

## In-Person Meeting — August 15, 2024

**Location:** Candlelight Christian Fellowship

**Participants:**

- **Paul Van Noy Pastor at Candlelight Christian Fellowship**
- **Davalu Cummings** (former H.I.S./Customs & Global Security; investigative/analytical background)
- **Churchgoer** (identity withheld)

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**Churchgoer:** Addressing the second person in the room along with the pastor—so what’s your guys’ relation?

**Paul Van Noy:** Well, **[she]** is a member of **[the church]**, as you probably already know, and she is part of a group of people that I meet with on a fairly regular basis for political advice. As you know, I’m supposed to be a pastor, not a politician, and I don’t have time to do all the homework and research on anything political. So every Monday morning they give me a briefing on everything going on—local, state, national—so that I have better information, you know, which is helpful. So, um, **[Davalu Cummings]** of course has a legal mind; she’s former FBI—

**Davalu Cummings:** Oh no, no, no—H.I.S., Customs and Global Security.

**Paul Van Noy:** Oh, I thought it was FBI. And so she always has amazing insights that are helpful to me, and that’s why, when we talked on the phone, I said “Is it okay if I have somebody join us?”—and that’s why. And so, are you guys here on official business? Are you working for Dan?

**Churchgoer:** Well, we do know Dan personally now, but we’re just here because we wanted to have an open conversation about both candidates. **[To Davalu Cummings]** On the phone you had mentioned legal counsel or legal representation—is that something that you’re providing?

**Davalu Cummings:** I’m not an attorney.

**Paul Van Noy:** She helps me be able to see and know things that I would not know on my own. Like, certain claims—if somebody says “I’m gonna do this”—well, can it even be done? You know, there are a lot of people that say they’re going to do certain things

and, uh, I've seen that on the national level like crazy. And, you know, I just want to have that extra help. She's not here to protect me.

**Churchgoer:** Okay.

**Davalu Cummings:** Not only was I in law enforcement, but I've also done analysis at the Attorney General's Office—I did that for six and a half years in a more civil kind of thing. My background is investigative and analytical.

**Churchgoer:** I want to mention religious privilege for confidentiality reasons. I don't want to hear anything outside of this room, and I'm hoping that it's the same for you?

**Davalu Cummings:** I'm not familiar with it, but typically—here's my legal brain kicking in—privilege only applies if he's counseling you or something like that. This is like community conversation. This is not a pastor **[counseling session]**—this is "we." You started out by saying, "We're here to have an open conversation about the candidates," so if it's an open conversation about what they publicly stand for and publicly believe, then it should be something the community is already aware of. So I don't know that that would be applicable for us, and if we're hiding stuff, then I think that's a breakdown in what this meeting is supposed to be about. Don't you?

**Churchgoer:** There's nothing to hide. It's more like—I don't know you and don't know what's potentially going to be said outside of this room, and that's why I brought my research so everything is clear.

**Davalu Cummings:** So, is this stuff that Dan has ever made public?

**Churchgoer:** This is public on the North Idaho Slow Growth website, and also things that can be found on Dan's website as well as Bruce Mattare's and Bob Norris's websites.

**Davalu Cummings:** And are you the one who found that stuff and brought it in—

**Churchgoer:** I did.

**Davalu Cummings:** —or did Dan give it to you?

**Churchgoer:** No, I found this.

**Davalu Cummings:** I'd like to look at it. I don't see why any of this would be privileged. We're learning from you and you're learning from us.

**Churchgoer:** I'm saying the meeting itself would be considered privileged communication.

**Davalu Cummings:** So...the fact that we even met? I'm just trying to understand.

**Churchgoer:** Yes.

**Davalu Cummings:** Oh, okay.

**Churchgoer:** It was my impression that any time you met with a pastor, that's confidential.

**Paul Van Noy:** I typically have that rule. I do maintain confidentiality for people, especially when we're dealing with things that are sensitive in nature. We have some protocols here; a lot of times we keep files and records that are also behind locked drawers or otherwise secured, and so that happens. But we don't share things outside the room as a rule, for sure.

**Davalu Cummings:** Sorry, I'm just a little taken aback that you would lead with this. I mean—that's not—regardless. If you want people to vote for Dan...I'm a little taken aback by that.

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**Churchgoer:** I'm not too sure if this is the right setting. I just don't know if things are going to be kept confidential.

**Paul Van Noy:** With me personally—absolutely—because you're asking me to keep things confidential. Although I would request that anything that's already published not be considered private information, because if it's public information already, then the accusations would come against me that I'm the one who communicated that—and it would not be true. Public information is still public information.

