

# Neal Rauhauser USDOJ OIG Complaint

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Dear Sirs,

I am writing today regarding what appears to be even MORE ideologically motivated harassment originating from staff at the U.S. Attorneys Office for the Northern District of Texas and agents from the Dallas and perhaps the Detroit FBI field office as well. This is a follow up to the complaints made on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Andrew Breitbart attacked me directly and personally during the 2010 midterm election. Among his various motivations were the primary season work I did to help remove Bart Stupak from his House seat in Michigan's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional district and the eventually successful effort to defend the seat of Progressive Caucus co-chair Raúl Grijalva in Arizona's 7<sup>th</sup> District. Political speech such as this is the very essence of the natural rights our founding fathers meant to memorialize with the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment.

Beginning in 2011, Breitbart Texas head Brandon Darby made four "swatting" calls targeting right wing political activists. The purported victims were all in the conspiracy and the Dallas field office attempted to frame me for these crimes. This "investigation" was derailed by a comparison of Darby's voice to that of the caller, which was released in video form on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

### **Is SWAT-gate Just Another Right Wing Prank?<sup>1</sup>**

One of the SWAT call victims was a Manassas based attorney named Aaron Walker. He had filed frivolous lawsuits against me and others in Virginia state court and Maryland federal court<sup>2</sup>. Due to a comical error in discovery response<sup>3</sup> made by Dan Backer in late October of 2012 I had the material needed to file the complaint in early November of that year.

A review of the discovery material shows that John Patrick Frey traveled from California to Dallas in order to meet with FBI agents and the AUSAA for cybercrimes. Frey specifically mentions their ideological leanings in one of the emails. Aaron Walker and Mike Stack, two of the call victims, are intimately involved in the scheme. Breitbart writer Mandy Nagy was a key organizer of the effort and at one point Frey includes Breitbart CEO Larry Solov in the email distribution.

The audio recordings and the court discovery are clearly admissible. Additional material in my possession shows Frey ejecting both Darby and Breitbart writer Lee Stranahan from editorial duties on his personal blog in connection with "being lied to" regarding this affair.

### **Federal Informant James McGibney Takes Over:**

I presumed the November 2012 complaint would be the end of this illicit attention, but before the ink was dry on the first complaint James McGibney began pursuing me. He spent from November of 2012 until March of 2014 harassing me, and then he also filed a frivolous state lawsuit in Texas and an identical federal lawsuit in California.

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1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pe4NCaz4NgM>

2 [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8vt5niv89xcwpng/AAC1YIo-HYcEd3\\_ZjsCA1kEia](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8vt5niv89xcwpng/AAC1YIo-HYcEd3_ZjsCA1kEia)

3 <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/mobz621qnmsndex/AACbCnwaMOV6xWesuSRDnsmca>

McGibney lived in California at the time, having recently moved there from Las Vegas. I resided in Illinois. The other defendants were in Arizona, California, and New York. McGibney was represented by John S. Morgan, who resides in Beaumont. Nobody had any connection to Texas besides Morgan, and he lives 280 miles from Tarrant county, where the suit was filed. ***The only nexus in Tarrant county is the Dallas FBI field office.*** McGibney has been characterized as an informant by his past associates. This has been confirmed by an affidavit from Special Agent Walker Wicevich dated June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018<sup>4</sup>, which only recently came to my attention.

I retained one of the top 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment attorneys in Texas, Jeff Dorrell.

Morgan filed the suit but he listed two other attorneys as being of council, Marc Randazza and Jay Leiderman. Morgan withdrew in a panic a mere ninety three minutes after Dorrell filed his appearance and Randazza demanded that his name be removed. Leiderman and McGibney persisted in the pursuit of me in California until Leiderman finally withdrew due to having made the procedural error of dismissing a companion frivolous federal suit in California; *these two dismissals equal a dismissal with prejudice.*

The first named defendant in both suits was Thomas Retzlaff, who was entirely unknown to me until I found his name and mine listed together on the initial Texas state suit. He has a troubled past, he inherited a good sized war chest, and he bedeviled his opponents until Leiderman withdrew from the case. The details are tiresome, but it should be noted that there were three instances of McGibney making false reports being made during those years. These included:

May, 2014 threat hoax in San Jose, McGibney claiming he had received death threats, case assigned to detective Nathaniel Braxton<sup>5</sup>.

September, 2014, a similar threat hoax scheme was attempted in Ventura county, where Leiderman had worked as a public defender and his wife still did at the time.

October, 2015, a weapon was photoshopped into an image of Retzlaff's home, which eventually led to my being interviewed by Texas ATF agent Lowell Farley.

The process was the same in each case – the investigating officer was unaware that there were civil suits in multiple states, and upon verifying those facts I never heard from them again.

### **Project Viridium 2014:**

The Gretchen Whitmer kidnapping plot<sup>6</sup> was run by Special Agent Jayson Chambers and it involved his cohorts at EXEINTEL. I was a minor source for Ken Bensinger's 2021 expose on them and in the context of reviewing old data I have reason to suspect the attempted 2014 Project Viridium sting was also them. It is very interesting to me that EXEINTEL member Jamie Chanaga is also a resident of the Dallas Fort Worth area. I can not yet draw a direct line from him to the Breitbart people meeting with the AUSAA there in late 2011, but there exist enough clues to start looking.

