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James Ketter – July 30, 2015

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In 2015 James Ketter welcomed a donation made by one of our admins in his honor. Now he claims that the letter was meant to bully him. In this playful courtroom transcript Mr. Ketter's testimony is copied verbatim from his own posts (Exhibits #1-4) and from the ACLU letter (Exhibit #5) – which appear following the transcript.

JUDGE: You may continue with your examination.

PROSECUTOR: Mr. Ketter, you testified that the defendant, Andrew Gross, attempted to threaten you by sending a donation to the ACLU?

JAMES KETTER: Mocking a GoFundMe account I had up at the time.

PROSECUTOR: Why did you have a GoFundMe account?

JAMES KETTER: I was between jobs.

PROSECUTOR: So Gross was mocking your financial situation?

JAMES KETTER: Correct.

PROSECUTOR: Is there any other reason why you think he taunted you?

JAMES KETTER: To mock my stance.

PROSECUTOR: Your anti-circumcision stance?

JAMES KETTER: Correct.

PROSECUTOR: Why do you think Gross used the ACLU to have a letter sent to you? Why not just mail a letter directly to your home?

DEFENSE ATTY: Objection. Calls for speculation.

JUDGE: Overruled.

JAMES KETTER: The ACLU has refused to take a clear position on this.

PROSECUTOR: Did you consider the letter a threat?

JAMES KETTER: His implied threat to me was obvious, as was his meaning.

PROSECUTOR: What concerned you about the letter?

JAMES KETTER: He knows where I live, and he has no sense of boundaries.

PROSECUTOR: Thank you. No further questions.

JUDGE: Your witness, Mr. Defense Attorney.

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DEFENSE ATTY: Thank you, Your Honor. Now, Mr. Ketter, you claim that my client mocked you because you were unemployed at the time?

JAMES KETTER: Correct.

DEFENSE ATTY: Let's look at Exhibit #4, your Facebook post. Please read the date.

JAMES KETTER: June 18, 2015.

DEFENSE ATTY: Please read the highlighted portion.

JAMES KETTER: "My long employment drought is coming to an end. Just got word I will be selling appliances, furniture and electronics at The Brick department store in Langford. I passed the background and reference checks. I sign the employment agreement with them tomorrow."

DEFENSE ATTY: So on June 18 you announced your new job. And yet you claim that my client taunted your unemployment status *more than a month later*?

JAMES KETTER: I have made a mistake.

DEFENSE ATTY: Right. Now let's look at Exhibit #5. Mr. Ketter, do you recognize this?

JAMES KETTER: A donation letter from the ACLU.

DEFENSE ATTY: Please read the highlighted portion.

JAMES KETTER: "Congratulations on your new job!"

DEFENSE ATTY: Contrary to your testimony, my client wasn't mocking you for being unemployed. On the contrary, he was praising you for securing employment. Isn't that right?

JAMES KETTER: That is what Andrew did.



DEFENSE ATTY: You're known among intactivists for your essays. Aren't you?

JAMES KETTER: Correct.

DEFENSE ATTY: And your readers find these essays on the internet?

JAMES KETTER: Correct.

DEFENSE ATTY: Do you post your essays from home or at a public venue?

JAMES KETTER: Home.

DEFENSE ATTY: Could you access the internet for free at a public library?

PROSECUTOR: Your Honor, what is the relevance of this line of questioning?

DEFENSE ATTY: It will become clear in a moment.

JUDGE: Make it quick.

DEFENSE ATTY: Mr. Ketter, could you access the internet for free at a public library?

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JAMES KETTER: Correct.

DEFENSE ATTY: When you posted your GoFundMe account, you didn't say it was for living expenses. You said it was **to maintain internet access for you to post your essays**. Couldn't you have posted the essays at the library for free? Until your financial situation improved?

PROSECUTOR: Objection. Counsel is assuming facts not in evidence.

JUDGE: Sustained.

DEFENSE ATTY: Oh, that's right. We don't have a screen shot because the GoFundMe link has conveniently disappeared from your Facebook page.

PROSECUTOR: Objection, Your Honor!

JUDGE: Objection sustained. Move on, Mr. Defense Attorney.



DEFENSE ATTY: Mr. Ketter, you have accused my client of threatening you.

JAMES KETTER: His implied threat to me was obvious.

DEFENSE ATTY: An *implied* threat? Really? What's an "implied threat?"

JAMES KETTER: Andrew Gross chose to find my unlisted address, and send me a donation letter from the ACLU.