**Churchgoer:** Okay.

**Paul Van Noy:** If you share anything personal that is your private information, you have my word it will be kept confidential.

**Davalu Cummings:** With the caveat—and you have an obligation as well—if you develop a crime that someone is involved in, or the abuse of someone, that's a mandatory-reporting event.

**Churchgoer — [Summary]:** Presents Wilson vs. Norris answers to the KCRCC vetting survey. Notes that Norris's answers are shorter and lack detail compared to Dan's. Continues with a packet from North Idaho Slow Growth on Bob Norris's law-enforcement experience.

**Davalu Cummings:** Can I ask you a question? Can you explain who North Idaho Slow Growth is? Who the board of directors is?

**Churchgoer:** I think it's just a private thing. I think it's one person who runs it.

**Davalu Cummings:** So if it's just one person, why is that person's information or opinion significant—is that what you believe?

**Churchgoer:** I believe she's a researcher, and a lot of information she's found are concerns on Norris's and Mattare's websites.

**Davalu Cummings:** A researcher for who? Does she have a background in that? Do you know her personally? Do you know her name?

**Churchgoer:** I do not.

**Davalu Cummings:** Would you be surprised to hear her name is Teresa Roth? And is North Idaho Slow Growth registered as a business with the state? Do they have a board?

**Churchgoer:** The research she does can be found on Norris's and Mattare's websites, in their qualifications and bios—she just goes more in depth.

**Davalu Cummings:** So you said—(and I'm a polite person, that's what I am)—you said you believe some of the stuff is on their websites. Have you gone point-by-point to verify that everything she said is, in fact, on their website?

**Churchgoer — [Summary]:** Reviews Bob Norris's qualifications from his website, including work for the LA Fusion Center; says this appears in Teresa's documentation. Asks about having legal counsel present and whether they're there to interject.

**Davalu Cummings:** I'm not legal counsel; I'm just an objective voice. I can ask Paul—do you know what a fusion center is?

**Paul Van Noy:** I do not. I don't know who Teresa Roth is—that's why she's here, 'cause I don't have time to get into the minutiae of everything political. That's not my role.

**Davalu Cummings:** This is not an attack—and some people might have a tone-of-voice problem—but I know that, in talking with him, he's so busy that often he may not understand. We may have done our research and take for granted that others know our acronyms. So when you say "fusion center," does everybody know what that is? That's important for him to understand where you're coming from—and for you to ensure you know what a fusion center is. In political campaigns we use words we define differently, and we don't have the same understanding. I'm just trying to make sure we're all understanding these terms, people, and organizations.

**Paul Van Noy:** And we're not adversaries.

**Churchgoer — [Summary]:** Continues presenting facts about Norris's background, including work with federal agencies, information-sharing from local to federal law enforcement, data collection, and claimed connections to Mossad and Shin Bet.

**Davalu Cummings:** Just for you—I think pretty much everything you said is right on. Fusion centers were created right after 9/11 by DHS because of breakdowns in communication between agencies. FEMA is also under DHS, so law-enforcement response and intel-sharing are part of it. The Mossad training—yes, that's on the

website; the sheriff has said that publicly. Fusion centers have an anti-terrorism component, and the best training on preventing terrorism is through Mossad.

**Churchgoer — [Summary]:** Moves to candidates' goals; says Norris's answer is vague.

**Paul Van Noy:** Excuse me—this is the recent vetting survey **[Davalu Cummings: for the primary]** and he's been through this before. I'm wondering if the version from four years ago is more thorough. He might think, "You already know this," so this could be abbreviated. I'm not defending anything—just saying that came to mind.

**Churchgoer — [Summary]:** Discusses Dan's specific survey answers regarding the Deputy Reserve Program and the Citizen's Posse.

**Paul Van Noy:** I want to reflect on that for a second.

**Davalu Cummings:** Sure. I'm looking for that old survey—I'm not sure I'll find it.

**Paul Van Noy:** A reserve-deputy program seems self-explanatory. To develop a Citizen's Posse of vetted individuals to assist the Sheriff's Office in time of need—to help maintain law, order, and security as mandated by law. Again, I'm not trying to be argumentative or defensive, but all this looks summarized here. This **[Dan's]** is detailed; that **[Norris's]** is like an introductory comment that could include all those. I'm just wondering if it's possible—legal, financial. It seems highly unlikely to be reasonable given liability problems.