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4 <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ihnf5hi0u4krd8z/AABVzz4LUroSkxtPgv3e6Sj6a>

5 <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/erblaf797njb5hb/AACVv4pPyCeACGMluhkCp4XDa>

6 <https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/kenbensinger/michigan-kidnapping-gretchen-whitmer-fbi-informant>

### **James Jelinek 2018:**

I again faced attention from a Texas based paid informant in March of 2018, which in retrospect must have been connected to the misadventure Thomas Retzlaff was having. The person who approached me, James Jelinek<sup>7</sup>, sought someone to help him get “payback” against a former employer. That employer was hcems.com and my response to the solicitation to commit crimes against them was to call their security staff and report him. Being nothing at all like what his handlers told him, I received an angry call from him later that day after having spoken to HCEMS, then he hung up and blocked me.

### **Dorrell & Retzlaff 2018 Assassination Plot:**

My assessment of Tom Retzlaff was that he was a psychopath. His life was one of constant civil and criminal troubles, *which he relished*. I believe the genesis of his dispute with former Proud Boys head Jason Lee Van Dyke had something to do with a revenge pornography site called Pink Meth. The hacker universe is not that large, and I was acquainted with nachash (sic), the operator of that site. It should be noted I met him in the context of dismantling the false reporting scheme Breitbart directed my way, and that my last contact was an interview of him I did for a freelance article after Operation Onymous<sup>8</sup> took out his darknet sites in early November of 2014.

Van Dyke was using the Arizona Proud Boys chapter to stalk<sup>9</sup> Retzlaff<sup>10</sup>. Part of the effort to dismantle this plot involved a cooperating witness who was not named. As I am making this document public, I will note that informant was NOT James McGibney. Based on my understanding of events at the time Van Dyke’s former housemate was well aware of his erratic behavior and chose to both move and cooperate rather than aiding Van Dyke in a fraudulent report of the theft of his personal arsenal.

### **Three Deaths in 2021:**

Jeff Dorrell died on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, after a long battle with lung cancer.

Thomas Retzlaff was murdered<sup>11</sup> on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Jay Leiderman, the California lawyer who fumbled McGibney’s companion frivolous lawsuit there, died suddenly of a heart attack on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Retzlaff’s death at the hands of another surprised no one even vaguely acquainted with him.

### **2021 Complaint:**

Believing the end of his court misadventure was near, in the form of a final hearing for damages set for January 15<sup>th</sup>, I was again subjected to a bunch of unwanted, unwarranted attention online by McGibney and his agents. I very much wondered if this originated from the prosecutors mentioned in this New York Times article: *How Trump’s Focus on Antifa Distracted Attention From the Far-Right Threat*<sup>12</sup>

7 <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/e6y8v5n9qzwp7/AADxFBes4xY7bUSK2KhFJUyao>

8 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation\\_Onymous](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Onymous)

9 <https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2020/04/15/police-proud-boys-used-surveillance-part-violent-plot>

10 <https://www.thedailybeast.com/former-proud-boys-lawyer-jason-lee-van-dyke-allegedly-plotted-assassination-of-rival-court-docs-say>

11 <https://www.thedailybeast.com/thomas-retzlaff-man-who-complained-about-ex-proud-boy-jason-van-dyke-was-trying-to-kill-him-is-found-dead>

12 <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/30/us/politics/trump-right-wing-domestic-terrorism.html>

Mr. Barr also [formed a task force](#) run by trusted U.S. attorneys in Texas and New Jersey to prosecute antigovernment extremists. Terrorism prosecutors working on the investigations arising from the summer's violence were not told beforehand of Mr. Barr's decision. They questioned the rationale behind the task force because it seemed to duplicate their work and could create confusion, according to two people familiar with their push back.

I have had some interaction in the past with individuals who claimed to be anti-fascist researchers. This resulted in the transfer of 165 gigabytes of chat logs to the Joint Terrorism Task Force via an academic input point at the University of Alabama in July of 2019. I had an associate at DHS who helps with such things when I encounter actionable intel. Someone will have to ask if more than the hashes of the submitted files are needed.

The January 15<sup>th</sup> hearing was mysteriously postponed and Jeff was unable to set another time before he died in August of that year. I've always wondered if the delay was due to the FBI's thumb on the scale.

### **Further Context:**

Some of my political activities in the 2011/2012 time frame included digging into the people who ran the fake teens<sup>13</sup> used to set up Anthony Weiner. His wife, Huma Abedin, has been smeared by Erik Prince as being an agent of the Muslim Brotherhood. I played process server for the New Hampshire AG in May of 2012, delivering a subpoena to James O'Keefe's council in regards to some election interference. Erik Prince recruits "ex-spies" to infiltrate liberal groups, at times working in conjunction with O'Keefe's Project Veritas<sup>14</sup>.

