

KALASHO STALKING INCIDENTS SUMMARY: PROVIDED BY JESSE KENDRICK OCTOBER 6, 2018

On Friday September 28, around 2:00 PM, I was canvassing Fletcher Hills, distributing flyers warning the citizens of El Cajon of Mr. Kalasho's gross misconduct in office.

I was driving our street-legal golf cart when I noticed a black Range Rover driving very closely behind me. As is customary when driving a smaller, slower vehicle, I pulled to a side street to allow it to pass. Rather than passing me, however, this vehicle followed me. I turned into a driveway to turn around when Ben Kalasho slowed down, briefly blocking me in the driveway.

He rolled down his window and shouted at me, accompanied by his wife Jessica. My heart began to race. I couldn't see through the tinted windows in his back seat. I had read in the papers about Ben Kalasho's violent outbursts with his attack dog, and I had seen videos posted to his own Facebook wherein he trained his German shepherd to assault people. My golf cart has no doors or walls. This suddenly felt like a very tangible danger.

I refuse to be Ben Kalasho's next victim.

I decided to drive home in the interest of protecting my own safety and the safety of my passenger (a volunteer who offered to assist in distributing literature).

Ben Kalasho followed me very closely, rolling through two stop signs. Initially, I drove around a block to verify that he was not coincidentally driving on the same street as me. No, he was chasing me. I pulled over to the side of the road several times to allow him to pass. He pulled over immediately behind me.

Looking back at Mr. Kalasho, I could see him grinning at me. He appeared to take pleasure in this.

I drove approximately 2 miles to my home while Mr. Kalasho pursued closely. When I finally turned onto my street, he relented.

I filed an incident report with the El Cajon Police Department. Incident #18008640

The following day, Saturday September 29, my father and I took the golf cart to distribute literature about Councilman Kendrick's accomplishments in his 16-year tenure of serving the people of El Cajon. We noticed Ben Kalasho's black SUV drive past us. A few minutes later, he idled his vehicle closely behind ours, with his headlights shining into our open-air cart.

At the advice of my attorney, I immediately dialed 911. I have read about Kalasho's violent record. Knowing Mr. Kalasho had pled guilty to fraud, I also did not trust him to offer an accurate account of events, should he attempt to provoke an altercation.

This call took place at 6:27 PM.

My father and I continued to the next house, as we were receiving an overwhelmingly warm welcome in this neighborhood. Ben Kalasho followed me, again idling his vehicle closely behind mine. This went on for a few houses. Eventually he drove several houses in front of me and parked, almost as though he were anticipating my arrival. Before I reached that house, however, he drove off. He turned around and drove past us one more time with his camera pointed at us before leaving.

My dad has been an elected official for 20 years. This is the first time a member of my family has ever been stalked by a political opponent.