**Davalu Cummings:** To fill that in—do you know what the purpose of the posse would be?

**Churchgoer:** I believe Dan explains it on his website and in podcasts.

**Davalu Cummings:** Okay, but you don't know—obviously I don't have time to listen to the podcast.

**Churchgoer:** He wants individuals with a variety of experience—medical, technology, business—people to be supportive.

**Davalu Cummings:** How is that different from the current volunteer group Kootenai County has with emergency management—about 200 members who already do search and rescue and can be stood up if needed? How is that different?

**Churchgoer:** I don't know.

**Churchgoer — [Summary]:** Mentions Dan's plans: impending illegal immigration issues in the county, combating human trafficking, drugs, illegal weapons, uniting the community, cutting federal funding if unconstitutional strings are attached, and standing against California-like policies.

**Davalu Cummings:** Mind if I ask a few more questions? He wants to institute a reserve program?

**Churchgoer:** Yes—develop a deputy reserve program.

**Davalu Cummings:** Something passed in the last legislative session that put a wrench in the reserve program. POST [**the academy**] standards are administered by the state via legislation. Something happened legislatively so that POST—though the reserve academy is still on their website—is holding none and won't answer questions about reserves because the legislation put something at odds. Also, reserve officers in Idaho have to be employed and paid—by statute.

**Paul Van Noy:** Liability. Insurance.

**Davalu Cummings:** Exactly. And I did find Norris's—this is from the paper, the 2020 [**survey/coverage**]  
—more robust.

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**Paul Van Noy:** It makes sense—by this point he probably thinks you already know what I'm doing, so be abbreviated. And if I'm not mistaken, I think he has the endorsement of the KCRCC.

**Davalu Cummings:** Who, Bob? As the Republican—he got the endorsement before Dan changed parties, and Dan is now running as an Independent.

**Paul Van Noy:** I'm just explaining why the statement is brief versus elaborated. If I were Dan, I would elaborate because nobody knows what he thinks. Maybe Bob thinks everybody already knows what he believes.

**Churchgoer:** For new people that could be a bummer, though.

**Paul Van Noy:** Yeah—if they're not paying attention, sure.

**Davalu Cummings:** I have a ton more questions but won't ask to save time. These statements are awesome—anybody wants to do that—but the question is how? Is it even possible? There are underlying issues—like immigration enforcement—that rest with the federal government. The only way a local sheriff can administer immigration authority is if it's delegated by the federal government, and since Obama, delegation is essentially limited to jails and prisons. So when you say "keep this terrorist-free," that sounds great, but how? And how is it different from what the incumbent is doing? There's no plan—"I'm Dan and I'm gonna do it!"—I love that, but how?

**Paul Van Noy:** Forgive me, that's well stated. With my experience—Bob and I have worked closely the last few years. I'm now more aware than ever of what he can and

cannot legally do, but he's been proactive doing what I've asked him to do. He's never let me down. People have been disappointed for lots of reasons—but, for example, there was a busload of people being dropped off and I called him and said, "Hey, go check it out." He went, checked it out—they were all legal. They wouldn't look legal to me. And if they weren't legal—what are you gonna do? He's thought this through as well. Were you here last night for church?

**Davalu Cummings:** I was not.

**Paul Van Noy:** One of our veterans went nuts, and I had to hold back my emotions. We have a major illegal-immigration problem with borders wide open. At what point do we react in a way we cannot exercise? **[Paul Van Noy expands at length about civil-unrest concerns, dangers of escalation, and moral/theological guardrails.]** It scares me to have a guy like Dan incite that kind of thinking.

**Churchgoer:** Okay.

**Paul Van Noy:** Because I don't know that he knows what he's saying, and there is a Bundy-like spirit on that. Do you know what I mean by Bundy?

**Churchgoer:** The guy who was running for governor?

**Paul Van Noy:** And some of the family issues, properties—friends of mine went to prison. One of my closest friends...he went to prison a long time. **[Describes personal history, discipleship, and the Bundy ranch episode; expresses deep concern about incitement.]**

**Churchgoer:** You're good.

**Paul Van Noy:** **[Continues:]** We can't react poorly. It requires careful legal, ethical, moral thought. That's what scares me to death with a guy like Dan Wilson—he'll get the guys on the edge to go over. Is that okay to say it that way?

**Davalu Cummings:** I think it is okay...

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**Davalu Cummings:** When you brought up Norris talking to the people on the bus—officers aren't authorized to ask citizenship unless processing in jail, and a person doesn't have to answer. This administration is giving asylum status; they're legally here. You can't deport people just because you suspect. It's almost impossible for anybody to do anything about it.