DEFENSE ATTY: You didn't feel threatened on August 26, 2015. What did you write then?

JAMES KETTER: "I am not threatened."

DEFENSE ATTY: But you accused him of malicious intent. How did you put it at the time?

JAMES KETTER: "That doesn't mean the intention of a threat wasn't there in the first place."

DEFENSE ATTY: If you didn't *consider* it a threat, how could it *be* a threat?

JAMES KETTER: "It IS threatening. However, I choose NOT to feel threatened."

DEFENSE ATTY: You don't feel threatened by a threat? That makes no sense.

JAMES KETTER: I tried to tell the world it didn't bother me – attempting to de-escalate the situation.

DEFENSE ATTY: You didn't feel threatened two years ago, but now you claim that you do?

JAMES KETTER: What would your reaction be if an opponent you had online, chose to break through the barriers of the internet to reach out to YOU in your own home at YOUR home address?

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DEFENSE ATTY: Since the ACLU letter, did you receive other mail from my client or anyone else affiliated with my client?

JAMES KETTER: No.

DEFENSE ATTY: By August 26, you came across [my client's op-ed](#) that condemns the organized online bullying campaign that intactivists conduct every day.

JAMES KETTER: A full article about internet bullying.

DEFENSE ATTY: **THAT'S** when you changed your tune. For four weeks the donation was a nice gesture. But when you read my client's article, **THAT'S** when you decided to claim that the donation was bullying. You wanted to portray my client as a hypocrite. Isn't that right?

JAMES KETTER: Andrew and the rest of the PPC crowd is going around claiming that what Andrew himself ... has done is a crime of INTACTIVISTS... The PPC crowd are clearly bullies.

DEFENSE ATTY: Having already stated that you weren't threatened, this is just a sad attempt to contort the clear meaning of your words. If you could show that my client was a hypocrite, that would boost your status in the intactivist movement. No further questions.

JUDGE: Mr. Prosecutor?

PROSECUTOR: The prosecution rests.



JUDGE: The defense will call its first witness.

DEFENSE ATTY: The defense calls James Ketter as a rebuttal witness.

JUDGE: I don't understand. Mr. Ketter just testified.

DEFENSE ATTY: Excuse me, Your Honor. I mean James Ketter of July 30, 2015.

PROSECUTOR: Your Honor, this is highly irregular.

JUDGE: I'll allow it.

DEFENSE ATTY: Thank you, Your Honor.

CLERK: State your name for the record.

JAMES KETTER: James Ketter

DEFENSE ATTY: Now Mr. Ketter, tell the court what happened on July 30, 2015.

JAMES KETTER: I got a letter in the mail from the ACLU.

DEFENSE ATTY: And what did the letter say?

JAMES KETTER: A donation has been made in my name, by Andrew Gross.

DEFENSE ATTY: Did you know Mr. Gross?

JAMES KETTER: Many of my readers will recognize Andrew's name, and the stance he takes online to preserve parental rights.

DEFENSE ATTY: How did this letter, notifying you of the donation, make you feel?

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JAMES KETTER: The ACLU is a very good cause. I'm honored.

DEFENSE ATTY: Your 2017 self just testified that my client mocked your jobless status. Did he refer to your employment status in the letter?

JAMES KETTER: "Congratulations on your new job!"

DEFENSE ATTY: And what else did his message refer to?

JAMES KETTER: My posts.



DEFENSE ATTY: So he was mocking your **writings** rather than your job status. Correct?

JAMES KETTER: My posts and everything I have to say.

DEFENSE ATTY: Precisely! Now your 2017 self also testified that you considered the letter to constitute a threat. Specifically, an "implied" threat. Is that true?

JAMES KETTER: I don't see any malice or threat.

DEFENSE ATTY: It doesn't bother you that he – or one of his friends – searched online and found your mailing address?

JAMES KETTER: I am hardly hiding or difficult to find. He clearly found my home address online with a very cursory Google search, just as anyone could.

DEFENSE ATTY: Why don't you consider it a threat?

JAMES KETTER: If anything, it shows his courage of convictions.

DEFENSE ATTY: How so?

JAMES KETTER: He was trusting me with HIS address after all.

DEFENSE ATTY: You aren't just trying to "de-escalate" anything? You're sure about that?

JAMES KETTER: I am sure.

DEFENSE ATTY: Mr. Ketter, will you state for the record that you don't consider this letter from my client to constitute a threat, express or implied?

