

TRANSCRIPT OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
WITH CITY POLICE - MAY 4, 2021

Me: Hello

Corporal Allman: Yes, is this Mr. Arsenault?

Me: It is, yes.

Corporal Allman: Corporal Allman calling from the City Police sir, how are you doing?

Me: Good.

Corporal Allman: Sorry I didn't get back to you right away there, I got a little tied up.

Me: Not a problem.

Corporal Allman: Anyway, the reason I'm calling Mr. Arsenault, there was a gentleman in here a couple of days ago at the police department there just making a report over some stuff on social media that had been posted.

(pause)

Me: Ya, go on.

Corporal Allman : Anyway he had some concerns over the stuff that was posted because the information that was posted easily led back to people to know who he is or his identity and that gave him great concern and his request to me was to try to reach out to the person who posted the information on the site pertaining to [] and asked if I could pass on to that person and ask that person not to post anything further that may lead people to identify him, so I guess that's the reason I'm just giving you a telephone call.

Me: "Yeah that's kind of bizarre. I mean, like I don't understand this: Is that what people do now when they want to try and intimidate people from not expressing themselves? I'm a freelance journalist, and if I've published something that contravenes a law, I could understand how someone would go to the police and have a police officer call.

Corporal Allman: So as it stands right now it's probably not a police matter, it's maybe something on the Civil side but that's got nothing to do with the police.

Me: Why are you calling me then?

Corporal Altman: Because he asked me to try and make contact with the person and ask them not to post anything further.

Me: Why would you do that? You have no basis as to whether or not I should or shouldn't be posting something unless you have a law that you can refer to that I'm breaching.

Corporal Altman: I'm just passing on the request from the complainant to file a report at the police station here sir.

Me: I don't get it. If I phoned you up and told you that my cousin said something about me that I didn't like on the internet, would you phone him and tell him to take it down. I don't get it.

Corporal Altman: We may, if he came in and filed an official report. We may just reach out to the person and ask the person maybe not to do that.

Me: But why would you do that if it's not against the law?

Corporal Altman: All I'm saying sir, is the gentleman came in, he made a police report. It doesn't look like its a police matter. He asked if I could reach out to the person and ask that person not to post anything else that would lead to his identity and that's all I'm doing. I've reached out to you, I told you the reason why I'm calling and that's basically it for my involvement.

Me: Yeah, okay. You don't mind me publishing this as a story?

Corporal Altman: You can do whatever you wish sir.

Me: Alright great thanks very much, have a good evening.

Corporal Altman: You too, bye now.