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Re: Murder of Ronald "Ron" Charles Horaney

Mr. Brown and Mr. Watson:

I am a civil rights attorney and blogger (LawFlog.com) who lives in New York but mostly practices in Texas. On November 27, 2018, I filed a federal lawsuit in Austin on behalf of Darren Lubbe, a retired Department of Public Safety agent, and it mentioned the murder of Longview businessman Ron Horaney in passing. *See Darren Lubbe v. Mark Milanovich, et al.*, Case No. 18-cv-1011-RP (W.D.Tex.). In particular, it mentioned the fact that one of the Texas Rangers investigating the murder, Brent Davis, had been romantically involved with Mr. Horaney's widow.

The *Longview News-Journal* published a story about the lawsuit on November 28, 2019, and shortly thereafter I received a phone call from a woman in Cherokee County who wondered whether her ex-husband may have been involved in the murder. Heather Metzsig was previously married to DPS Trooper Tyson Metzsig, and she claimed that he had been under investigation by Ranger Davis at the time of the murder. As you probably know, Ranger Davis was removed from the case and demoted after DPS learned about his affair with Mr. Horaney's widow.

According to Ms. Metzsig, her husband looked very similar to the official sketch of the murder suspect. She said she found an article online suggesting that Mr. Horaney had been shot with a compact AR-15, and she said her ex-husband owned one. I did not pursue the issue further based on the information that she gave me at that time. In mid-June, however, Ms. Metzsig contacted me with additional information. She said her eight-

year-old daughter had a Gmail account that had been used on one of Trooper Metzigg's Android phones, and through that Gmail account she was able to look at the GPS tracking information from his phone on the date of the murder. According to Ms. Metzigg, the GPS data shows Trooper Metzigg traveling from Cherokee County to the site of the murder on the date of the murder. I have attached the information that she emailed to me.

I compared the sketch of the murder suspect with a photograph of Trooper Metzigg, and he does look a lot like the man in the sketch. I shared Ms. Metzigg's information with a retired FBI agent in Tyler, and he said someone from the Tyler office would be getting in touch with me soon. That was two weeks ago, and I still have not heard anything. As of July 5, 2019, Ms. Metzigg has not been contacted by anyone from the FBI, either.

Ms. Metzigg said she shared the information with Ranger Josh Jenkins of Longview, and he initially appeared to be very excited about it, but he soon told her that Trooper Metzigg could not have been involved in the murder because he was working a DWI in Cherokee County on the evening of the murder. Ms. Metzigg said she checked arrest records in Cherokee County, but there was no indication that Trooper Metzigg had worked a DWI case that evening. On July 2, 2019, I filed an open records request to determine whether Trooper Metzigg was working on the day of the murder and whether he made any arrests.

Ms. Metzigg said shortly after she reported the GPS data to Ranger Jenkins, her ex-husband filed a criminal complaint with the Jacksonville Police Department accusing her of illegally accessing his phone. She said she did not know how Trooper Metzigg would have learned about her access to his GPS data unless someone from the Rangers had told him about it.

According to Ms. Metzigg, Ranger Davis told her before the murder of Ron Horaney that he was planning to seek five felony charges against Trooper Metzigg. Three years later, no charges have been filed, and that suggests a possible motive for murder, *i.e.*, Ranger Davis burying the charges against Trooper Metzigg in exchange for Trooper Metzigg eliminating the husband of Ranger Davis's mistress.

I should note that I am only relaying what Ms. Metzigg told me. I have not tried to corroborate her information yet (other than the open records request), but I respectfully suggest that somebody unaffiliated with DPS needs to do just that. If you have listened to DPS's investigative interview of Ranger Davis (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7QCRw0CpmA8&feature=youtu.be>), you know that it is somewhat of a joke. It lasts less than 30 minutes, and Ranger Davis is never treated as a potential homicide suspect.

Based on what I have learned from representing DPS personnel, I cannot exclude the possibility that DPS commanders would compromise a murder investigation in order to save DPS (and particularly the Rangers Division) from embarrassment. I respectfully suggest that Mr. Watson or Gregg County Sheriff Maxey Cerliano invite the FBI to assist in the murder investigation. I further suggest that Mr. Brown initiate a federal investigation to determine whether law enforcement officers were involved in the murder.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ty Clevenger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ty Clevenger

cc: Sheriff Maxey Cerliano  
Gregg County Sheriff