**Paul Van Noy:** Were you here when we had Jim Jordan and Russ Fulcher the other day?

**Churchgoer:** No.

**Paul Van Noy:** You missed out—they hit this hard too.

**Davalu Cummings:** To clarify: it doesn't matter who the sheriff is—if the person is legal and has papers, you may not like it, but that's what the current administration has done.

**Churchgoer:** Right. But if there's a crime—trafficking of drugs, money, illegal means of transport—then they can look into it. Dan has expanded on that in his podcast.

**Davalu Cummings:** I think Bob is doing that—because that's what the sheriff is doing now.

**Paul Van Noy:** Definitely. It's high on his priority list, even if not articulated. I know him and how he functions in that arena.

**Davalu Cummings:** We are getting invaded and—what are we going to do?

**Paul Van Noy:** To your comment—if they came here illegally—well, they did.

**Churchgoer:** If we had more local involvement in bringing them here, that could be a way to research more.

**Davalu Cummings:** What is the violation a local sheriff can enforce on smuggling? That's a federal statute—reserved for federal law enforcement. Like it or not, constitutionally that's the way it is.

**Paul Van Noy:** We have a much bigger problem than we can solve locally.

**Davalu Cummings:** Oh yeah.

**Paul Van Noy:** And the courts are a big start.

**Davalu Cummings:** [Explains difficulties prosecuting human smuggling; challenges with witnesses, visas, appearances; systemic obstacles.]

**Paul Van Noy:** Because of a broken system.

**Davalu Cummings:** Laws, lack of enforcement.

**Paul Van Noy:** Catch-and-release; court dates years out; de facto free pass unless they break current laws.

**Davalu Cummings:** [Explains appointed immigration judges, policy priorities, deportation obstacles with certain countries, travel-document issues, practical limits on removals.] You can arrest those breaking local laws, and that helps deter crime, but you can't fix their immigration status locally.

**Paul Van Noy:** As much as we hate it.

**Churchgoer:** Yeah.

**Davalu Cummings:** Unfortunately, that's the reality of how broken the federal government is.

**Churchgoer:** Alright.

**Churchgoer — [Summary]:** Segues to a different KCRCC survey question re: bankruptcy, government handouts, criminal history, conflicts of interest; then to Norris's deputization of citizens, Mattare's deputization, and the FOP's unanimous endorsement of Mattare.

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**Churchgoer:** From the *Coeur d'Alene Press* (November 19) both Bob and Bruce were interviewed about special deputizations. I feel this is a conflict of interest—granting a special deputization to a commissioner. He says there's no conflict; that's why I'm highlighting this. **[Continues about number and role of special deputies; uncertain if figures have changed.]**

**Paul Van Noy:** Was it November of last year?

**Churchgoer:** It may have been.

**Paul Van Noy:** Would that include actual deputies and/or civilian-deputized people who work for the DMV and that kind of thing?

**Churchgoer:** I'm not sure because—

**Davalu Cummings:** That's my question; I have that article from the *Press*.

**Churchgoer:** There's also a quote: "Norris says the majority are law enforcement officers who have completed the POST certification program...but his office also utilizes special deputies not POST-certified. Some are, some are not." Don't DMV employees—aren't they sworn?

**Davalu Cummings:** I don't know. And my question is: what does it mean to be a "special deputy"? I asked Sheriff Norris point-blank whether Mattare has access to law-enforcement databases; he told me no. Others said the same. It's not a cross-designation; it's an advisory deputization. NCIC restricts access and logs every run. I was told this status let Bruce attend certain meetings with sensitive information. That's what I was told. I keep hearing "special deputy," but nobody can define it. Is it an honorary title? What does it entail? What is Dan's understanding?

**Churchgoer:** I don't know. I haven't heard him use the term except for this instance. It is concerning—he was Norris's campaign manager, got elected commissioner, and is still a special deputy. Norris says special deputies sign NDAs. He notes Mattare is the only

person of political status who is a special deputy right now, and that Mattare advises him on a case-by-case basis, including messaging and some news releases. That seems like a conflict to me.

**Davalu Cummings:** The relationship started before Mattare became a commissioner.

**Churchgoer:** That's suspicious. I believe it could be suspicious.

**Davalu Cummings:** Okay—why?

**Churchgoer:** You wonder—if you backtrack—about intentions. Why are they “buddied up”?

**Davalu Cummings:** He was his campaign manager.

**Churchgoer:** Right.

**Davalu Cummings:** In politics, if he's campaign manager, he'll work with him in areas where sensitive info might be discussed. If Mattare happens to be present, you wouldn't want that out. The special deputization, as told to me, allows him to be part of that but not disclose. Law enforcement doesn't disclose everything; otherwise they couldn't conduct investigations. They didn't know each other before Idaho. I don't know how they became friends or involved with the first campaign, but I'm trying to understand what makes it suspicious.

