

Subject: Re: Margaretha van Niekerk - fake qualifications

From: Damon Leff <damon@gardenroute.com>

Date: 06/08/2017 10:59

To: Love Knysna - Mike <mike@loveknysna.com>

I am not a member of SAVA and have no "dark side" name.
Retha van Niekerk is not a member of SAVA and has no "dark side" name.

Christina Engela is a Pagan and executive member of SAPRA.

Address all further questions regarding Ms Engela to her.

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On 6 August 2017 at 08:21, Love Knysna - Mike <mike@loveknysna.com> wrote:

Owing to new information, i have to unfortunately contact you:

What is your darkside name and role within SAVA?

What is Retha van Niekerk's darkside name?

Describe your relationship with Christina Engela a.k.a. Octarine Valur?

Please respond by midday.

On 28/07/2017 20:35, Damon Leff wrote:

Do not contact me again.

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On 28 July 2017 at 15:55, Love Knysna - Mike <mike@loveknysna.com> wrote:

You haven't but it's assured that i will post it all. You are banned from Love Knysna. Owing to your threats, all communication from you must be via your attorney.

On 28/07/2017 10:24, Damon Leff wrote:

I have answered every question to asked. I expect you to publish my responses without alteration.

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On 28 July 2017 at 10:20, Love Knysna - Mike <mike@loveknysna.com> wrote:

As you are still refusing to answer directly, and continuing to threaten me, i will no longer be having this conversation with you. However, my door remains open to other members of the pagan councils, so long as they practice honesty and the pursuit of truth, actions a reasonable member would undertake so as to ensure the integrity of their organisations.

On 28/07/2017 10:11, Damon Leff wrote:

I caution you to confer with an attorney before you proceed with libel against the Alliance, based on nothing but your opinion.

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On 28 July 2017 at 10:00, Love Knysna - Mike <mike@loveknysna.com> wrote:

In effect, you're continuing to be evasive. Either you are unwilling to ask your friend, Retha van Niekerk, for her qualifications, or you're protecting her. It's obvious that your relationship with her is more important than the 'organisations' SAPRA and the SAPC hope/pretend to be. Your evasion is as blatant as Retha van Niekerk's silence.

On 28/07/2017 09:47, Damon Leff wrote:

So far, you have not proven any crime or criminal conspiracy. You have merely made unproven accusations which amount to defamation.

1. How is it possible that you, after a long, close relationship with her, couldn't know that her qualifications were fake?

The members of our executive are not employed, they volunteer their service to the Alliance. SAPRA does not, and is not required to initiate background checks on prospective members of this Alliance. The only qualification of membership to SAPRA is religious affiliation.

You have yet to prove your allegation that said qualifications are fake. I suggest you follow this accusation up with the HPCSA, not SAPRA.

2. Please will SAPRA and SAPC provide me a short statement (or press release) by 3pm, today - Monday, July 24 2017.

I provided this in my first response. You deliberately chose to ignore it by claiming that I was being evasive, simply because my response did not fit the false narrative you are attempting to pass off as true, without any substantive evidence to support your false assertions.

3. Why is the SAPC and SAPRA unconcerned at being provided evidence of crime. Why does an executive council member's fraudulent qualifications mean nothing to you?

You have not provided any such evidence, merely made unsupported defamatory accusations.

4. Answer point 3 in your personal capacity too.

I have done so.

5. Does the SAPC and SAPRA support deception for self-advancement? Are their sub-groups who are members who practice that?

Your question is merely unsupported allegation, once again, you need to prove your assertion.

6. Is SAPRA just a small group of friends who call themselves a council whilst protecting each other?

This question merely intends to support your false narrative.

NOTE:

Herman offered to show you the evidence you are seeking, including the HPCSA's report, and company details, but you have chosen not to meet with him and his attorney. That is your omission, not his.

The onus of proof of defamatory accusations rests with the one who makes them - it is a well known legal principle. I am not duty bound to help you prove your defamation.