JAMES KETTER: *For the record*, I don't see any malice or threat in his sending me this letter.

DEFENSE ATTY: Is there anything you would like to say to my client?


JAMES KETTER: Thanks, Andrew. It is nice to know you and your friends are reading my page so passionately, and following my posts and everything I have to say.

DEFENSE ATTY: Thank you very much, Mr. Ketter. You've brought clarity to this case.

DEFENSE ATTY: Your Honor, **THE DEFENSE RESTS.**

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EXHIBIT #1 – September 21, 2017



James Ketter
September 21 at 9:48am · 🌐

I'm a big enough man to admit when I have made a mistake. Back in July of 2015 I made one, and I wish to correct that misstep today.

At the time, Andrew Gross chose to find my unlisted address, and send me a donation letter from the ACLU, mocking both a GoFundMe account I had up at the time when I was between jobs, and to mock my stance on Routine Infant Genital Cutting (as the ACLU has refused to take a clear position on this human rights violation).

When I received it, his implied threat to me was obvious, as was his meaning. He knows where I live, and he has no sense of boundaries. Had myself or another intactivist done something similar to Andrew or any of his PPC crowd, it would never have been forgotten, and it would be repeated by them on a daily basis for the rest of time.

Whatever side of the RIC debate you find yourself on, ask yourself this. What would your reaction be if an opponent you had online, chose to break through the barriers of the internet to reach out to YOU in your own home at YOUR home address, and sent you a document mocking your personal beliefs at a time you were struggling?

THAT is what Andrew did.

The mistake I made was taking the high road and attempting to de-escalate the situation. I tried to tell the world it didn't bother me, and attempted to keep the trolls from blowing the situation up into an all out flame war.

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Apparently, to Andrew and the rest of the PPC crowd, this gives them permission to do this to others, and feel unashamed.

Further, Andrew and the rest of the PPC crowd is going around claiming that what Andrew himself does, and has done, is a crime of INTACTIVISTS. They threaten young parents not to listen to us because we might do to them what Andrew did to me.

The PPC crowd are clearly bullies with no sense of boundaries or irony. Any time the PPC crowd claims Intactivists are the ones going around finding people's IRL addresses and threatening them, show them this.


The PPC crowd accuse others of their own tactics.

For the record; I still will not publish Andrew's address from the letter. Unlike the PPC crowd, I DO NOT stoop to their level.

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EXHIBIT #2 – August 26, 2015




James Ketter Yeah, Ha. I explained that already. It wasn't an explicit threat, it was an IMPLIED threat.


I never once said this WASN'T a bullying tactic. For the record, IT IS!

I remain unconcerned by his tactics. But it does seem a bit... suspect that Andrew would write a full article about internet bullying, and then do this.

Doesn't it seem odd to you?

I think Andrew's intent by doing this is clear to anyone reading, no matter how I feel about it.

Like · Reply ·  3 · August 26, 2015 at 7:23pm



James Ketter Maybe I should have said, "I do not feel any malice or threat in his sending me this letter." I'll agree to a poor choice of words there.


As I have said, his intentions are clear for anyone reading.


I still see his intention, but I choose not to feel threatened. I am here. I am real, and I will stand up for in person what I write on these pages.

Let me be clear here and now.


I see very clearly Andrews implied threat. It IS threatening. However, I choose NOT to feel threatened by a bully.


Does that make sense to you?

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James Ketter I am STILL unconcerned about Andrew finding my home address. What's your point?

Like · Reply ·  2 · August 26, 2015 at 7:36pm





James Ketter 1) Andrew says he doesn't like bullying from intactivists.

2) without my permission and without asking for my address Andrew finds my personal address and sends me this letter.

How would YOU feel if someone you did not know creeped your Facebook page and did this to you? How would you feel if it were someone so vitriolically opposed to everything you write, comment on and believe?


Would YOU think there was no hidden message?

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James Ketter I STILL say I am not threatened.


But that doesn't mean the intention of a threat wasn't there in the first place.

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EXHIBIT #3 – July 30, 2015

**James Ketter**
July 30, 2015 · 🌐

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So, I got a letter in the mail from the ACLU showing a donation has been made in my name, by Andrew Gross.

I am sure many of my readers will recognize Andrew's name, and the stance he takes online to preserve "parental rights."

Thanks Andrew. It is nice to know you and your friends are reading my page so passionately, and following my posts and everything I have to say. I also feel the ACLU is a very good cause. I'm honored.