**Churchgoer:** Also the fact he continued after [**election**]... I don't know the time, maybe we should move on.

**Paul Van Noy:** We probably should. I'll give you this personal comment—don't feel I'm defensive. I was also sworn at the Sheriff's Office—“special deputization,” so to speak. I was in offices, heard things, saw things, did ride-alongs—patrol chaplain, not jail. I understand that. But my position here—since you're saying this stays in the room—I'm comfortable saying: I don't like the tight relationship between Mattare and Norris. Bob knows this; I've told him face-to-face. I advocated strongly for John Padula for County Commissioner. Even though he didn't win, I was happy Eberlein won—not Bob's guy—because I wanted checks and balances. This may sound like I'm opposed to Bob about something—and I'm not blind. I don't see him as an angel. He wants power to accomplish his agenda—some of which I like. I'm looking ahead at notes—budget increases—I applaud him for that; I want deputies paid more and resources improved. We couldn't keep a deputy in this town because they're getting paid worse than an—

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**Paul Van Noy (cont.):** —elementary-school teacher, who's getting paid worse than a garbage collector.

**Churchgoer:** Right, I get that.

**Paul Van Noy:** What's wrong with us? I want him to have a bigger budget. I realize county commissioners have power. I understand human motive—he has an agenda and wants people he can work with. That's what's happened. And that's why I say "checks and balances"—let's not have a monopoly. That's one reason I supported Padula—he'd be the tension in the room.

**Davalu Cummings:** I endorse everything you just said. The problem is people don't understand "perception is reality." There may be nothing nefarious, but if it looks bad... I know it was brought up to Mattare that the perception between him and Bob looked bad, and that as a commissioner he shouldn't be involved in Norris's campaign. The response: there's no law against it. Idaho doesn't have an Ethics Commission—so you can't even report apparent violations.

**Paul Van Noy:** We don't have to like it.

**Davalu Cummings:** Do I like that relationship? No. I don't...

**Paul Van Noy:** We're probably on the same team there.

**Churchgoer:** I don't know what time it is.

**Paul Van Noy:** We're at an hour—let me extend ten more minutes for bullet points, and we'll leave you be.

**Churchgoer — [Summary]:** Raises concerns about Mattare and Norris, including budget and the helicopter (referencing the NISG article), money involved, and the sheriff asking for a budget increase.

**Paul Van Noy:** I can only say this: I don't know the details. But I don't want us to rely on Spokane—I want us equipped. It's kind of cool that we raised \$500,000 from private donors. Again, I don't know the minutiae, so I don't have an opinion. But I'm not a big fan of partnering with Spokane—"Spokompton."

**Churchgoer:** It's interesting—you don't know the helicopter name here, but I think it's Mark Ellis; I believe his brother in Spokane works with the same kind of thing.

**Davalu Cummings:** He does. But do you know their relationship?

**Churchgoer:** I don't. I know Spokane's helicopter is readily available and only 25 miles away; I don't know how that works on the job. I'm highlighting it in relation to the budget. On private donors—if you look into them, there is some concern: out-of-state donors and potential strings attached.

**Paul Van Noy:** What strings?

**Davalu Cummings:** Yeah—what strings?

**Churchgoer:** A donor named Terry Forester—owner of Labor Consultants International—provides H-2B visas for immigrant workers to Idaho corporations. So someone potentially involved in a bigger immigration issue...

**Davalu Cummings:** What's illegal about that?

**Churchgoer:** It's not illegal—just a red flag if donors are involved with things that might not align with claimed conservative positions.

**Davalu Cummings:** H-2B visas are legal immigration—a set number issued by the State Department.

**Churchgoer:** Okay.

**Davalu Cummings:** The helicopter is a nonprofit raising funds. The Sheriff's Office gave \$100,000 of asset-forfeiture money—federal funds seized from crimes—not taxes.

**Churchgoer:** Concern is whether future items might impact taxes—we don't know. Another note: the Coeur d'Alene Tribe contributed \$200,000 toward the helicopter; around that time they also requested rezoning, and Commissioner Mattare granted it despite local opposition. So there's potential intermingling.

