Partial Transcript of the August 15, 2019 Big Canoe POA Board Of Directors Work Session

The following timestamped, and excerpted statements are taken from a Video Taped Recording of the Big Canoe Property Owners Association Open Board Work Session, which occurred on Thursday August 15 2019, and which is available to be viewed online at the following URL:

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The Public Comments Section that begins to include topics that include discussion regarding Defendant Hopkins begin at about (29:45) and run to the end. Below are some specific excerpts:

- (31:18 BCPOA Board President Jay Goldman Speaking) "The Board has dealing with Mr Hopkins for over a year. We have spoken consistently to councils, as well as state, as well as local. state and federal law enforcement about what we can do. And we continue to do that today."
- **(48:10 BCPOA Board Member & Developer Representative Phil Baldwin Speaking)** "We are doing everything everything within the law that we can physically do at this time. We are also talking to a lot of law enforcement, Judges. and etc. Attorneys, to make sure that we are doing everything we possibly can and we are looking for other alternatives."
- **(55:10-BCPOA Board Member & Developer Representative Phil Baldwin Speaking)** "Allright, also we had a conversation just yesterday with Sheriff Jeff Johnson, very helpful, and he has encouraged anyone from the Big Canoe Community that's had any type of threats or any type of issues that would be helpful."
- **(56:50 BC Resident Vince Giordano Speaking)** "Using David Hopkins as an example. There are people that are uncomfortable in his presence, so if he's using the facilities, do we have the ability to say your no longer eligible to use ... an example might be the health club, or um, the pool, or whatever, because there are people that are uncomfortable in that environment..."
- **(59:23-BC Resident Rachael Goodman Speaking)** "I'm driving 35 minutes now to work out in a gym in Dawsonville because I don't feel safe in my community. I know there's other people that are scared to come to meetings like this because the don't know if he's going to be here."
- **(1:02:08-BC Resident Gene Morgia Speaking)** "My residence is in Parkland Florida. For any of you that don't know that name, that is where the school shooting took place last February. My daughter was there. Law enforcement missed those opportunities. 32 times that individual was brought in front of the courts. I mean the answer when 17 people were shot was Oops we should have done better. Let's not let Big Canoe be the next Parkland."
- **(1:06:00 BCPOA Board Member Jim Farinholt)** "Over the last year we have spent approximately \$14,000 in legal fees dealing with this guy."

- (1:06:29 BCPOA Board Member & Developer Representative Phil Baldwin Speaking) "Jay I'll add that I also serve on the Board of Smoke Signals Newspaper, and at our Board Meetings we've had countless discussions about this very issue. It's a concern to the Newspaper as well."
- **(1:07:06 BCPOA Board Member & Developer Representative Phil Baldwin Speaking)** "He's attacked the board. He's attacked individuals. He's attacking our staff."
- **(1:09:16-BC Resident Dean Golden Speaking)** "I've been exposed tonight to the gravity of the situation and how long this has been going on. but the comments about the parkland thing really hit home to me. I think when you've got somebody that is obviously unstable out there, you have to be proactive in your planning. And I'm thinking back, and having gone through the leadership big canoe program two three years ago I was struck by the early photos of big canoe where the guards at the gate were packing heat, and I think you get a lot more respect out of people instead of verbal abuse when you've got a pistol on your hip. I would think given this situation. it may be time to, and we had last month there's a murder outside the gate there at fire station number seven, and it is time to revisit having some armory here in house so that we have an ability to react if we're going to get somebody that's out of control."
- (1:10:54- BCPOA Board Member Wayne Crawford) "Earlier it was discussed on the subject of the 911 comparison, and some of you may remember we brought armed police in here the very next meeting.
- **(1:11:43 BCPOA Board Member Wayne Crawford)** "We were very concerned at the time and that's why we had two armed guards right here."
- **(59:23 BC Resident Tom Durban Speaking)** "I would strongly encourage everyone to either support the board, and/or to work with local law enforcement if you feel threatened. but I would really caution against anyone trying to engage with David individually, because he thrives, thrives on that attention and if we keep trying to argue with an irrational person it's not going to get us anywhere."