July 28, 2014

Sandra Finley

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TO: RCMP, Parksville

SUBJECT: **Complaint against Ashu Solo, Saskatoon SK by Sandra Finley**

**Under Canada's CRIMINAL CODE, SECTION 264:**

* **264.** (1) No person shall, . . . engage in conduct referred to in subsection (2) that causes that other person reasonably, in all the circumstances, to fear for their safety or the safety of anyone known to them.
* **Prohibited conduct**

(2) The conduct mentioned in subsection (1) consists of . . .

* + (*b*) repeatedly communicating with, either directly or indirectly, the other person or anyone known to them;
	+ (*c*) besetting or watching the dwelling-house, or place where the other person, or anyone known to them, resides, works, carries on business or happens to be; or
	+ (*d*) engaging in threatening conduct directed at the other person or any member of their family.

I talked with Sgt Gulka, **Saskatoon Police Service,**  in early April about Ashu.

**Contact**:

Sgt Dean Gulka

Domestic Violence/Targeted Enforcement Unit

Phone (306) 975-8321

Cell (306) 491-7764

Fas (306)975-2281

Email:  dean.gulka@police.saskatoon.sk.ca

**I was contacted by Duncan RCMP,** June 21, about Ashu**:**

*The RCMP in Duncan called yesterday AM. Ashu had provided them with my phone number.  The sergeant seemed of the opinion that Ashu was attempting to use the threat of the Police to try and frighten or cower me.*

**Another complaint against Ashu Solo has been made by Vicki Strelioff (Saskatoon,)** Saskatoon Police File # 14-64476, July 26.

On 2014-07-25 17:59, vicki strelioff wrote:

*This morning I had my meeting with the Health Region.  There was a union representative available for me as well.  All is well, but they advised me to file a complaint with the City Police which I will do tomorrow.  I'm not sure what I need to bring with me--copies of Ashu's emails?  I have blocked his address & his emails are going to my spam folder that automatically empties (not sure once a day or once a week), so I'm not reading anything new but if the police want additional evidence, I may have to start forwarding them on.  After I file my complaint and have a file number, I am going to give it to my manager as Ashu has sent emails, cc'ing almost every executive in the health region, regarding his complaint and giving out his blog information.  The people I talked with today told me that if those emails continue (basically it is additional harassment as he is crossing employee privacy lines), that they could add this to my harassment complaint.*

*The only thing I worry about going to the police is what is Ashu going to do to retaliate?  My union representative said that it sounds like Ashu would escalate things anyway and having a complaint on file speeds up any actions the police can take.*

**MY COMPLAINT under Section 264 of the Criminal Code:**

(1) The conduct of Ashu Solo causes me to fear for the safety of people known to me:

* Vicki Strelioff / family
* My own / family
* Others in the community who might stand up to Ashu

The fear is reasonable.

MYSELF: Ashu called people with the surname "Finley" in Saskatoon at 5:00 AM to find out my flight time out of Saskatoon with my daughter, Kelly Cotter. He was able to obtain my Mother's phone number. She is 85-years old and lives in rural Saskatchewan. He woke her at 5:30 AM, caught her unawares and obtained my departure time.

He then came to the Airport at 6:00 - 6:30 AM. After a gentleman in the line-up offered to show him out the door, and I said "No, I think I have to call the Police or Security", a West Jet attendant who had been observing stepped in and took control. She said she was calling Security, started to dial, Ashu left.

VICKI STRELIOFF: Ashu has gotten as far as causing a disciplinary hearing against Vicki this past Friday at the Saskatoon Health Region. It back-fired. Instead of succumbing to his intimidation tactics, Vicki stood her ground, the disciplinary hearing went ahead. The Health Region recommended to Vicki that she lay a complaint with the Police.

The problem is: I don't know what he might now do against Vicki. He will not like that Vicki went to the Police. His tracking down of me at the Saskatoon Airport was disconcerting.

I live far away; Ashu is unemployed. It is difficult for him to get directly at me, except through damage to the house I own in Saskatoon. And except that he is getting at me through just about every connection he can think of. I don't know how far he will go in relation to Vicki / her family; it will be because of me. I have stood my ground against him. But he is seriously going after others.

Ashu began attacks on me in early December 2013, after I forwarded a complaint against him to the Green Party of Canada for independent, third party resolution. Saskatoon City Police are not convinced that the complainant (Tonia Zimmermans) is "real". I had several email exchanges with her over a two-month period but never met her in person. She was very fearful for her safety vis-a-vis Ashu. Maybe her name isn't Tonia Zimmerman, but the emails certainly seem to be authentic, and not the work of a nutcase.

In the week previous to my involvement, Radio Talk Show Host, lawyer by training, John Gormley, Saskatoon interceded with Ashu on behalf of Tonia Zimmerman and "two other young women" after Ashu started a silly attempt against John. In the longer term, John Gormley's effort did not stop Ashu.