**Paul Van Noy:** Potentially.

**Churchgoer:** Yeah.

**Paul Van Noy:** The Tribe gives away millions yearly to many.

**Churchgoer:** Yes.

**Davalu Cummings:** And the Coeur d'Alene Tribe is a sovereign nation—on equal footing with the federal government.

**Churchgoer:** Yes.

**Paul Van Noy:** Side note: they gave money to Coeur d'Alene High School; the school has their logo burned into the football field—minus the cross. I told their attorney and he was furious—the cross is part of their logo.

**Churchgoer:** Wow.

**Paul Van Noy:** I was meeting with him about the parade...

**Churchgoer:** A couple more things... **[Refers back to KCRCC vetting survey.]**

There's a question about which party platform they align with. Both answered "Republican," but I want to point out: Norris supports programs like "Fight Crime: Invest in Kids." Sounds good, but research shows it encourages federal interference in early childhood education and is promoted by the Council for a Strong America, which

**[allegedly]** incentivizes law-enforcement orgs for federally funded social services. That may not align with Republican values.

**Davalu Cummings:** I don't know anything about that Council.

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**Davalu Cummings (cont.):** This document you're reading from—whose interpretation, which website or organization is that?

**Churchgoer:** The first article by Teresa Roth—"Is Norris a Republican or a RINO?"

**Davalu Cummings:** That's from Teresa Roth.

**Churchgoer:** Yes. She researched "Fight Crime: Invest in Kids" and its foundations. Also, regarding H-2 visas—Norris supports them. In a March video he publicly supports that, and that's where I mentioned Terry Forester—it could be enabling illegal immigration in a roundabout way.

**Paul Van Noy:** Doesn't that go through the Department of Homeland Security?

**Davalu Cummings:** The State Department issues visas; USCIS **[DHS]** works with them.

**Paul Van Noy:** For your information, we went through that process with **[a pastor]**—it took three years and lawyers to get an R-1 visa. He's here legally; otherwise, he'd be an illegal refugee. He was literally running for his life. We rescued him out of Thailand after he'd already been arrested in Pakistan. They wanted to kill him.

**Davalu Cummings: [Murmurs.]**

**Paul Van Noy:** It's terrible. I'm not sure I dislike that.

**Churchgoer:** Okay.

**Paul Van Noy:** Just my thought.

**Davalu Cummings:** I've heard Norris say he supports people getting H-1B and H-2B visas because it's the legal way. It's not illegal immigration.

**Churchgoer:** Yeah.

**Paul Van Noy:** I've got a question—sorry to cut you off. Is Dan Wilson a white supremacist?

**Churchgoer:** No. No.

**Paul Van Noy:** What's his position on Israel?

**Churchgoer:** I don't know.

**Paul Van Noy:** I'd like to know.

**Churchgoer:** I've not spoken to him about that.

**Paul Van Noy:** Ask him. I'm concerned because I see some of his strongest, noisiest supporters are anti-Semites—and that terrifies me.

**Churchgoer:** Okay.

**Paul Van Noy:** [Refers to listening to Wilson.] I have. I've listened enough to know I dislike him a lot because he constantly bad-mouths. I don't like that kind of campaigning. I tell candidates: campaign on what you do, not on what others don't. Dan is a mudslinger; I dislike it a lot. I don't want Bob to do that either. The front page of Dan's website was documentation of everything he hates about Bob Norris—

**Churchgoer:** I don't think it is.

**Paul Van Noy:** It is. Maybe it's changed, but both times I looked it was a "Bob bashing" website. And, to be a jerk—Dan hasn't done a thing to get my attention: no call, no appointment, no lunch. If you want my attention, come talk to me. I'd like to put him on a stool in front of this church with questions. That's how I want to approach it. Not potentials. Forgive me. I love you.

**Churchgoer:** I get it—that's what I was going to next.

**Paul Van Noy:** My turn to be quiet.

**Churchgoer:** I want to shed light on Norris's experience and my concerns. I'm not here on behalf of Dan; I wanted to compare both candidates.

**Paul Van Noy:** Before you go further, get the four-years-ago KCRCC survey. I don't believe short answers aren't just bullet points of the same exhaustive content.

**Churchgoer:** Okay.

**Paul Van Noy:** "None"—one word—versus a paragraph: same thing, sometimes. In contending for Dan—if that's your agenda—think that through.

