Salazar**: "The grandmother opened the door I was shaking"— Exhibit (5); L.5

**Edward Salazar**: "We knocked on the door and the lady that called my wife opened the door"— Exhibit (6); E.4

### **EIGHTH ACCOUNT | R: 1 | S: 2 | L: 1 | E: 2**

**Rawan Alnajjar**: "He said he was in a war with me now and my family that i am a "whore" and a piece of shit, that me and my family will be destroyed and ruined, just wait and see"— Exhibit (3); R.12

**Samia Marmash**: "Then he started using foul language towards everyone-informal language used to imply he became increasingly defensive-vulgar, using offensive language, ect" — Exhibit (4); S.8

Samia Marmash: "Then he said you are my enemy, and would pursue my family"— Exhibit (4); S.11

**Lisa Salazar**: "Hatham was yelling at his wife"—Exhibit (5); S.6

**Edward Salazar:** "Hathem was in the office sitting in the chair"— Exhibit (6); E.5

### Lisa Salazar: 911 Transcripts -

Line 2- "the man has an ak47, he was aiming it at his wife, they are  $\underline{\textit{Muslim}}$ , hes threatening to shoot her"— Exhibit (A);

Line 13- "he was not holding the gun to me, but he was holding it to his wife, and when we walked in he put it down"— Exhibit (A),

**Edward Salazar:** "They were yelling at each other"—Exhibit (6); E.7

### NINTH ACCOUNT | R:2 | S:4 | L: 5 | E: 2

Rawan Alnajjar: "I told him to leave, he insisted that he wont leave"—Exhibit (3); R.13

**Rawan Alnajjar**: "He had a gun in his office, "not sure if it was loaded or not", he held the gun and threatened me and the neighbor not sure the exact words he said, i cant recall"— Exhibit (3); R.14

**Samia Marmash**: "Then lifted-held-carried, the rifle. He threatened Rawan, and her family. And he said i am a reject"— Exhibit (4); 8.9

**Samia Marmash**: "Then he started saying things to Rawan, that he wouldn't leave the house"— Exhibit (4); S.10

**Samia Marmash**: "And he continued to say things I didn't understand, because I don't understand English"— Exhibit (4); S.11

**Lisa Salazar**: "The husband and wife were <u>yelling at each other in Arabic"</u>— Exhibit (5); L.8

**Note**: Lisa Salazar states the incident involving a rifle occurred before she arrived to the house, which does not match any of the statements made by Rawan Alnajjar, Samia Marmash, or Edward Salazar.

**Lisa Salazar:** "The grandmother asked us not to leave or he would kill all of them"— Exhibit (5); (Samia omitted S.6- S.7)

**Lisa Salazar:** "He has his AR-15 at the side of his leg"—Exhibit (5); L.9

**Lisa Salazar Police Transcript**: Line 17— "when you walk in to the ... when you walk into the house on the right hand side of the office, thats where he's at, if you're *facing the office on the left hand-side there's a bookshelf, and its on the far right hand-side of that bookshelf, it's against the... the wall, your not going to be able to see it when you walk in, but it's on the left-hand side at the end of that wall"— <i>Exhibit (3)*;

**Lisa Salazar:** "He called her a whore and put a gun to her and said he would kill her"— Exhibit (5); L.10

**Lisa Salazar:** "We said to calm down. The <u>Grandmother asked (still shaking) us to call the police</u>, her English isn't good"— Exhibit (5); L.11

**Edward Salazar**: "Hatem then reached beside the cabinet in the office and grabbed a weapon that looked like an AR-15"— Exhibit (6); E.8

**Edward Salazar**: "He had it in his hand. He held it for 10 seconds to 30 seconds. He then put it back where he grabbed it from"— Exhibit (6); E.9

### **TENTH ACCOUNT | R: 4 | S: 2 | L: 5 | E: 8**

Rawan Al Najjar: "At that time, Liza Salazar went inside and called the police"—Exhibit (3); R.15

Rawan Al Najjar: "I was still with her husband Edward at the office door"—Exhibit (3); R.16

**Rawan Al Najjar**: "He said go ahead call the police, and i told him to just leave peacefully, he wont leave"— Exhibit (3); R.17

**Rawan Al Najjar**: "Was very angry, shouting, yelling using bad language, saying that he will take the baby from me. After that i went inside and he left with Edward the neighbor"— Exhibit (3); R.18