There has been an escalation in the number of people Ashu Solo is harassing and cyber-bullying. His facebook presence is of him in army fatigues. He is boastful of his real or concocted military background.

He posted to a facebook page*: Why don't you tell everyone the context of that quote, Gall?  You said you think I want to bang Zimmerman as in sexually.  I responded by saying, "The only way i fantasize about banging her is in the face with punches & kicks. She's lucky i'm a law abiding citizen."*

Ashu Solo is not a law-abiding citizen. He uses threats to intimidate anyone who might disagree with his opinions. How far he will go, if people finally deal with him by going to the Police, is unknown.

 I am not a fearful person, generally. But I believe there is reason to have fear about what Ashu Solo might do next. Ignoring him has not worked. The number of people he is now harassing has escalated.

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* **Section 264, (2), (b) Prohibited conduct**

*repeatedly communicating with, either directly or indirectly, the other person or anyone known to them;*

I posted more than a hundred emails sent by Ashu Solo directly to me, and indirectly about me to others, during the period early December 2013 and into February 2014. [***http://sandrafinley.ca/?p=12004***](http://sandrafinley.ca/?p=12004) There are more since then, but those are sufficient.

I posted his harassment of me personally; I speak from first-hand experience. I did not post his harassment of others. Initially, the material I posted was under password protection.

The full story and information on Ashu Solo is in a posting "[***Anchor***](http://sandrafinley.ca/?p=11775)" (<http://sandrafinley.ca/?p=11775> ) with links to, for example, the emails he sent to and about me.

The purpose of posting was threefold:

1. If necessary, I would remove the password protection to make the information accessible to other people who Ashu was going after. They could use it to understand how he operates, so they might protect themselves against him.
2. It might save other people time and effort; up until then, people confronted by Ashu were individually re-inventing the wheel (searching for information - - Who IS this guy?).
3. In case I might need the information some day.

Through comparing notes (Tonia Zimmerman, the Green Party of Saskatchewan, John Gormley's email thread, my own and Vicki Strelioff's) you could see where people were googling Ashu Solo and finding the same material, which led to serious questions about him.

When the Green Party of Canada began its investigation of the complaints against me made by Ashu to them, I removed the password protection. (Earlier, when Ashu knew about the password-protected postings, he taunted me to take the password protection off. So, in the end he got his way. But please note: I never once responded to his emails or picked up the phone if I thought it might be him.)

That I am aware of, his attacks have included (Saskatoon):

- Tonia Zimmerman, for a year

- He briefly tried a small number on John Gormley

- Followed by myself

- Then someone named Elvin Lau (social media) who I do not know

- He has used his tactics on Daeran Gall and Lois Mitchell

- He threatened that he laid charges with Saskatoon Police against myself and Daeran Gall and Lois Mitchell.

- He has laid complaint against me with the Saskatoon Police

- More recently he went to the Duncan RCMP.

- He has done email barrage on members of the Saskatoon Green Party group.

- He has done the same on people in the Ottawa offices of the Green Party

- People he has asked to contact me: Larry Waldinger, Jan Norris. He has called Penny Swartz and members of GPS Exec.)

- I was forwarded a communication saying that he hired a North Battleford lawyer to sue me (appended material)

- He went to LFC Web Hosting Services and has been laying multiple messages on them, eventually threatening that they are responsible for my blog postings and subject to his lawsuit

- Vicki Strelioff's story, which includes emails to managers in the Saskatoon Health Region.

Ashu Solo is manipulative and adept at drawing people in. Vis-a-vis myself, he goes to people he knows I know, asking them to please ask me to take down his family's contact information because it is endangering the safety of his family. Which is hardly the case.

Buried in the information I posted, contained in a lengthy email thread is a copy of a page from the University of Saskatchewan's website. It is his Father's, along with some information from a research paper. The information is FAR more available to the public on the University website than it will ever be on my blog.

What Ashu does HIMSELF is damaging to his Family.

His claim might be that the blogged information makes his original family name known (he changed his name twice, in 1999 and in early 2000). The fact is that the other people who were having trouble with Ashu, all googled and ALL found his original family name. This was ALL before I blogged my experience with him, to help other people if they should happen to fall under attack by him.

**From:** vicki strelioff [mailto:vstrelioff@yahoo.com]
**Sent:** July-26-14 1:22 PM
**To:** Sandra Finley; 'Mark Bigland-Pritchard / LED'
**Cc:** 'KaitlynGRNMSG Harvey'; 'DaeranGRNMERC Gall'; 'Marlene Wells'; 'Lois. CofC Mitchell'; 'Bonnie Lawrence'
**Subject:** Re: Determination / confirmation, next best step re Ashu

I have filed my complaint with the City Police and if anyone receives any defamatory or threatening emails against me and would like to forward them on to the police, you are free to do so (any ones that I have been cc'd on or sent directly to me I will be forwarding on myself).  The case number I was given is:  14-64476.

Vicki

On Friday, July 25, 2014 6:37:32 PM, Mark Bigland-Pritchard / LED <mark@lowenergydesign.com> wrote:

I'm relieved that things went well with your employers, Vicki.