**Churchgoer:** Okay.

**Paul Van Noy:** Alright. Can we still be friends after this?

**Churchgoer:** Yeah, of course.

**Paul Van Noy:** And [Davalu Cummings]—tell them—I hate politics.

**Davalu Cummings:** He does.

**Churchgoer:** Yeah.

**Paul Van Noy:** I hate it. I don't want our community divided. **[Discusses "Idaho Rejects Hate," desire for thoughtful discourse.]**

**Churchgoer:** And the last thing—public stage: the debate and the "Show Your Proof" challenge. When Norris reached out to Dan, there was an email—time and place dictated—not mutually agreed. I included Dan's debate request and reasons he didn't show: not a legitimate debate—no agreed time/date/location, no neutral moderator. I heard Norris had merchandise there. Not sure if that's correct.

**Paul Van Noy:** I wasn't there. Wouldn't surprise me.

**Churchgoer:** Dan cited FEC criteria for debates; he's still waiting for a reply—requested for, I think, September 15.

**Paul Van Noy:** If I were Dan and the sitting sheriff offered time, I'd adjust my schedule and meet him. If I had the proof, I'd rearrange my life. "Name the time and place; I'll be there." Not play negotiation games. If he wants to contend—contend.

**Churchgoer:** Okay, I get that.

**Paul Van Noy:** Why am I advising Dan Wilson right now? **[Laughs.]**

**Churchgoer:** The email Norris sent was very much slung upon Dan. For some reason Bob types in all caps; that can come across as confrontational.

**Davalu Cummings:** You don't know many cops, do you?

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### Clip 37

**Davalu Cummings (cont.):** They type everything in all caps.

**Paul Van Noy:** They print in all caps. Remember when we printed in all caps?

**Churchgoer:** **[Acknowledges.]** I'm sure Norris would also want fairness. I don't know where we go from here.

**Paul Van Noy:** That's why I love that he says, "Show me the money," show me the proof—don't make hearsay or "it looks funny." Give me facts: where have I committed a crime; what have I done? Forgive me—I'll pull myself out of Dan and Bob. I deal with this as a pastor—2,000-member church, community roles. Constant accusations. I always say, "Show me the money. Bring me the accusation—what you saw—come talk to me." This is the problem of being a public figure. **[Provides a long example about church property financing, changing down-payment requirements, accusations, donors leaving, and personal/family toll.]**

**Churchgoer:** I've been an advocate for you... As for Dan—Jesus Christ is important in his life?

**Paul Van Noy:** Where does he go to church?

**Churchgoer:** He doesn't right now. There's a lot behind that.

**Paul Van Noy:** I think I know some of it. Can I tell you what I've heard? **[Shares rumor mill account; asks that it stay in the room.]**

**Churchgoer:** See, that's what you've been subject to.

**Paul Van Noy:** I know—that's why I'm saying it stays here.

**Churchgoer:** As far as I know, that is completely false. **[Defends Dan's demeanor at an event; describes attacks and his composure.]**

**Paul Van Noy:** The rumor mill and gossip—I haven't spoken of this outside.

**Churchgoer:** He has a beautiful story. You advocate for John Padula; there's more there with John, and I see similar attacks on Dan without people knowing him. That's why I came—to advocate—because what he looks like on video can be different, and he almost aligns...

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### Clip 38

**Churchgoer (cont.):** ...so much with you. Honestly, I was surprised to find out he didn't go to our church—he's very straight-up.

**Paul Van Noy:** I'll admit—perception. I've thought the same: if he's really this, why isn't he here? Why didn't he come to the Jim Jordan event? As a potential sheriff, I'd never miss that—strong advocates for conservative values were here. I was looking for him. I don't know if he'll be on the **[upcoming]** cruise with Russ Fulcher. I see mudslinging and lack of credibility from my vantage.

**Churchgoer:** But two wrongs don't make a right. There's more commonality—he's private. We all say Trump has faults; he stepped up. I feel the same with Dan.

**Paul Van Noy:** Do you know how I feel about Trump now? I was asked to be the pastor to represent the state of Idaho. I can't. I can't do it.

**Churchgoer:** I respect that.

**Paul Van Noy:** My advice to Dan—take the high road, do the right things, stand for what you believe, don't run a smear campaign. He won't win this election—it's too late, in my view. The sheriff will win, partly because of how Dan handled this—the smear-

campaign factor. That doesn't mean Dan has nothing to offer. It'd be better if we could find a way to work together. Why don't I pray and we call it?

