

Right of reply letter

Subject: Request for Comment

Hi Alex,

Part Three of my video is coming out in a few days. It contains many allegations and findings about your public role as a cold case investigator and your background as it pertains to that role. In the interest of fairness and journalistic integrity, I am writing to provide you with the opportunity to respond before the video goes public, currently scheduled for Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026.

The following allegations about you were communicated to me by other parties:

Investigations

- People Magazine said they canceled a potential cover story in 2021, didn't believe your claims, and objected to you using their name to falsely promote the unconfirmed story for self-gain.
- A documentary was announced in 2021 but DreamEmpire films told me they canceled it, and voided the contract due to a difference in creative approach.
- Vanity Fair told me they didn't believe your claims and felt you were trying to scam them, and that it wasn't true that they were going to run your feature story.
- The Times (London) told me they thought you made up the story about a photoshoot for your upcoming international coverage.
- A source said photographs of Marvin Merrill's girlfriend, Elizabeth, were found behind the sketch.
- A source said you claimed to own a piece of Zodiac victim Paul Stine's bloody shirt.
- A source said an unlicensed associate of yours was pretending to be an attorney.
- Multiple sources suspect you are directly or indirectly using fake social media accounts to defend and boost your investigations.
- DeWayne Hendrix said you tried to steal his supporters and lied about him to Wayne Williams. Hendrix said he had paid for your hotel room and transportation.
- Nicholas Burston said you were lying, never solved any cases, were only trying to make money from their family's grief, and tried to become the face of their movement.
- DeWayne Hendrix and Nicholas Burston said you tried to take their work as your own.
- Steve Hodel claims you never credited him for contributing Black Dahlia material to you.
- A Zodiac researcher claims you took his Marvin Margolis research and never credited him.

Employment and military experience

- A source said they ran a background check on you and found only a grocery store produce department as employment.
- A source said you told stories about your experience in the special ops, and pretended to be an agent on assignment as cover for cheating on the girlfriend you were living with.
- A source said a separate background check found you were once employed as a security guard. Was that connected to either your PSO experience or military service?
- A source said you told stories about being in special ops, and that Black Hawk Down was based on the unit you served in. They said they and J-Lynn called your mother who said you never served.
- A source said you were fired after three months working admissions at Austin's Beauty College. They described you as a manipulative, "untrustworthy shyster," and a womanizer, and said you could not be trusted with money.
- A source said you were fired from a previous job before J-Lynn helped you get hired at Linda's Beauty College, where you were fired a few months later for stealing.

Personal

- A source called you a scam artist, habitual liar, drug addict (cocaine and alcohol), and thief. They said you get abusive and violent when you drink.
- A source said your frequent gambling had led to significant debts.
- A source said you're toxic, stole from and abused J-Lynn, are a "classic isolator" (controlling J-Lynn's phone and preventing her from contacting people), and groomed and manipulated J-Lynn and moved her to a different state.
- A source said you harassed them and J-Lynn to remove negative comments about you from YouTube otherwise you wouldn't complete your divorce.
- A source said you've never been autistic and just say it to gain emotional support.
- The owner of a car dealership said you're dishonest, unable to hold a job, involved in fraud, well-spoken, and a master manipulator. They said it's easy to be fooled by you and to be cautious.
- A source said you worked for him for a week, dated and cheated on his ex-wife, stole money from her, and frequently lied.
- Two sources said Lori Halstead catfished you with a fake Facebook account which led to a real romance. A source said she has gone into significant debt to support you.
- Multiple sources said you have a history of legal troubles in multiple states.
- DeWayne Hendrix said you challenged him to a fight, and that your wife told him "you treat her like shit."

Please let me know of any clarifications, additional context, statements or corrections regarding these findings that you believe I should take into consideration. I'm happy to incorporate them into my video provided I receive them prior to the publication date of Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026.

Sincerely,

-David Oranchak

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