Has Ashu actually put stuff on his blog about you, or just threatened it?

I'm keeping all the emails I receive from Ashu in case they are needed for use as evidence.  I have 3 recent ones (Jul:19, 20 and 24) which specifically refer to you, Vicki - 1 sent to me cc Larry and the other 2 sent more widely.  Let me know whether to forward them to you.

. . . . (remainder of email deleted)

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Also, I am wondering how this is going to effect Larry and wonder if he is interested in being involved with the EDA, just not in an executive position.  I don't think things will ever be the same.  Should I return to including him in EDA emails or just continue to have him get communications via Marlene when I have Saskatoon area member emails going out?  I stopped including him in executive emails when he resigned.

Vicki

On Friday, July 25, 2014 12:47:38 PM, Sandra Finley <sabest1@sasktel.net> wrote:

Note:  I spoke with Penny and removed her from this discussion.

Lois or anyone else:  please say if you’d like off.

Hi All,

What is the best strategy, at this point?   Re-examine to ensure that I am not taking anyone down the wrong path.

Elizabeth’s assistant, Debra, got in touch again today.   Ashu continues on the GPC front.

She is agreeable to doing what we decide is the best way forward.  She will call Monday afternoon to hear/discuss.

I talked with Saskatoon Police, their input follows these notes from conversation with Debra.

The conversation went through these points:

-          Ashu wants them to get me to take down his family contact info (endangering safety)

-          Yes, I said I would if he undertakes to start treating people with respect

-          We can try that.    . . .   so that is one option, but as the conversation continued, ***I think it is not the best action***:

-          Debra told of exchange with Ashu:  firm on her part, she told him at one point that he was borderline crossing over into harassment.  Ashu said “You didn’t go to the Police?”.  As I understand, he was anxious that she might have done that.

-          That’s an important insight.   I am thinking that taking down his family contact info (which is not threatening to his family’s safety) might not be “best strategy”.   My goal is  to end the Ashu matter as soon as possible.

-          If I remove his family contact info it might fuel his fire.   it will draw GPC in deeper.  Keeps things going.  He wants more.

-          Debra added:  yes, there was an indication of that  - - - she had stopped him and said  “No, we are only talking about taking down your family contact info.”   Which is what I had laid out to Elizabeth last week.  Debra had the vague impression from Ashu that all the postings were about his family.   No, only one small part, buried in my blog and in the middle or end of a scroll-through of emails.

-          So that strategy (***he will be satisfied if I take down family contact info***) has the potential for dragging things out longer.   It will give Ashu the feedback that he CAN get what he wants, and do what he wants to other people, with impunity.   No consequences for him, for the fear for safety that he puts other people in.   Or for the harassment he does to other people.   He won’t stop.  He will continue.

-          Ashu’s reaction (fear of complaint laid with Police) lends support to the line of action we had decided upon.

-          I told Debra I would talk with S’toon Police;  we agreed to talk Monday afternoon.  She offered that she would take our direction on what to do.

-          She expressed confidence that she could deal with a “Police” decision.  I think her conversation with Ashu would go along the line:  complaints have been laid with the Police, the matter is out of her hands.   The file is drawn to a close and she does not want to hear from him further.  (It would be harassment if he continues.  And potentially another complaint against him.)

I called Saskatoon Police.

Their instruction:  everyone who has a complaint against Ashu has to make their own independent filing of complaint with their own local Police.

The officer would only hear:  what is Ashu Solo doing to YOU (Sandra Finley), right now TODAY?   Is he harassing YOU with emails?   Is he making phone calls to YOU?   It was a little hard to respond because TODAY it’s not DIRECTLY me!

Except that in the middle of last night there were two phone calls.   One from a “private” caller.  Shortly after a call from a “phone card”.   Both were most likely Ashu, but I can’t prove it.

I will go to Parksville RCMP today and file a complaint, using the blogged material, etc.

As you can see,  if it’s left to me, I will suggest to Debra that the Police action is warranted.   Taking down blogged info would be counter-productive.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?!   Thanks, and

Have a good weekend!

Sandra

**From:** vicki strelioff [mailto:vstrelioff@yahoo.com]
**Sent:** July-23-14 7:50 PM
**To:** Sandra Finley; 'Mark Bigland-Pritchard / LED'; 'Penny Swartz'; 'KaitlynGRNMSG Harvey'; 'Lois. CofC Mitchell'; 'DaeranGRNMERC Gall'
**Cc:** 'Marlene Wells'
**Subject:** Re: Ashu: laying of complaints with Saskatoon Police

Sandra,

I don't fault you in trying to document harassment.  I believe Ashu is punishing me for refusing to help him get out of trouble.  When he called me back in June, I told him I was not going to get involved in trying to convince you to take down your blog or with any grievances with the GPC and that it was "his" problem and not to call or email me anymore.  I believe he knows he is into things too deep & he is using me to get back at you because he is out of options and he considers me an easy target.  He doesn't have any nasty emails or social media comments from me so the only thing he has is to get me in trouble for emailing during working hours--pretty much grasping at straws.  The only thing I worry is at what point would he take to in-person intimidation, but if he is as smart as he claims, he would know that would be enough for the police to really get involved.