**Lisa Salazar**: "We asked him to come to our house, and he said he is not leaving"— Exhibit (5); L.12

**Lisa Salazar**: "He said that if he leaves, its an all-out war"— Exhibit (5); L-13

**Lisa Salazar**: "He said that he had nowhere else to go"—Exhibit (5); L-14

**Lisa Salazar**: "I went with the grandmother to check on the children, one baby and one 9-year-old"— Exhibit (5); L-15

**Lisa Salazar**: "I called 911, *the grandmother said to clarify it was me calling, not her*"— Exhibit (5); L-16

**Edward Salazar:** "My wife went to the back of the house with mother in law"— Exhibit (6); E-10

**Edward Salazar:** "The wife, Rawan, kept asking to leave. She was at the door to the office"— Exhibit (6); E-11 cross-reference R-16

**Edward Salazar:** "I was in the hall between the office and the front door"— Exhibit (6); E-12

**Edward Salazar:** "When she would keep telling him to leave, he would say he is not leaving"— Exhibit (6); E-13

**Edward Salazar:** "He said he is not leaving without a war <sup>E-14</sup>; Rawan walked away to the back of the house"— Exhibit (6); <sup>E-15</sup>

**Edward Salazar:** "I stepped to the doorway of the office. I kept trying to make small talk and calm him down"— Exhibit (6); E-16

**Edward Salazar:** "He told me him holding the weapon was not directed at me or my wife"— Exhibit (6); E-17

**Edward Salazar:** "I knew that the mother in law and my wife were on the phone with the police"— Exhibit (6); E-18

### OTHER ACCOUNTs | E: 4

**Edward Salazar:** "I decided to try to get Hatem to leave the house and separate from the weapon since he said he was not leaving without a war"— Exhibit (6); E-19

**Edward Salazar:** "I got him to agree to go for a drive and we came to my house and took my wifes SUV E-20; We went to Starbucks on 518 near I-45"— Exhibit (6); E-21

**Edward Salazar:** "He said he was very upset because Rawan was following him around the house nagging and harassing him"— Exhibit (6); E-22

**Edward Salazar:** "We got coffee and came back to the house. Police got both of us out of my SUV"— Exhibit (6); E-23

### **Case Supplement Report**

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Investigator: COX, E. W. (241239)

**Details**: "Rawan said that she'd told her husband to get out of the house, and said that she didn't want him to come back. <u>I informed her that we couldn't evict him from the residence</u>, and when I asked her if she wanted to file charges on him, she said that she did not. <u>When I explained about filing charges and EPO's</u>, Rawan advised that she'd like an EPO against her husband, but that she didn't;"

# **EXHIBITS**



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### TRANSCRIPT

- 1. "Operator": "league city 911 what is the address of the emergency?",
- 2. "Lisa": "ok were address is 4706 so its the house to the left of use, there is a domestic dispute, the man has an ak47, he was aiming it at his wife, they are Muslim, hes threatening to shoot her",
- 3. "Operator": "ok, ok, ok, ok...4706 is next to it, on what street?",
- 4. "Lisa": its the house to the left of us
- 5. "**Operator**": "ok if you are looking at your house from your street is it the house to the left",
- 6. "Lisa": "yes, and he is extremely violent, he is armed ",
- 7. "Operator": "I understand he has an ak and he pointed it at his wife",
- 8. "Lisa": "yes, and we are the neighbors and they call us over",
- 9. "Operator": "are you there right now?",
- 10. "Lisa": "yes i am",
- 11. "Lisa": "he is very, very violent",
- 12. "Operator": "is he holding the gun to you as well?",
- 13. "**Lisa**": "he was not holding the gun to me, but he was holding it to his wife, and when we walked in he put it down",
- 14. "Lisa": "and he just had a baby less than a month ago",
- 15. "**Operator**": "where is it at right now?",
- 16. "Operator": "where is the gun at right now?",

- 17. "**Lisa**": "when you walk in to the ... when you walk into the house on the right hand side of the office, thats where he's at, if you're facing the office on the left hand-side there's a bookshelf, and its on the far right hand-side of that bookshelf, it's against the... the wall, your not going to be able to see it when you walk in, but it's on the left-hand side at the end of that wall",
- 18. "Operator": "so right when you come in its at the study... in the office",
- 19. "Lisa": "it's in the study yes...",
- 20. "**Operator**": "ok",
- 21. "Lisa": "yes, i don't know if... i don't know if it's loaded, he called his wife a whore, he's refusing to leave, she's told him to leave, he will not leave, he told her if he leaves it will be am all out war, the only way he's leaving out this door, and that she's a whore and she's prostituting because she let the neighbors know, she's a pediatrician neurosurgeon on maternity leave right now, her son is here he's nine, he's in the back of the house on the far left, her mother is here, her mother doesn't speak English ",
- 22. "Operator": "maam is anyone intoxicated, taking any drugs or drinking alcohol?",
- 23. "Lisa": "no, they don't drink alcohol, but he is an extremist Muslim",
- 24. "Operator": "ok",
- 25. "Operator": "ok, so where... is anybody with him in the study right now or no?",
- 26. "**Lisa**": "no, we are standing out in the hallway talking to him, my husband is right there just trying to make sure nothing happens, but I don't want us to get shot in the process",
- 27. "Operator": "i gotcha, is there any y'all could get out of the house safely?",
- 28. "Lisa": "um...Ya, i don't know, should they all leave the house?",
- 29. "Operator": "if there is a way to exit the house safely ... go ahead and do it",
- 30. "**Operator**": "ok",
- 31. "**Lisa**": "ok",
- 32. "Operator": "that way y'all are away from him, and away from the gun",
- 33. "Operator": "has it been physical at all tonight, do you know?",

