

## NARRATIVE FOR CORPORAL JEFFREY K FORCIER

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1. At approximately 11:45 A.M., on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 I, Cpl. Forcier was exiting the police station when I heard two individuals involved in a heated discussion. Peter Frei and Alexander Haney were later positively identified as the ones having this argument. Frei was walking away from Haney who was standing on Sturbridge Road at the intersection of E. Brimfield Road. As Frei was walking in my direction, he stopped, turned around, and re-engaged Haney by yelling back at him. From my vantage point, I could not hear what this argument was about, however the tone being used by both parties involved sounded aggressive in nature and would tend to annoy any responsible person. For this reason, I made my way over to them. As I approached, I observed Haney yelling at Frei saying he had no right to take his picture and Frei was arguing back advising that he did have the right to take his picture. It was at this time, I separated both parties by instructing Haney to accompany me across the street to the Elementary School parking lot. I asked Frei to stand in front of the town Hall and wait for me to return, because he told me Haney had assaulted him by slapping his phone out of his hand causing it to land in a snow bank. Both subjects complied with my request with out further incident.
2. While speaking to Haney he informed me Frei had been harassing him and had threatened his family's livelihood by accusing him of fraud. Haney was visibly upset by the above interactions and he repeatedly told me Frei did not have his permission to photograph him. I informed Haney there was no reasonable expectation of privacy in public concerning him being photographed; however, I said I would speak to Frei regarding this matter. I crossed back over Sturbridge Road and asked Frei to accompany me to the police station to file a report. Frei was given a Holland Police Voluntary Statement Form to which he completed – see attached. The following is a summary of our conversation and his written statement. Frei stated that he was taking pictures of Haney while he was plowing snow for the town in the heavy front loader, because he had received an unconfirmed report that Haney was not properly licensed to do so. As a result Haney got out from the above equipment, then approached Frei and slapped him in the hand causing the camera phone to fall into the snow. He further stated during this time Haney threatened to kick his fucking ass.
3. Upon completion of the above statement, Frei informed me he was concerned about two separate issues. He was concerned about the assault and battery that just happened, but he was also interested in finding out if Haney was properly licensed to drive the loader. I informed Frei that he could seek criminal charges at the Palmer District Court for the alleged assault and battery, as it was a criminal misdemeanor that did not occur in my presence. However, further investigation would need to be completed regarding the allegations concerning Haney's license status and operation of town equipment. I advised him that I could not release any information to him while the investigation was on going, however upon completion of the investigation he could obtain said information through the proper process.
4. I later conducted a license check on Haney through the CJIS Web RMV computer and it listed him as having a class DM license. I then had conversation with the Highway Supervisor Mr. Brian Johnson regarding this issue. Mr. Johnson advised me that Haney does not currently have a hydraulic license as he normally operates a regular pick up truck to plow. However, on this day one of the trucks was away for repair, so he dropped Haney off in the Elementary School Parking Lot to plow in the loader. He further informed me that he did not think this was a problem because he was not on a public roadway. Mr. Johnson said he would contact the state for their recommendation and or guidelines and he would keep Haney from using this equipment until he received further notice from the state.
5. I asked Haney if he wanted to file a statement and or complaint against Frei and he said no he did not want to do that.