Vicki

On Wednesday, July 23, 2014 7:02:39 PM, Sandra Finley <sabest1@sasktel.net> wrote:

Thank-you for the update Vicki.

I am sorry I got you into this - - I should have removed every single little thing that might lead Ashu to other people.  My very sincere apologies.  You are paying the price for my mistake.

I told Sgt Gulka that I want to lay a complaint (today’s phone message).   In earlier conversations I told him I thought I could deal with Ashu, that if no one responded to Ashu he would stop.  I was very wrong about that, too.

IF I don’t hear back from Gulka I will phone the City Police phone number and ask how I can lay a complaint when I can’t come in, in person.

SAndra

**From:** vicki strelioff [mailto:vstrelioff@yahoo.com]
**Sent:** July-23-14 5:15 PM
**To:** Sandra Finley; 'Mark Bigland-Pritchard / LED'; 'Penny Swartz'; KaitlynGRNMSG Harvey; Lois. CofC Mitchell; DaeranGRNMERC Gall
**Cc:** 'Marlene Wells'
**Subject:** Re: Ashu: laying of complaints with Saskatoon Police

Sandra,

Thanks for the update.  I finally received an email from Sgt. Gulka and he has asked that I have concerns about Ashu that I need to come down to the station to final a formal complaint as there are at the moment no complaints against him--only the one he started against you (I thought that perhaps you had previously filed a countercomplaint when you initially were dealing with Sgt. Gulka.)

His vendetta against me has gone to an additional step.  He had filed a complaint against me with the Health Region for "wasting taxpayer money" by sending emails to him while I was at work.  I had an initial meeting with my manager last week in which I explained the situation, and now Friday morning I need to be in a meeting with a union representative, my manager and another Health Region administrator regarding his complaint.  In the emails he cc'd to me, he has basically stated that I should be fired for this.  I don't anticipate this happening (most likely a warning to be sure to only do personal emails during official break times or even possibly losing my internet access for a period of time). On Monday he some how figured out my work email address and started sending me emails there, but I immediately blocked his address (as well I have his address blocked on my home email accounts).

Sandra, are you planning to open a complaint against Ashu with the Saskatoon Police?  If not, I will try to find time to do this.  I will check to see if I can do it in an evening or weekend.

I will let you know how my Friday disciplinary meeting goes.  I had forwarded Ashu's July emails to my manager and asked that she share them with those dealing with the complaint which should give some explanation but I will have to take ownership for any emails I have sent outside my scheduled breaks which I do admit to doing when there are lulls in the work.

Vicki

On Wednesday, July 23, 2014 11:12:48 AM, Sandra Finley <sabest1@sasktel.net> wrote:

HI All you stalwart and brave people!

I offered to Jeff (LFC Web Hosting from Regina, below) that some people are laying complaint against Ashu with Saskatoon City Police, Sgt Gulka, 306-975-8321.

From my conversations with Sgt Gulka a few months back, the Police had complaints BY Ashu but no complaints AGAINST him.  They need the latter.

Vicki – you mentioned that Gulka is not responding to phone calls??

I just left a message on his answering machine, which I presume is how far you got.

IF I don’t hear back from Gulka, I’ll see if there’s a form that can be used.

If any of you know of complaints that have been laid about Ashu with Police, please let us all know by “reply to all”. I think that “a few” should do the trick?

Thanks,

Sandra

-----Original Message-----
From: Sandra Finley [mailto:sabest1@sasktel.net]
Sent: July-23-14 9:51 AM
To: 'Jeff Fisher'
Subject: RE: LFC Hosting: [http://www.sandrafinley.ca](http://www.sandrafinley.ca/) and Ashu Solo

Thanks for the update, Jeff.

I am sorry to hear that he continues after you.

You may want to consider this:

A decision has been taken by some (including myself) to lay complaint with Saskatoon City Police, Sgt Gulka, 975-8321.

Ashu has gone far enough.

Another woman in Saskatoon is under his gun.  She's very concerned for the safety of herself and her family, doesn't know to what ends he will go.  His facebook picture in army fatigues doesn't lend reassurance  .. as of last week he was still harassing the hell out of very busy Green Party offices in Ottawa.

He was hiring a lawyer in North Battleford to sue me - Nothing comes from Ashu's threats. There's been nothing from the lawyer.

I probably told you already:  I got into this because I forwarded a complaint about him for independent third party resolution.  He had been "doing what he does" to the particular young woman for almost a year (2013).  She was at her wit's end and also fearful that he might get her address and come after her. She was looking over her shoulder all the time.  Ashu just kept pounding on her.

Counter-strategy remains:  if possible, block his emails and don't take his calls  - -  to starve him of an audience.