- 34. "**Lisa**": "the lady only speaks Arabic, so she doesn't, , she was trying to talk to me but she said he had the ak47 at her face, when I walked in i saw the ak47, he told her the only way he's getting out of the house is through all out war",
- 35. "Operator": "oh, the only way he is getting out his house is through all out war?",
- 36. "Lisa": "yeah",
- 37. "Operator": "did he say anything about not letting y'all leave?",
- 38. "**Lisa**": "no",
- 39. "Lisa": "no, i just told him Hatem y'all love each other let just try to, you know why don't you just come to our house for just a little bit, and he's like no I'm fine, we're getting divorced or we are divorced, i don't know, i extremely freaked out right now, because I'm just getting to know them",
- 40. "Operator": "gotcha, I gotcha",
- 41. "Lisa": "please, please, please hurry...",
- 42. "**Operator**": "take a deep breath, is there, so is he kinda like keeping y'all where you are?",
- 43. "Lisa": "Nnn, ",
- 44. "**Operator**": "or could y'all maybe like go out the back door?",
- 45. "**Lisa**": "im going to talk to the lady real quick, I'm going to talk to the lady really quick because I don't know what is going on, and it's gotten really quite I need to get out",
- 46. "**Operator**": "I understand, if you have to just, if you have to put the phone down, just keep it in your hand, just down hang up on me ok?",
- 47. "Lisa": "ok",

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### RAWAN ISSA AL-NAJJAR

Statement - 1	I had a small argument with my husband tonight, he got really upset and got outside to the backyard;
Statement - 2	He started calling me names, with the "f" word, shouting, calling me arrogant and that I will be destroyed with my family;
Statement - 3	I told him i don't want to be with him anymore, and that he needs to leave;
Statement - 4	He said he wont leave. he was shouting so loud that the neighbors next door heard him;
Statement - 5	I went inside;
Statement - 6	After about 20 minutes, he came inside to the office and slammed the door;
Statement - 7	I went in and told him i want a divorce, and he needs to leave;
Statement - 8	He started shouting, yelling again using the "f" word;
Statement - 9	My mom came to calm him down, he called us "son of bitches" and he slammed the desk with his hands twice;
Statement - 10	My mom got scared and left;
Statement - 11	At this time, the neighbors next door Lisa and Edward Salazar came to calm him down, and he was still very angry and yelling and shouting;
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Statement - 13	I told him to leave, he insisted that he wont leave;
Statement - 14	He had a gun in his office, "not sure if it was loaded or not", he held the gun and threatened me and the neighbor not sure the exact words he said, i cant recall;
Statement - 15	At that time, Liza Salazar went inside and called the police;
Statement - 16	I was still with her husband Edward at the office door;
Statement - 17	He said go ahead call the police, and i told him to just leave peacefully, he wont leave;
Statement - 18	Was very angry, shouting, yelling using bad language, saying that he will take the baby from me. After that i went inside and he left with Edward the neighbor;

### SEE HAND-WRITTEN AND SIGNED STATEMENT BELOW



### SAMIA ADEL MARMASH

Statement - 1	Initially I heard shouting in the backyard. Then another shouting;
Statement - 2	Then Hatem entered into the study;
Statement - 3	Rawan entered to speak with him;
Statement - 4	Suddenly he shouted loud, using foul language directed towards Rawan;
Statement - 5	I entered the office to speak with Hatem to calm the situation;
Statement - 6	Then Hatem shouted at me;
Statement - 7	Lisa and Edward came to the house;
Statement - 8	Then he started using foul language towards everyone-informal language used to imply he became increasingly defensive-vulgar, using offensive language, ect;
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# EXHIBIT -5