My campaign work in 2012 involved moving to the House districts held by former FBI agents. Mike Grimm in NY-11 was indicted on twenty counts related to tax fraud<sup>15</sup>. My next stop was MI-08 for Mike Rogers. He was a member of the FBI organized crime squad in Chicago, but he "resigned" six months before the minimum time required for a pension, then returned to Lansing, where he spent six months working as a night security guard in a big box store. Six agents were discharged over an informant who was framing union officials. I've never been able to prove conclusively that Rogers was the one handling William Russell<sup>16</sup>. Michigan is Erik Prince's home state.

There was an earlier conservative plot against our government in 2013 in the form of Groundswell<sup>17</sup>. I was not the one who found them, but I am the publicly known keeper of the 300+ messages from the group<sup>18</sup> that led to a series of stories about them. Participants included Barbara Ledeen, who again features in espionage schemes in 2021 involving James O'Keefe and Erik Prince<sup>19</sup>. A number of members of the Council for National Policy were involved. The domain McGibney uses to smear me, nealrauhauser[.]com, was originally purchased by Jack Yoest. His wife Charmaine was not involved in Groundswell, but she is a member of the CNP.

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13 <https://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/18/nyregion/fake-identities-were-used-on-twitter-to-get-information-on-weiner.html>

14 <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/07/us/politics/erik-prince-project-veritas.html>

15 <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/congressman-michael-grimm-indicted-mail-wire-and-health-care-fraud-filing-false-tax>

16 [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/a2kbzuktcbh472p/AACEvGy0KAsS-nUsLWAFQ3M\\_a](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/a2kbzuktcbh472p/AACEvGy0KAsS-nUsLWAFQ3M_a)

17 <https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2013/07/groundswell-rightwing-group-ginni-thomas/>

18 <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/lpkpshmk54lw15k/AACZeTp8D25lnoKbcN3XiSkca>

19 <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/05/13/us/politics/mcmaster-fbi-trump-project-veritas.html>

A constant feature in all of those things is Douglas Matthew Stewart. He was the handler for Mike Stack, the mentally ill man in New Jersey who was the first of Brandon Darby's political SWATing victims. This I know because Stewart turned up in person for a court hearing in New Jersey in 2011. He's always around, instigating trouble, and most recently I noticed that he employed Denton, Texas attorney Evan Stone for a civil harassment matter in 2019. Stone has been representing McGibney since 2015 or 2016. Given the amount of time Stewart has spent over the years he does seem to be employed in the area, and Erik Price is a likely employer for someone who engages in such behavior.

I don't have any proof regarding Stewart, just a long running string of curious coincidences. Someone with the authority to investigate these matters should take a closer look.

### **Conclusion:**

I obtained a new attorney for the Texas case, Lane Haygood, and this was thanks to the efforts of the Twitter personality @DevinCow<sup>20</sup>. It should be noted that former AG William Barr attempted to make illicit use of a federal grand jury subpoena to unmask the operator of that account on behalf of Devin Nunes<sup>21</sup>. It should be noted that prior to that a suspected informant, Cody Webb, spent a lot of time trying to create the perception that I was involved in the operation of the @DevinCow account<sup>22</sup>.

Once judge Don Cosby of the 67<sup>th</sup> District Court issues a final ruling in Texas state civil case 02-14-00215-CV<sup>23</sup> McGibney will owe me approximately \$480,000. The language of prior rulings includes the phrase "malicious and intentional", so he can't bankrupt out of it.

I know that the DOJ provided McGibney with a significant amount of money which was used to purchase the YourAnonNews.com domain from Canadian resident Bahareh Shalchi-Moghaddam in the 2011/2012 time frame. One of his close associates, Roy Arcadio Jimenez<sup>24</sup>, revealed in 2015 that McGibney had entrapped him in a scheme in 2012. Special Agent Walker Wicevich confirmed that McGibney has acted as an informant in the 2018 affidavit I mentioned above. If there is a paid relationship between the DOJ and McGibney, we're going to uncover that during his debtor's exam.

Twenty nine additional months elapsed between the failure of the January 2021 damages hearing and Lane finally getting a date of November 6<sup>th</sup> for this final hearing. James McGibney, at the direction of the Dallas FBI field office, will have been shitting on my reputation for 3,439 days at that point.

The DOJ serving as an accomplice in the Breitbart organization's campaign against me began in late 2011. Given the roles that people associated with that company played in the January 6<sup>th</sup> Capitol Siege it is ... *amazing* ... to see signs that the DOJ may be continuing that course of action.

Sincerely,

Neal Rauhauser

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20 <https://twitter.com/DevinCow>

21 <https://lawandcrime.com/high-profile/bill-barrs-doj-secretly-tried-to-unmask-a-devin-nunes-parody-account-in-the-last-weeks-of-the-trump-presidency-filing-reveals/>

22 <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0at6wnu6467shxe/AABRvemKRggcY95BnMRa0IDRa>

23 <https://caselaw.findlaw.com/tx-court-of-appeals/1686467.html>

24 <https://www.vice.com/en/article/nz7w9b/hacker-outs-himself-as-fbi-snitch-and-claims-he-helped-track-down-isis>