I think we've done everything possible - - now have to give the Police the information they need - - -   several complaints agasint Ashu - - for them to deal with him.

Cheers?!

Sandra

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Fisher [mailto:jeff@lfchosting.com]

Sent: July-23-14 8:15 AM

To: Sandra Finley

Subject: Re: LFC Hosting: [http://www.sandrafinley.ca](http://www.sandrafinley.ca/) and Ashu Solo

Hi Sandra,

Just a small update on our dealings with Ashu Solo. He continues his attempts to have your site shut down and is now threatening to sue us; however, he's been told again that without a court order, we will not shut down your site.

He feels we're liable for your content, which he feels is defamatory.

Thanks,

Jeff

On 07/10/2014 12:22 PM, Jeff Fisher wrote:

> Regarding the password protection, they are secure -- without a court

> order, we won't give out any client files (which to date, we've never

> had to do).

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> Ashu isn't very happy with our stance but we'll see what happens there

> -- he is very persistent, I'll give him that.

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> Thanks,

> Jeff

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> On 07/10/2014 12:10 PM, Sandra Finley wrote:

>> Oh Lord! I am truly sorry that Ashu has turned his sights on LFC, Jeff!

(remainder of this email is in the email to Jan Norris, below).

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Jeff Fisher [mailto:jeff@lfchosting.com]

>> Sent: July-10-14 9:18 AM

>> To: sabest1@sasktel.net

>> Subject: LFC Hosting: [http://www.sandrafinley.ca](http://www.sandrafinley.ca/) and Ashu Solo

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>> Hi Sandra,

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>> I wanted to inform you that Ashu Solo has been in contact with us in

>> order to try and have 53 blog postings related to him taken down.

>> We've informed him that unless we have a court order requiring us to

>> do this, that we don't be touching your site. He's persistent though

>> and I imagine I'll be dealing with him more :)

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>> Thanks,

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>> Jeff

>>  ("no virus" messages removed)

**From:** Sandra Finley [mailto:sabest1@sasktel.net]
**Sent:** July-12-14 12:35 PM
**To:** 'Larry Waldinger'
**Subject:** RE: FW: Retainer Form, Info. for Ms. Finley

Thanks Larry.

I appreciate the heads-up.

Ashu is suing me - - fine.  He’s paying a lawyer.  Good.   I won’t be paying a lawyer.   I have all the documentation to defend myself very well.   Including the fact that the police didn’t proceed on his complaints against me.   I also expect that the decision of the GPC will be coming soon.    I doubt that they are going to side with Ashu.   There’s also the email from John Gormley;  I periodically let Gormley know what’s happening with Ashu,  because I posted John’s email thread with Ashu on my blog.

Ashu tried this week, unsuccessfully, to get the hosting service for my blog to act on his behalf.   They aren’t thrilled with his “persistence”.    It’s a small company.  Through the years I’ve formed a bit of a relationship with them.  They support the work I do.

The long and short of it:  I’m sure that Bob Feist will be happy to bill Ashu and be paid.  . . .  Is Ashu going to win a court case against me?    Unlikely, I would say.

Busy times!

The trail of Eve Stegenga goes forward this Thursday.

Am up-to-ears with  preparation of documents for the trail.

The prospects are quite exciting.   I recently read the transcript of  Audrey Tobias’ trial over the same matter,  and discovered that Lockheed Martin’s involvement in the Census comes to an end.  They are “out” as of the 2016 Census!   That is a huge development, even if the Government isn’t “announcing” it to anyone.   And even if they find ways to circumvent what they are saying.   (Propaganda vs Reality).    Anyhow, it’s good to know that citizens CAN have an impact, even against a Goliath like Lockheed Martin!

Hope you are having fun,

Sandra

**From:** Larry Waldinger [mailto:lwaldinger@gmail.com]
**Sent:** July-12-14 12:39 AM
**To:** Sandra Finley
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Retainer Form, Info. for Ms. Finley

Just to give you a heads up, he’s suing you and the GPC.

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Ashu M. G. Solo** <amgsolo@mavericktechnologies.us>
Date: Fri, Jul 11, 2014 at 9:00 PM
Subject: FW: Retainer Form, Info. for Ms. Finley
To: Larry Waldinger <lwaldinger@gmail.com>

**From:** Robert Feist [mailto:Robert@norsasklaw.com]
**Sent:** Friday, July 11, 2014 4:22 PM
**To:** amgsolo@mavericktechnologies.us
**Subject:** Retainer Form, Info. for Ms. Finley

Ashu
Please complete and return this form so that we can get a file opened for you.

Additionally, please provide contact information for Ms. Finley.

Thanks.

Rob

Robert F. Feist, J.D., B.A.

Barrister and Solicitor

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**From:** Sandra Finley [mailto:sabest1@sasktel.net]
**Sent:** July-10-14 10:58 PM
**To:** 'Jan Norris'
**Subject:** RE: Ashu's complaints

Good to hear the silver lining, Jan.