It just goes to show. You never know who is reading what you write.

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For the record, I am unconcerned about Andrew finding my home address. I am hardly hiding or difficult to find. He clearly found my home address online with a very cursory Google search, just as anyone could.

I don't see any malice or threat in his sending me this letter. If anything, it shows his courage of convictions. He was trusting me with HIS address after all.

Just in case he doesn't want or desire contact at HIS personal home or place of business though, I have blurred out his personal address.

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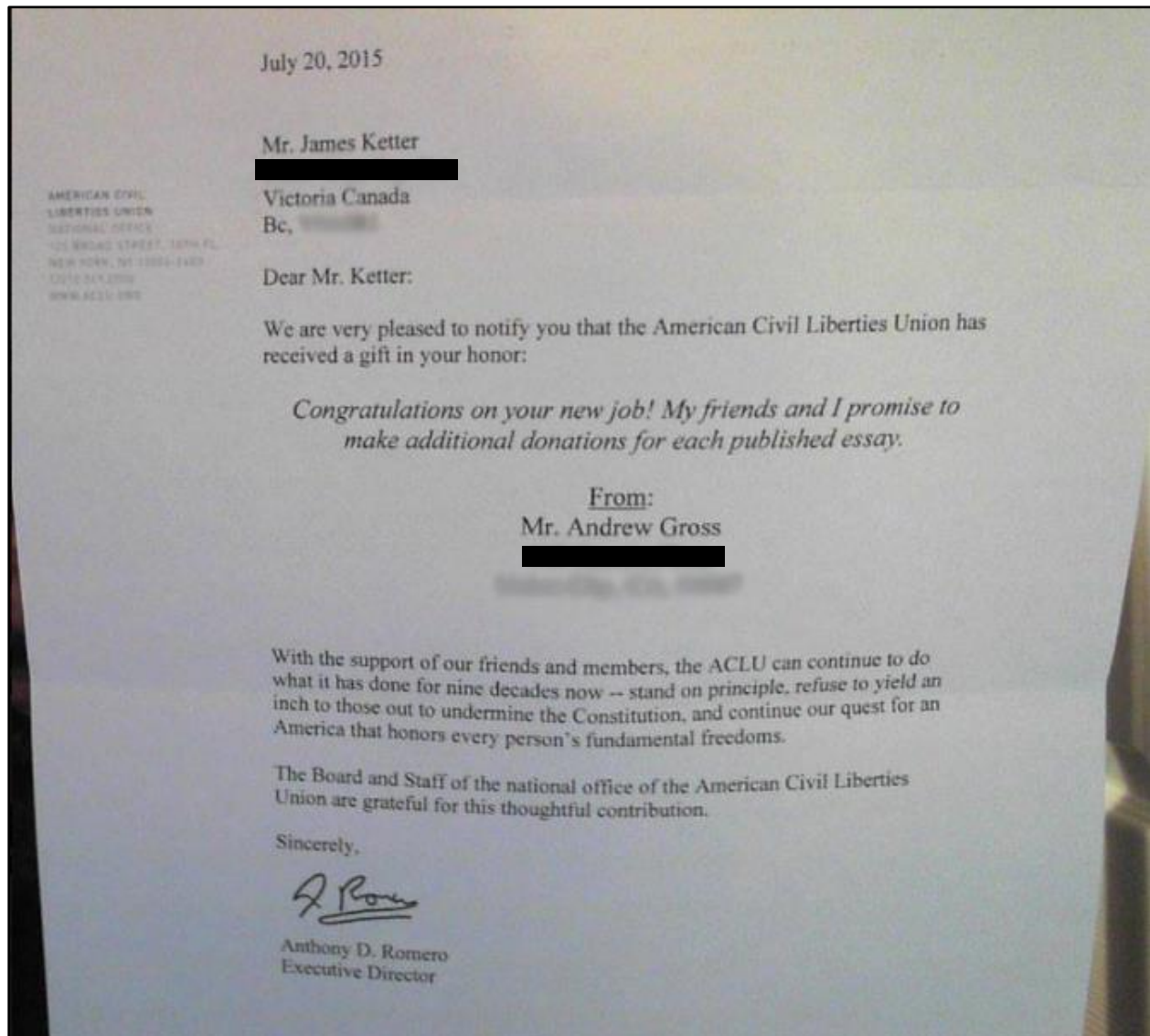
Exhibit #4 – June 18, 2015



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EXHIBIT #5



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