**Churchgoer:** Thank you for your time.

**Paul Van Noy:** Are you kidding? I love you guys. It's sad we're in this condition. **[Explains loyalties, friendship with Bob, desire for community collaboration, perception of Dan, expectations about outreach.]**

**Churchgoer:** I know you're known for taking a stand.

**Paul Van Noy:** Even then, I'm careful publicly because our church is divided over this. I don't want **[the church]** divided. People on both sides whom I love. I'm leaving it alone. I hope you know I'm not being adversarial.

**Davalu Cummings:** I have something really quick—

**Paul Van Noy:** I know we went long. I hope it's okay I was this transparent.

**Churchgoer:** I appreciate transparency.

**Paul Van Noy:** It's worth it—you are worth it. **[Reiterates desire for unity despite political differences; mentions close friendship with Eric Reid despite his opposition to Bob; gives floor to Davalu Cummings.]**

**Davalu Cummings:** No—this is your show. I just want to say this has been amazing. We've lost the ability to sit and talk across differences. I commend you for getting involved in politics—especially you **[to Person]**. One challenge: in debate, we had to argue the opposite side—it strengthens your position. Question everything—including your faith teaching; ensure it's biblically sound. He **[Paul Van Noy]** won't condemn you for saying, "I believe this—show me." Know Dan Wilson as well as anybody if you're going to advocate for him. Don't read off a sheet—know what he stands for and why. Know your sources and whether they're credible in the community. How do people view information from Teresa Roth?

**Churchgoer:** I think it depends.

**Davalu Cummings:** Who is she? What's her background? Being a "researcher" doesn't make it objective. I love books with footnotes—so I can check sources. Be that person. Don't adopt someone else's opinion. For example, I know a lot about the helicopter and questioned it to the point I'm satisfied and can defend my position. Biggest complaint about Dan from people I know: they'd love to know how he's going to do what he says. I've tried to attend events; schedules conflict. I've reached out **[via Liberty]**—no return call. I want to know the plan and how. That's my advice and compliment—great you're out pounding pavement, whether we agree or not.

**Paul Van Noy:** I love it—the town square. Let’s have conversation. No contradiction to you—your systematic process with no interruption—well done.

**Davalu Cummings:** I agree.

**Paul Van Noy:** Can I pray? I hate to do it, but others are waiting and there’s another crisis. **[Prays for all parties, including Dan Wilson and Bob Norris, asking for grace, wisdom, and healthy placement.]**

**Davalu Cummings:** I’m always learning—but I’m that “why” person.

**Churchgoer:** Thank you for your time. Side note: if there’s a debate, or anything going forward—with an agreeable moderator—can we contact you?

**Paul Van Noy:** Of course. I’m not sure where it will go, but open conversation is healthy. I appreciate you. Eric Reid remains my very close friend; I love him dearly.

**Davalu Cummings:** I have a nonprofit that supports law enforcement, and **[Karen]** is my fundraising coordinator. I love her.

**Paul Van Noy:** And Eric has legitimate gripes about Norris—and I’m not discounting that there are legitimate gripes about me. I’m imperfect—and arrogant, as you found out.

**Churchgoer:** Thank you.

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### **Davalu Cummings follows downstairs and outside...**

**Davalu Cummings:** I want to apologize for my tone—I can come off confrontational. I hope there are no hard feelings; I wasn’t trying to attack you.

**Churchgoer:** I didn’t feel that. I just didn’t know who you were or your intention, or who you were representing.

**Davalu Cummings:** I’m not representing anybody—myself only. Like Paul said, he has special deputies who advise him on topics he doesn’t have time to handle; with my background—30 years in federal law enforcement, six and a half at the WA AG’s Office (civil tort), last 15 years on sex crimes against children; I’ve supervised groups doing immigration enforcement and child sex crimes. I got involved in politics a bit—was President of the Republican Women until it no longer aligned, and I resigned in February. I’ve really wanted to talk to Dan or do a Q&A with him, but schedules conflicted. The one event I made **[at The Altar]**—same night as Norris’s kickoff—I had to leave. Other events conflicted. I can’t find answers on his site or podcast. And it’s hard to beat an incumbent.

**Churchgoer:** I admire him for coming forward against that.

**Davalu Cummings:** Sure.

**Churchgoer:** We'll see what happens. Thank you for your time. I know you're busy.

**Davalu Cummings:** Gotta be busy. I'm glad I'm no longer in law enforcement—it's difficult in this country. Under-appreciated. That's why I started the nonprofit—to support the men and women on the street; politics should be separate. As long as they're doing their best and not violating rights, they should be supported.

**Churchgoer:** I agree. I'm sure we'll run into each other.

**Davalu Cummings:** Well, it's hard when there are so many services at church...