Re Ashu’s family address.   I said I would remove it, and I would have.   Let me explain what happened.

But first, his family address is not “publicized”.   You have to find the particular posting and then scroll down through material to a copy of a page, the original of which is on the U of S website.   The information is much more public on the U of S website than on my blog.

Just to be clear:  I am not going to re-open negotiations again.

But here’s what happened:   I said I would take out the address  and for Ashu’s part of the bargain, he needed to make an undertaking to treat other people with respect.   Simple enough.

Well, it turned out that that was not what Ashu really wanted.  In the end, he wanted everything taken down.

Ashu goes after people who dare to have an opinion different from his.  I came under fire because I forwarded a complaint about him from a 26-year old female.  Ashu is 42.   He was using a Green Party facebook page to continue his year-long attacks on her.  (Not to mention using it for his own self-aggrandizement, including questionable military-related postings.)   I forwarded the girl’s complaint to GPC Ottawa so there would be an independent, third party appraisal by people who have no connections to either Ashu or the girl.

I won’t go into the detail of what he does  (bully, intimidate, coerce, lie, threaten, taunt, fabricate, insult, creates the illusion that there is feud between two people by repeated emails to a small group - - there was no feud between him and me.  I’ve enough life experience to know not to reply to ANY of his provocations).

The reason I posted my experience with him - - all the emails he sent about and to me, a completely one-sided spectacle  - -  is that it was first-hand.  I know whereof I speak.  And it might be helpful to someone else if he tries going after more “others”.   (Hopefully it will actually STOP him from doing what he does.  There is one particularly offensive posting by Ashu:  he says that the only place he wants to bang the young woman is in the face;  he uses graphic and violent words, by my standards and I’m not a prude.)

John Gormley was an odd bed-fellow for me in the Ashu matter.  On behalf of three young women, and after a string of ridiculous charges by Ashu against Gormley,  Gormley sent an email to Ashu warning that if there were more incidents related to the young women, John would “out” Ashu on the air.   He sent the email thread to at least one of the young women, so that she could use it as a weapon against Ashu if he continued his attacks.  She would go to Gormley if Ashu did more.

And now here, I have wasted more time on Ashu!

People have been very fair to him, given him opportunities and friendship.   It is the general view that  he is in need of professional help.   He did tell a Green meeting that he does have a therapist (or whatever the title is).  I have seen enough of his manipulations to know that there is an equal chance that the statement is true or false.

/Sandra

**From:** Jan Norris [mailto:jannorri@gmail.com]
**Sent:** July-10-14 8:55 PM
**To:** Sandra Finley
**Subject:** Re: Ashu's complaints

I guess the only question I have Sandra is whether or not you've publicized his address, as he alleges, and if so if you might want to remove it, unless there's some reason you need to keep it online. that was the only complaint he mentioned to me and it does seem reasonable.

I haven't returned his calls or emails, including the one asking me to be a peace broker between you, maintaining my distance for sure.

Yes, the summer is good. We had a rally today calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. Horrible.

The only silver lining was it got a bunch of old friends/colleagues together again, nice to see Karen Weingeist, Kateri and Rudolpho, Don Kossick, Nayyar Javed, Mark B-P and others...doubtless you'd have been there too...

Hope you and Kelly are well and enjoying the island life,
Jan

On Thu, Jul 10, 2014 at 8:40 PM, Sandra Finley <sabest1@sasktel.net> wrote:

Hi Jan,

I don’t have a problem with Ashu Solo.   I have a big problem with what he does to other people.  I can handle him.  Not everyone can.

Ashu got Larry to do what you are proposing to do.  I went through the process.  And have been going through the nonsense with Ashu since early December.   In the end, a huge amount of very wasted time, on the part of many well-intentioned and good people.

After you, I don’t think there is anyone else left for him to try to draw in.

He recently turned his attacks against Vicki.  (Last fall he went after Daeran Gall and Lois Mitchell.)  I sent the following update to Vicki.  It will hopefully answer any questions you might have.   Following it is my response to the company that hosts my blog – it contains more details.  (Ashu is trying to get them to take down the blogged pages about him.)

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to call.

I hope you’re having a great summer!

Sandra

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The list of emails that Ashu sent (100+)  is at  <http://sandrafinley.ca/?p=12004>.

It was under password protection until the GPC Ombudsperson undertook to investigate the 10 complaints by Ashu against me.

A week or so ago I had a call from the Exec Dir of GPC - - Ashu was harassing the hell out of many of them, the same as he did to GPC people in S’toon.    Request was for me to put password protection back up, or take the postings down.   It didn’t take long to convince the Exec Dir, as I had communicated with the Ombusdperson - -

         Bear with this just a bit longer.   Ashu is at a dead-end, if the GPC closes off this last line of attack.   The Police are done with him  (the call I received from the Duncan RCMP).  S’toon media is done with him (the input from Gormley’s Exec Producer).   There’s no place left for him to grandstand from, if the GPC denies him a platform.