## LISA SALAZAR

Statement - 1	Grandmother called, said to hurry to her house;
Statement - 2	Hatham put a gun to his wife and threatened to kill her;
Statement - 3	The grandmother told me to hurry, he wants to kill the wife;
Statement - 4	I told my husband to join me and see the situation;
Statement - 5	The grandmother opened the door I was shaking;
Statement - 6	Hatham was yelling at his wife;
Statement - 7	The grandmother asked us not to leave or he would kill all of them;
Statement - 8	The husband and wife were yelling at each other in Arabic;
Statement - 9	He has his AR-15 at the side of his leg;
Statement - 10	He called her a whore and put a gun to her and said he would kill her;
Statement - 11	We said to calm down. The Grandmother asked, still sharking, us to call the police, her English isn't good;
Statement - 12	We asked him to come to our house, and he said he is not leaving;
Statement - 13	He said that if he leaves, its an all-out war;
Statement - 14	He said that he had nowhere else to go;
Statement - 15	I went with the grandmother to check on the children, 1 baby, and 1 9-year-old;
Statement - 16	I called 911, the grandmother said to clarify it was me calling, not her;
Statement - 17	I came out and saw Hatham and my husband were gone. My husbands shoes were gone. I saw the police in the front. I became very scared;
Statement - 18	I searched for my husband at my house and didnt see him there. My children and I went outside to meet the cops. We were taken to the front porch of Hathams opposite neighbor and waited until my husband returned in the car with Hatham.

### EDWARD SALAZAR

Statement - 1	My wife and I were at home;
Statement - 2	My wife got a call from the neighbors at 4704 Eagle Cove;
Statement - 3	The mother of the wife that owns the house Asked my wife to please come over;
Statement - 4	We knocked on the door and the lady that called my wife opened the door;
Statement - 5	Hatem was in the office sitting in the chair;
Statement - 6	The wife was at the door to the room;
Statement - 7	They were yelling at each other;
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Statement - 18	I knew that the mother in law and my wife were on the phone with the police;
Statement - 19	I decided to try to get Hatem to leave the house and separate from the weapon since he said he was not leaving without a war;
Statement - 20	I got him to agree to go for a drive and we came to my house and took my wifes SUV;
Statement- 21	We went to Starbucks on 518 near I-45;
Statement - 22	He said he was very upset because Rawan was following him around the house nagging and harassing him;
Statement - 23	We got coffee and came back to the house. Police got both of us out of my SUV.

# TAD NELSON MISREPRESENTATION OF HATEM AL-GHUTI

RE: MD-0398254 | RE: MD-0398265

03/09/2021

The facts stated in this document are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

Hatem Al-Ghuti

#### MISREPRESENTATION BY ATTORNEY TAD NELSON

- 1. On <u>Friday</u> January 08, 2021, between 10-11 am ALGHUTI received documents sent by Galveston County Court, demanding ALGHUTI to attend a hearing on <u>Thursday</u> January 14, 2021 at 3:00 PM the following week.
- 2. Legal Advice | Hatem Al-Ghuti scheduled an initial consultation with Attorney Tad Nelson around 3 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021. (Initial Consultation Fee \$150.00). Hatem filled out an application which requested both his social security number as well as his spouse SSN.
  - Al-Ghuti agreed to move forward with the legal services proposed by Tad Nelson with understanding that Mr. Nelson would postpone hearing in order to allow time for Al-Ghuti to prepare a response.
  - After securing the \$3,500.00 legal fee requested by Mr. Nelson on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 Hatem's Father contacted the Law Office of Tad Nelson, and receive reassurance from Mr. Nelson that he would postpone the Hearing. Mr. Nelson arranged for Al-Ghuti to drop off retainer deposit the following day.
  - On Wednesday, January 13, 2021 Al-Ghuti and his father arrived at the Law Office of Tad Nelson around 2:00 3:00 PM to drop off the deposit/ sign retainer agreement {see Exhibit 1} and discuss the hearing. Upon arriving, Mr. Nelson spent a few minutes speaking with Al-Ghuti and father, contacted the opposing attorney (Matthew A. Skillern), informed Al-Ghuti he had a warrant out for his arrest, handed him a retainer agreement, then stated he would see Hatem tomorrow for the hearing (in less than 24 hours) as he walked out of the office. Not only was Al-Ghuti shocked at the news a warrant was out for his arrest, Hatem was not even given the opportunity to discuss the agreement, or ask why the attorney was dishonest about postponing the hearing, which was to take place in less than 24 hours from the time the retainer agreement was handed to Hatem. See Nelson's response (EXHIBIT A Page 1 and Page 2)

Sent to Tad Nelson January 21, 2021, 6:39 PM

"I would like to clarify a few things. We hired you with the understanding that you would request for the court to provide more time because we only had four business days to respond"

"by the time we came up with the money we had less than 24 hrs. On 1/13/20 you also informed me I had yet another warrant of arrest handed me the contract (not a mutual contract) and walked out of the office. I entered that hearing not having a clue what it was, what questions would be asked, and options available for any given scenario."

