

Who is George Latimer? Part I

I am a reporter and Publisher of Talk of the Sound.

For those who do not know much about Talk of the Sound, probably, based on our comments section and traffic data, because you only heard of this media outlet over the past couple weeks in the context of our reporting on George Latimer, we have played the role of public watchdog in New Rochelle for over 9 years. One thing regular readers know is when I run a series of articles asking the “Who is ?” question nothing good is in store for the person - they are going to be fired, arrested, forced to pay restitution or some other thing they will not like.

Over the past three weeks, George Latimer has lied to me and about me and encouraged others to lie about me on his behalf. And I have had enough.

Readers have often asked when I would respond to Latimer’s attacks on me and Talk of the Sound. I tweeted that I would respond at a time and place of my choosing. Today is the day and this is the place.

So let me begin by observing a bit about my experience with George Latimer and a bit about myself and Talk of the Sound.

To not know George is to like him. From a safe distance he is an affable, gregarious bear of a man. Up close, in the trenches, asking him tough questions as a reporter, my impression has changed. I now see George Latimer as one of the most accomplished liars in the New York State Legislature which for world-class liars like George Latimer is like the World Cup, Super Bowl and Summer Olympics all rolled into one.

George Latimer is a man who who has taken two oaths in his life: one as a public official to “support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New York” and “faithfully discharge the duties” of the various offices to which he has been elected and one as a husband where he promised his wife to be true to her in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health and to love her and honor her all the days of his life.

He has failed to uphold these oaths in spectacular fashion.

And in doing so has lied to his family, his constituents, his colleagues, the media and more. He lies without averting his head or eyes, the sign of a virtuoso at lying. Anyone who can convince his wife he is in Albany working on the State Budget, convince his Senate colleagues he needs to be excused from working on the State budget to take his wife to London, all while planning a trip to the UK with his mistress is a pretty darn good liar.

In lying about me over the past few weeks, George Latimer has gotten my attention. And regular readers as well as public officials in New Rochelle know that getting my attention is never a good thing. It’s like waving a bone in front of Ezekiel, my English Bull Terrier. Just try taking a bone away from Zeke; expect to lose a hand. Likewise, I am now on the George Latimer story and will not stop any more than Zeke will give up that bone.

In this series of articles, I will take readers behind the scenes on my reporting and show all the many ways in which George Latimer lies. It is a long and detailed story but there is no other way to tell it and do the story justice. To make the story more digestible to readers, I have broken it into 10 parts which I will publish in rapid fire succession or you can download a PDF file of the entire article. Know that the entire story was completed before the first Part was published. It runs well over 70 double-spaced pages (about 90,000 characters) typed with one finger on my iPhone. I took my time.

So let me begin with why liars like George Latimer don't like me.

As the publisher of Talk of the Sound, I have made many enemies.

Based on my reporting, more than a few people have been fired from their jobs, some have gone to jail. Among them an administrator at a local middle school who was convicted for raping students in his school office. Most recently a school district contractor and a former school district administrator both of whom plead guilty to federal corruption charges, an investigation not only initiated through our reporting but our active involvement with the U.S. Department of Justice. The pair of now-convicted criminals are scheduled to be sentenced in January. One of them, protected for years by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, is the son of a man who not long ago was one of the highest-ranking police officials in New York State (they protect their own). Knowing what the DOJ knows about corruption in New Rochelle (I literally gave them a "road map") I expect other federal indictments to follow.

For years, I (and my family) have been subjected to all manner of retaliation for speaking truth to power. A great deal of effort has been made over the years to discredit me and my reporting or to deter me from continuing to publish. My tires have been punctured by nails, blow torches, and wooden stakes (7 destroyed tires and counting); there have been multiple death threats, I have been beaten, robbed, defamed, sued, obstructed and even arrested and convicted on false charges brought by corrupt police officers (currently the subject of an appeal and a federal lawsuit against the three police officers involved). My wife, a teacher in the local school district, has been subjected to retaliation and threats for years; retaliation that continues to this day. My wife and daughter were attacked by a henchman for a retired police officer. The list is too long to recount fully here.

Talk of the Sound primarily covers news about New Rochelle, ranging from police and fire incidents, to sporting events, to obituaries, parades, announcements about

civic events and official meeting announcements. Out of all the stories I have published by Talk of the Sound over the years, a tiny percentage are about local politics and none about national politics.

Most of what is published is handled by freelancers. Quite frankly, stories about a basketball game or a bake sale are boring to me and I have no interest to post those stories so I hire other people to do that in concert with various news sources.

The formula works. We are, by far, the largest media outlet in New York State's 7th largest city. Through the web site, our daily email newsletter, social media and the occasional print run we reach a minimum of 10,000 readers a day - and many more if our stories going viral.

What I write myself is primarily articles based on my own original reporting or news scoops like a shooting or an unexpected resignation of a public official. Much of my work is traditional investigative reporting, usually the type described as CARR or "computer-aided research and reporting" where I go online to obtain records, access databases and run numbers, often to fact-check public sector employees. I do a lot of interviews, most on background, because many of my sources fear retaliation for talking to me. I am easily the most active filer of Freedom of Information requests in New Rochelle.