Larry renewed efforts to act as an intermediary for Ashu (I think it was after Ashu lost the police audience  - - he would have gone again back to Larry).  I repeatedly told Larry:  I do not have an issue with Ashu,  I could not care less about Ashu Solo.   He can do what he wants in relation to myself, it’s water off my back.

BUT,  I will not stand by while he (threatens, lies, harasses, bullies) other people.  In a democracy people have a right to feel safe.  I can easily defend myself against Ashu.  Others do not have the same circumstances and therefore ability.   The Police might not stop him, but working together, there is no reason why people in the community can’t.

My phone conversations with Larry concluded with Larry saying that he has had enough - - “Ashu has made his bed, now he has to lie in it”.  Larry has not made any more calls to me on behalf of Ashu.   Another “audience” lost to Ashu.

So now, Ashu is making a round of last-ditch attempts to draw people in:

1.       I received an email from him today, thinly disguised as being from someone else. With the usual threats about using the Police.  I won’t do anything - - not even post it.   He receives notices when I make changes to blog.   I don’t want him to receive ANY feedback that I’m reacting to him in any way.

2.       I received a phone call, probably from him.   I don’t answer any calls anymore, if I can’t identify the caller.  If they are legit, the person will leave a message.

3.       He is trying to get you (Vicki) riled.

4.       And he’s trying to draw Larry into that fray, from your description.  I hope he won’t be successful with Larry:  I think Larry will have closed the door already,  will have told Ashu to cease and desist.   My fingers are crossed that Larry will refuse to get involved in these renewed (last, desperate?)  efforts by Ashu.

I believe the GPC (from the conversation with them) were going to follow through on

Ignore Ashu

Block emails from him if they want

And don’t answer his phone calls.

I asked that the investigation of the complaints by Ashu against me proceed, due process.

I will respond, if necessary, when the Report is released.   Hopefully won’t be long now.

I think that will be the end of it.   And I’ll leave the postings up.   As a deterrent to Ashu, if he finds other victims.  If he does, he runs the risk that they will google and find the info.

I hope this is a sound way to deal with Ashu, from your perspective Vicki.  And I hope that I’m right in thinking that patience and persistence will pay off.  His ego will be starved of the attention it requires to thrive.

**JAN:**  Ashu did find ONE more avenue.   He went to the small company in Regina that hosts my blog, asking them to take it down.  They know me, and support the work I do.   I sent the following to “Jeff” this morning.

Oh Lord!  I am truly sorry that Ashu has turned his sights on LFC, Jeff!

Many thanks for standing by me.

These 4 points will hopefully be helpful to you.

Ashu is running out of lines of attack.  He is very close to a solid brick wall:

1.  POLICE have stopped responding to him.  He tried to use Saskatoon City Police and Duncan, BC RCMP (I live in Qualicum Beach, BC now).  The investigating officer from Saskatoon was satisfied, as was the Duncan officer, by the explanations I offered.  They are not proceeding with Ashu's complaints against me.  The investigating officer from Duncan said he thought Ashu was using the Police for intimidation purposes.

2.  MEDIA have stopped responding to him. Ashu started an email barrage against John Gormley (copy is on my blog).  In conversation with the Gormley people, they said that Saskatoon media generally are very frustrated by Ashu's assaults by email. I doubt they are giving him the time of day any longer.

3.      GREEN PARTY CANADA  are reviewing everything I posted re Ashu, will soon issue their decision on his complaints against me.  I expect he will be shut down on that front, and unable to take out membership. He started his email barrages against people in the Federal office after running havoc with the time of Greens in Saskatoon.

4.  OTHER PEOPLE HE HAS TRIED TO RECRUIT. He has run out of people. I no longer receive calls on his behalf.  Others are now doing what I do: do not respond to him.  Don't answer his phone calls, delete his emails.  Starve him of the sense that he is getting even the least bit of attention. Some people are simply blocking his phone number and email.

I approach it from the view-point of freedom of the press. Critical to democracy.  People are not allowed to go around terrorizing others. People who google Ashu because he's going after them will find the blogged information and be better-equipped to deal with him.

I can stand up to him, and post the information because of my particular situation. LFC is a critical part of my ability to deal with Ashu (thank-you!), on behalf of the community.  (I could care less about him - it's what he's doing to others that is unacceptable.)

**From:** Jan Norris [mailto:jannorri@gmail.com]
**Sent:** July-10-14 5:45 PM
**To:** Sandra Finley
**Subject:** Ashu's complaints

Hi Sandra,

Ashu has asked me to broker a peace between you two so he can drop his harassment and criminal false messages complaint etc.

I don't claim to know what's happening between the two of you but I always think peace is a good thing.

He seems to think you're endangering his family...?

best,

gotta run, sorry..

