

Michael Merritt

From: Russ Behrens
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 12:07 PM
To: Michael McClelland; Ann Wingerter
Cc: William J. Sueppel - Meardon, Sueppel & Downer P.L.C. (billjs@meardonlaw.com)
Subject: RE: ELECTRONIC MAIL BLOCK – JASPER COUNTY, IA – USER: REATON@JASPERIA.ORG

Just politely ask him to will out our form requesting public information and pay the appropriate fee. No way he does not connect with Ann and like her immediately 😊 .

From: Michael McClelland <mmcclelland@grinnellpd.com>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 10:57 AM
To: Russ Behrens <RBehrens@grinnelliowa.gov>; Ann Wingerter <AWingerter@grinnelliowa.gov>
Cc: William J. Sueppel - Meardon, Sueppel & Downer P.L.C. (billjs@meardonlaw.com) <billjs@meardonlaw.com>
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Sheriff Halferty called me this morning....Merritt was at the Jasper County Attorney's office again today, harassing staff and requesting any and all information regarding active shootings, mass shootings, training documents, etc. More of the same but enough to cause some concern with Sheriff Halferty on his state of mind. I'm keeping our officers and County deputies apprised on this info.

Respectfully,
Michael A. McClelland
Chief of Police
1020 Spring Street
Grinnell, IA 50112
641-236-2670 x3210



From: Michael McClelland
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 8:28 AM
To: Russ Behrens <RBehrens@grinnelliowa.gov>; Ann Wingerter <AWingerter@grinnelliowa.gov>
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FYI....Just keeping you all in the loop on Mr. Michael Merritt, a.k.a., Cipher Hunter. Please read Cpt. Johnson's memo first to get a better idea of this individual. At first your inclined to ignore it as he is obviously suffering from some kind of mental illness. Looking at his history, and the confrontations he has had with other government entities, I believe we need to take preemptive steps to prepare for his actions. We are keeping a file on everything in case he becomes a nuisance as he has become for Jasper County and other municipalities. I would classify him as a "First Amendment

auditor” as he attempts to catch someone violating policy or Iowa Code, files lawsuits, and inundates the city with FIOA and Open Records requests. I’ve placed temporary signs up around the Public Safety Building, restricting access, etc. He has a Facebook account under, Cipher Hunter, and a web page, cipherphoenix.com, which gives you a better idea of his intentions.

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From: Wanda Simmons <WSimmons@grinnellpd.com>

Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 7:25 AM

To: Michael McClelland <mmclelland@grinnellpd.com>; Dan Johnson <gpd212@grinnellpd.com>

Cc: Chris Wray <gpd221@grinnellpd.com>; Matthew Moore <mmoore@grinnellpd.com>; Ben Smith <bsmith@grinnellpd.com>; Nathan Anderson <nanderson@grinnellpd.com>

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From: Michael J. Merritt <cipher.hunter@cipherphoenix.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 11:06 PM

To: Scott Nicholson <snicholson@jaspercoatty.org>; Scott Nicholson <general@jaspercoatty.org>; Brandon Talsma <btalsma@jasperia.org>; Doug Cupples <dcupples@jasperia.org>

Cc: erika.eckley@iowa.gov; John Halferty <jhalferty@jaspersheriff.org>; Jon Dunwell <jon.dunwell@legis.iowa.gov>; robb@newtongov.org; Wanda Simmons <WSimmons@grinnellpd.com>; webteam@ag.iowa.gov

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Electronic mail accounts located at phoenixharbor.com and related domains have blocked electronic mail from Jasper County, IA user reaton@jasperia.org due to evidence that was received in Enclosure (1.) on 13 APR 2023 that is believed to violate Iowa Code Section 708.7(1.)(a.)(4.) during Iowa Public Information Board case 22FC:0126. Iowa Public Information Board case 22FC:0126 is a complaint against Jasper County, IA, filed by the originator of this correspondence.

Domains belonging to phoenixharbor.com

castlephoenix.com

phoenixcavern.com

cipherphoenix.com

I expect never to hear from Mr. Ryan Eaton at any time. At the same time, given the evidence of Jasper County, IA Attorney Nicholson’s desire to protect my rights related to a domestic abuse no-contact order and being hit by a car in a crosswalk a few blocks from the Jasper County, IA courthouse, I do not expect that this situation will be adequately handled.

The solution to this situation seems logical Jasper County, IA, can charge me for violating Iowa Code Section 708.11, as it communicated for the first time while responding to a record request for public records related to the evidence regarding its constitutional rights violation during the 2022

election year, or it can charge Mr. Eaton with violating Iowa Code Section 708.7 for falsely accusing me of a crime I did not commit while communicating with the Jasper County, IA attorney through electronic mail.

Jasper County, IA, failing to charge anyone in this situation only provides further evidence of the entitlement, incompetence, and corruption within the Jasper County, IA, Attorney's office.

I will be at the Jasper County, IA Supervisor's meeting on 24 APR 2023 to address these allegations and report to Jasper County, IA, that I was allegedly accused of stalking Jasper County, IA employees as reported by Mr. Ryan Eaton nearly a year ago and as public records stored and preserved by the Iowa Courts articulate the Jasper County, IA Attorney's office took zero action to protect it's employees. The only action evidence indicates Jasper County, IA, took was blocking me on Facebook while these elected leaders sought their re-election.

Note: Per Guidance provide by the Grinnell, IA Police Department if Jasper County, IA fails to handle this situation adequately I will be forwarding it to the Iowa State Attorney General's Office

Respectfully,

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Information Warfare Specialist
Information Systems Manager
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"Bricks made with testimony lacking evidence are equivalent to bricks made with straw without clay."

Cipher Hunter