Not only was I forced to appear at the hearing unprepared, uninformed, feeling exhausted, ill, coughing, with a fever...It's worth noting my brother-in-law I am staying with tested positive with covid shortly after.

This entire process is absolutely unacceptable

### **HEARING**

- 3. The Law office of Matthew A. Skillern (Representing ALNAJJAR) sent over 20 emails to ALGHUTI Thursday morning, several hours before the scheduled hearing.
  - A) Prior to the hearing Nelson and Skillern discussed terms both parties would consider to move forward. Hatem was not aware of what the hearing entailed (see Exhibit A Page 1 and Page 2). Hatem mentioned he would consider some of the terms of a protective order (see 481/1336) specific to Rawan only, not his Daughter, provided that all property mentioned below #5 were returned to Hatem. The hearing did not take place because the parties agreed to move forward with the agreed terms. At the end of the hearing the judge stated that agreement would be prepared, and that the court order would become effective once both parties have signed the agreement.

- 5. On January 18, 2021, 6:56 AM ALGHUTI requested for Nelson to notify Judge about concerns with respect to Religious Office- per agreement AL-NAJJAR was to return all items in the office including but not limited to all paper work, work being prepared for the United States, records, writings, code books, sketches, blueprints, plans, models, instruments, notes, or information relating to religious office. Copies of records and personal identification documents, checks, certificates, bank statements, patent drafts / sketches, laptops, USB drives, books, stamps. Personal Property medical and financial records, personal identification documents, books, glasses.
- 6. In an email sent by Nelson to ALGHUTI on January 20, 2021, 9:45 AM, Nelson mentioned the Judge was expecting an executed agreement within a **two week** time frame (assumption two weeks from the hearing date). Within a 24 hour period and less than a two hour notice, Mr Nelson sends a text message to Hatem stating the Judge was expecting the signatures. See Exhibit A Page 5

### NELSON TEXT MESSAGES / CALLS

- A. Nelson sent text message after 10:30 am on January 21, 2021 requesting ALGHUTI to call
- B. Nelson sent text message after 11:30 am on January 21, 2021 stating Judge Baker wants to enter PO with signatures on January 21, 2021 by 1:30 PM

ALGHUTI became aware of the text messages after 3:40 pm (1/21/21) and called Nelson at 3:50 pm (no answer)

### See Message Below sent by Hatem Al-Ghuti to Tad Nelson

Hatem | "Mr Nelson-I'd like to mention that I find it troubling I was not notified of the Court appearance on 1/21/21, having been misinformed by you on 1/20/21 that the judge would be expecting a signed agreement in two weeks. Rawan was present at the appearance. You texted "Judge Baker wants to enter PO today! At 1:30. With our signatures" at 11:37 am on 1/21/21 only two hours prior to appearance. I did not see the text message until after 3 pm on 1/21/21." (Copied - mary.Goan@co.galveston.tx.us and info@txbf.org in email)

7. In five separate occasions, over the span of about a week, Hatem Al-Ghuti had requested for Tad Nelson to clarify statements he had made regarding an "existing agreement on the record" (see Exhibit B - Page 5-6), Mr Nelson failed to clarify his statements. On February 10, the court delivered a copy of, what may be, a draft of the "final agreement" and attached a copy of a terminated agreement to the Document (see Exhibit B- Court Document 2/10). The terminated agreement had been signed November 17, 2016 (as a temporary agreement)

one week prior to the marriage date. The agreement was terminated (12/11/19 at 12:54 PM) and formally terminated by both parties at the end of 2020. Please note, the terminated agreement was never mentioned at any point, neither prior to the scheduled hearing or anytime after. Moreover, Hatem's property and the property of the Religious Office were not returned per agreement. See below

### Hatem Al-Ghuti Email to Tad Nelson February 17, 2021, 12:06 PM

Hatem | "Good Afternoon Mr Nelson- I'm curious why I was not notified that Exhibit B (an agreement that has been terminated) would be an attached to the the court document? What does that terminated agreement have to do with the protective order? And why Exhibit B takes precedence over returning my property and the property of the office? What should be done at this point? Can you notify the court that exhibit B is terminated, that I cannot subject the religious office under the jurisdiction of the court."

Response by Tad Nelson | February 17, 2021, 4:40 PM

Tad | "That's how it works. Sorry."