Jan

HARASSMENT

SOURCE: Canadian Bar Association

http://www.cbabc.org/For-the-Public/Dial-A-Law/Scripts/Criminal-Law/206.aspx

Stalking is criminal harassment if a person does any of the following things, knowing that it causes you to reasonably fear for your safety or the safety of anyone you know:

* repeatedly follow you, or anyone you know.
* repeatedly communicate with you, or anyone you know, directly or indirectly.
* repeatedly watch you, or anyone you know, or lurk around your home, workplace, or any other place you happen to be
* engage in any threatening conduct directed at you or a member of your family

Even if the person doing these things has not been told or doesn’t know that you fear for your safety or the safety of anyone you know, if they should have known, then these behaviours may still be criminal harassment.

A person can be stalking even if they don’t physically hurt anyone or damage any property. The law is designed to protect psychological, emotional, and physical safety.

Stalking may start with conduct that seems more annoying than dangerous. Often, the conduct is legal and even socially acceptable, if it’s just an isolated incident. But when it’s repeated, it may scare the victim. Conduct such as following someone, or sending gifts or letters, may become intimidating if done continually and against the person’s wishes.

**What is cyberbullying?**
Cyberbullying is a type of harassment using new technology. Whether it is criminal harassment depends on the facts of a case. Cyberbullies use social media (such as*Facebook*, *Twitter*, and *YouTube*), blogs, texting, instant messaging, and other internet avenues to engage in deliberate, repeated, and hostile behaviour intended to harm, embarrass, or slander someone. Although their work is public, cyberbullies are often anonymous and it is often harder to identify and stop them.

Cyberbullying may also be defamation. The *Criminal Code* (section 300) outlaws publishing a defamatory libel – material published, without lawful justification or excuse, likely to injure the reputation of any person by exposing them to hatred, contempt or ridicule, or designed to insult the person. But criminal defamation is rare. More common is civil defamation – communication about a person that tends to hurt their reputation. Script [240](http://www.cbabc.org/For-the-Public/Dial-A-Law/Scripts/Your-Rights/240), called “Defamation: Libel and Slander”, has more on this.

**What can you do if someone is stalking, harassing, or cyberbullying you?**

1. First, if the harassment is attempted communication with you, tell the person to stop. Otherwise, they may not know that they are harassing you. Never reply to harassing messages – except to tell the person to stop.
2. Call the police to report the problem. Record the details of every incident, including time, date, place, who was involved, and what was said and done. Keep letters, notes, voicemail messages, emails, texts, instant messages, and social media and internet posts. Give them to the police.
3. If the harassment happens at school, report it to the school authorities, as well as to the police. If it happens at work, report it to your boss, plus the police.
4. Report cyberbullying or other harassing communication to your internet or cell phone company. Most companies have policies on acceptable use of their services, and can cancel the service of a customer who violates those policies. The company can also help police find a cyberbully who is using their network.
5. If you get a harassing phone call on a landline, dial \*57 immediately when the call ends. The phone company will record the phone number that made the call, so the police can get it. If you receive harassing calls on your cell phone, call the phone company for help in tracking the calls.
6. You can also seek a civil restraining order in court. But to do this, you need legal advice.

**What happens after you report the problem?**
If a person is charged with criminal harassment, crown counsel (the prosecutor) makes the case against (or prosecutes) them. The prosecutor may proceed by indictment for serious cases, and then the maximum penalty is 10 years in jail. Or the prosecutor may proceed by summary conviction for less serious cases, and then the maximum penalty is either a fine or 6 months in jail, or both.

The first stage of any criminal proceeding is generally an application by the accused person for judicial interim release, also known as bail. If the court grants bail to a person, it will usually order them not to contact you directly or through another person, or go anywhere near your home, school, or place of work. If the person disobeys those terms, the court may revoke, or cancel, their bail. Then they may be charged with a separate offence of breaching their bail conditions. If the person is denied bail and is sent to jail until a trial or a guilty plea, the prosecutor may ask the court to order that the person have no contact with you from jail. Again, if the person charged disobeys this order, they may be charged with a separate offence.

If a court finds a person guilty, of criminal harassment, after a guilty plea or trial, it can impose many different sentences. The court will choose a sentence based on the person's criminal record and the severity of their crime. If the person is not sent to jail, they will usually be ordered to obey certain conditions similar to the conditions imposed at the bail stage. For example, a court will normally order a person convicted of criminal harassment to have no contact with you directly or indirectly, to stay away from your home and workplace, and to not own or carry any weapons. A court may also order a convicted person to take counseling, if it might help.

**More information**
Learn more about what to do from the following sources:

* The Victim LinkLine at 1.800.563.0808, available 24 hours a day. The website is [www.victimlinkbc.ca](http://www.victimlinkbc.ca/).
* The BC Ministry of Justice: search for “stalking” at [www.gov.bc.ca/justice](http://www.gov.bc.ca/justice).
* The Cyberbullying resource page at [www.cyberbullying.ca](http://www.cyberbullying.ca/).
* Web Aware at [www.bewebaware.ca](http://www.bewebaware.ca/). Click on “cyberbullying”.
* The Canada Safety Council at [www.safety-council.org](http://www.safety-council.org/). Search for “cyber bullying”.

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