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On 28 July 2017 at 07:25, Love Knysna - Mike <mike@loveknysna.com> wrote:

No, you have not. You chose avoidance and bias over responsibility and direct answering. Your handing me over to crooks was irresponsible at best, culpable at worst. Then you got fellow pagan followers to be negative, rather than constructive, on my page. Then you threatened me.

I'm very disappointed in you. Normally minority groups are more sensitive.

Supporting crime is unacceptable and you well know that i'm very sensitive to those damage Knysna.

Answer my original email, points 1 & 2. Thereafter, answer:

3. Why is the SAPC and SAPRA unconcerned at being provided evidence of crime. Why does an executive council member's fraudulent qualifications mean nothing to you?

4. Answer point 3 in your personal capacity too.

5. Does the SAPC and SAPRA support deception for self-advancement? Are their sub-groups who are members who

practice that?

6. Is SAPRA just a small group of friends who call themselves a council whilst protecting each other?

Note that Herman van Niekerk has not sent me any evidence. Can you explain that?

However, since you have made statements, it is for SAPRA, SAPC and you to answer.

Provide the HPCSA's report clearing Retha van Niekerk. Provide proof of your involvement in the investigation, including all emails between you and the HPCSA.

AN ISO number isn't a company number. Provide me company registration number and PSIRA registration number. Provide the equivalent for the offices they claim to have in Holland and Seychelles.

On 26/07/2017 12:49, Damon Leff wrote:

Ask me specific questions and I will answer them honestly, as I have done.

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On 26 July 2017 at 11:52, Love Knysna - Mike <mike@loveknysna.com> wrote:

Damon, your response is disappointing, deliberately choosing avoidance. I gave you the chance to be clear of this, now you force me to approach differently. I will certainly contact you and others again. For now, the main article takes precedence.

On 24/07/2017 11:14, Damon Leff wrote:

Hello Mike

Please note that the allegations made against Retha van Niekerk are false, and motivated by a personal vendetta by the accuser. This has been investigated by the HPCSA, and Retha has been cleared of all allegations.

Maritime Risk Solutions is a real company, run by Herman van Niekerk.

<http://www.maritimerisksolutions.com/>

It is an ISO/PAS28007 certified company.

At no time has SAPRA relied on the academic qualifications of Retha van Niekerk in order to engage in its advocacy activities. You will have to prove that allegation in a court of law if you insist on repeating an incorrect assumption.

I suggest you investigate the origin of these false accusations instead.

Herman van Niekerk will be sending you evidence of completed investigation in due course regarding allegations made against Retha and against Maritime Risk Solutions.

If you have any further questions regarding SAPRA, I would be happy to assist. Anything to do with either Retha or Herman should be addressed to them personally.

Sincerely

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On 24 July 2017 at 08:14, Love Knysna - Mike <mike@loveknysna.com> wrote:

Hi, Damon. as you've been a FB supporter for the past two years, you know what i do. That makes my sending of this email ironic and awkward. Nevertheless, i go where the story goes.

I'm investigating Retha van Niekerk and her husband, Herman van Niekerk, for fraud. Part of that concerns their fake qualifications.

You are friends with Retha. More importantly, she is an Executive leader in your South Africa Pagan Rights Alliance (SAPRA), even having stood in for you, as Director, when you were ill for an extended period of time in 2015. Additionally, she is SAPRA's marriage officer and, under SAPRA's banner, hosted her daughter's marriage to Vaughn Smit, an employee in their illegal company (Maritime Risk Solutions). Furthermore, like you, she was a founding member in South African Pagan Council's (SAPC) switch from NPO to registered religious organisation.

Online and in submissions to government (regarding pagan rights), you've presented Rhetha as a doctor and a psychologist (which, arguably, lent credibility to SAPRA). However, she is neither doctor or psychologist.

1. How is it possible that you, after a long, close relationship with her, couldn't know that her qualifications were fake?
2. Please will SAPRA and SAPC provide me a short statement (or press release) by 3pm, today - Monday, July 24 2017.

Note that i'm providing you the opportunity to get ahead of this story which i will be publishing on Tuesday. My goal is to investigate fraud, not damage your organisation. Please cooperate with these things in mind. I don't wish to pursue SAPRA or the SAPC.

Thanks, Damon.

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