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An incident that occurred Friday night that has become public. We are issuing the following statement in order to clear up misinformation.

This was a quiet private party in support of Francine Busby's Campaign for Congress. There was no music, entertainment or rowdy behavior on the part of the mostly middle-aged guests. The evening featured remarks by Busby and casual conversation. Neighboring homes were not visible from the secluded private home in Cardiff where the reception took place.

As Busby spoke to the attendees, a man was heard shouting from behind a wooded area. His obscenity-laced tirade against Democrats and Francine Busby included a number of threats.

At approximately 9:30 PM about twenty-five guests remained quietly chatting when a deputy sheriff entered the home and asked to speak with the homeowner. Senior deputies who arrived later, explained that the deputy had been responding to a complaint about a "Democratic Demonstration," which clearly mischaracterized the nature of the private reception and indicated that this may have been a politically motivated call. The call was suspected to have originated from the same person who had been shouting obscenities and threats from behind the trees. There was no cause for any neighbor to file a noise complaint.

When the homeowner asked the Deputy Sheriff why he needed her date of birth, the Deputy reacted by restraining the homeowner and throwing her to the ground. Alarmed guests, pleaded with the deputy to let the 60 year old homeowner go and stop hurting her. She had recently had shoulder surgery and was clearly in pain. His response was to spray the women with pepper spray which caused confusion and outrage.

This incident is regrettable because it was instigated by an anonymous caller with a phony complaint and was avoidable and unnecessary.



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