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To: Chief Lunsford

Subject: Theft of church property

Dear Chief:

My mind is still boggled by the fact that your officers refused to arrest a person, this morning, who stole and fled with the half of our church sign that had previously been ripped down from our Museum of Texas Furniture at 1405 University Avenue.

8:52 a.m.

My security guard, Broderick Carter, aka Choo Choo, called to report that he had observed a person in a Dodge pickup making off with ½ of our church sign opposing the death penalty.

Choo and his dog chased the truck and yelled at the driver who took off through the County Annex parking lot and then over to the donut store across Sam Houston Avenue.

He reported the license plate and description to HPD and by 8:59 the perp had been apprehended and the sign returned to the place on our foundation property from which it had been taken.

I did not get the name of the officer in charge of the situation but I asked him multiple times to arrest the perp and charge him with a Class C misdemeanor for theft, as no one in the last 44 years that has committed crimes against me, our foundation and our church has ever been arrested or even made restitution and that since criminals obviously believe that they will not be

arrested if they commit crimes against us an arrest should be made in this case..

The officer argued that the boy had a cross on a chain around his neck and that he thought he was doing a good deed by cleaning up the neighborhood and taking away the damaged sign. I said, "Nonsense", the cross says it all since we believe that it was Chi Alpha Christian Fraternity that tore the sign down in the first place and that right wing Christians hate our church and have committed multiple hate crimes against us including hundreds of thousands of dollars in malicious vandalism on our church property in San Jacinto County and most recently an arson fire in an attempt to burn down our Chapel of the Nativity sign.

We have had to spend over \$500,000 in legal defense of our church owned veterans cemetery and other church assets and are still fighting hate crimes against our church.

I once again insisted that the man be arrested to send a message to others who would commit crimes against us and the officer insisted that the man was taking the sign to make a skate board track and that I should talk to the man.

I arrived from San Jacinto County sometime before 10 a.m. while one police vehicle was leaving and two others were still there.

I gave the young man my card and got his cell phone number and told him that I wanted to find out what caused him to steal the sign and that we should meet when I got out of my 10 o'clock.

I called his number 936-697-5073 at 10:25 a.m. but he did not answer my call. Choo immediately called him and he answered because he did not recognize the number as mine.

I told him to please meet me at 1405 University which he said he would, but didn't show up until around 20 minutes later with his boss, Adam Dehnert with him.

We went into the Library of Texana and sat at the long library table. I told Samuel Slaughter the reason that I wanted him arrested, was to send a

message to others but that if he would tell me the truth and tell me what went through his mind to cause him to steal the sign that I wouldn't file criminal charges against.

He said that he was the nephew of Micah Slaughter, (a known fundamentalist) and that he attends the Hawthorne Baptist Church.

I spent a considerable amount of time attempting to convince him to please tell me what went through his head to cause him to steal the sign and he steadfastly refused.

I asked him if he believed that he had been pre-forgiven for any sins, including theft of the sign, and for any other sins or crimes that he might commit in the future and he smirked and said "yes".

His attitude was "holier than thou", and he had an arrogant air of self-righteousness about him and seemed to pay no attention to my theological opinion that Jesus would frown on stealing the sign and other crimes committed throughout the lifetimes of people who have been taught that all future sins after they say, "I believe in Jesus, Jesus is my Savior, and please forgive me of my sins," are forgiven in advance and so anyone that does anything their entire lives including pedophilia, theft, or murder, who has been "saved by Grace" can continue to commit unethical or "sinful" acts and they will still go to Heaven no matter what.

His boss interjected and said, "That's how he was raised" and Mr. Slaughter did concur.

Despite repeated attempts to convince Slaughter to please let me know what was going through his head to make him steal the sign he refused to cooperate and continued with his haughty attitude.

When I told him that our security cameras had video of him stealing the sign, the only thing that I could get him to say was, "I won't do it again", but my impression was that he wouldn't steal it again because he would be caught again.

He did admit that it would be wrong if I stole a sign belonging to the Hawthorne Baptist Church but he never expressed any remorse at all for his actions.

Therefore he refused to fulfill his obligation to tell the whole truth and let me know exactly why he stole the sign.

His attitude, his smirks, he snide looks, and "Holy Arrogance", as if he was doing God's will by stealing the sign, convinced me that he should be arrested, charged with petty theft, and perhaps be led to confess that what he did was wrong and be at least somewhat remorseful for committing the theft.

Dealing with him and the fact that my mind is still boggled that HPD officers would refuse to arrest him because he was wearing a cross and was "only cleaning up the neighborhood" to make a skateboard slide gives me cause to believe that there was some political motivation behind letting him go free when both Choo and I would immediately be taken to jail if we trespassed on another church's property and stole a church owned sign.

At least a tiny bit of sincerely stated "I'm sorry", and then gave me his actual reasoning behind the theft of the sign would have let him off the hook, but a flippant attitude that has ruined my day did not do the trick.

So please review the facts in the case which included theft of a church owned sign, refusing to stop and then fleeing through a county parking lot, and I hope that you will come to the conclusion that Mr. Slaughter needs to be taught a lesson that might make him not be so flippant, haughty, and arrogant as if he had done nothing wrong.

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BISHOP