New Rochelle is a one-party town. In the municipal government and on the school board there are a total of 114 elected and appointed positions which require filing a financial disclosure form. Out of those 114 positions, last I checked, 111 of them are Democrats and 3 are Republicans.

As my investigative reporting focuses almost entirely on New Rochelle public sector employees managed by appointed and elected officials, my targets for investigation are often people who owe their jobs to Democrats. Our reporting is not partisan but might look that way to outsiders who are not aware that 97% of our local govern-

ment is run by Democrats. As the three Republicans are distinct minorities on City Council and the Board of Education, New Rochelle is 100% under the control of Democrats and the Democratic Party is controlled by a handful of individuals. In other words, New Rochelle is effectively run by an oligarchy.

The issue is not Republicans versus Democrats but honest people and dishonest people. In my experience, "dishonest public officials" is the most non-partisan issue of all. Dishonest people despise me because I shine a light on their malfeasance. The powers that be do not like what I do. That they may be Democrats is a function of our coverage area; I have done plenty of reporting that has been deeply upsetting to the handful of Republicans involved in running New Rochelle. I have been threatened with violence for my reporting on a senior New Rochelle City Court employee. The political affiliation of a crook is not a consideration in my reporting.

I have done a good number of major multi-part investigative series on public sector corruption in New Rochelle. Most relate to school district employees, cops and public-sector contractors. None of them have involved elected officials or relate to partisan politics. Off the top of my head the biggest ones are: (1) corruption within the Buildings & Grounds Department (2) corruption involving school district vendors over-billing and paying bribes and kickbacks that led to those two Federal indictments and convictions; (3) corruption involving police harassment of a woman on behalf of the manager of a local beach club; (4) a child rapist operating out of a public middle school; (5) an illegal gambling and pornography web site operated by members of the New Rochelle Police Department; (6) a retired police officer defrauding charities including St. Jude's Children's Research; (7) illegal asbestos handling and asbestos removal at an elementary school; (8) an effort to artificially inflate the salaries and pensions of senior police commanders; (9) the relationship between the New Rochelle Police Commissioner and a corrupt contractor, a man who has since been

convicted on Federal corruption charges; (10) the sordid history of former New Rochelle Schools Administrator Freddie Dean Smith. There are others.

Our stories are often picked up and reported by larger media organizations at the local level (The Journal News, News12, and FiOS1News), at the regional level (CBS2, New York Post, NBC4, Eyewitness News7, Fox5, New York Daily News) and at the national level (Associated Press, USATODAY, The New York Times).

I have worked a lot with the folks at WCBS and provide photo and video content for News12 and FiOSNews. For quite a while now I have gotten requests for content, news tips, story ideas and even interviews, from FiOS1News, mostly from Executive Producer Helen Jonsen.

Although New Rochelle is in Westchester, I do not care all that much about Westchester County government. To me, it is a useless extra layer of government that rarely touches the lives of most New Rochelle residents in a significant way. I do not find there is much they do that could not be handled by the state government or local municipalities. More than anything, it is just plain boring to me and, I suspect, to the vast majority of my readers. I have never once attended a session of the Westchester County Board of Legislators. I cannot recall doing all that much original reporting on the County government except related to the Westchester County Health Department which I considered one of the worst run agencies in New York based on my dealings with them. I publish public interest announcements from the County government but mostly just link to other media outlets reporting on County government and send my readers to them if they want to know more.

I was certainly not interested in covering the current race for Westchester County Executive. I am not going to bother to check my own site but if prior to October 16th we had published more than 5 articles about the County Executive race in 2017 I would be surprised. One story that did catch my eye was the Latimer property tax is-

sue where he was clearly lying, and a bit of online research showed that he had a couple of other financial issues which I did report.

As the Publisher of Talk of the Sound, I do not deal with George Latimer or Rob Astorino much. Like every other politician in the area, I am on their email press list and occasionally publish information from them. I once raised concerns directly to Astorino about the failure of the Westchester County Health Department to notify several communities including New Rochelle they would be shutting off the water for a day. I once raised concerns directly to George Latimer about the New York State Education Department continuing to license Freddie Dean Smith as a school administrator despite his extensive criminal record and his numerous fraudulent job applications at schools around Westchester County. There may have been others over the last 10 years but I do not recall them now. In neither case did either of them take action to resolve my concerns. Mostly, I spend my time covering New Rochelle so if I see them at all it is most likely at an event in New Rochelle. In those very brief interactions over the years I have found them to both be pleasant and amiable. I have never had a cross word with either of them that I recall.

As for Westchester County government politics, I believe Rob Astorino has done a good job as County Executive. I believe Tim Idoni has done a good job as County Clerk. I intend to vote for them. I requested lawn signs from both. Astorino's campaign dropped off a sign and it's on my front lawn. If Idoni would have dropped off a sign I would have that sign displayed as well. He declined to do so. I went to Iona Prep with Jim Maisano so I had better support him (plus he is running unopposed) and I support Sheila Marcotte. I forget which one's district I am in these days but I will vote for whichever one it is.

The simple fact is, I find County government to be uninteresting. Maybe if there was an airport or amusement park or nuclear power plant nearby I might care more but there isn't and I don't.

Next up. the issue of George Latimer's lies, deceptions and dissembling.

Who is George Latimer? Part II

On Monday October 9th, 2017 I was with a friend, driving in my car. Apropos to nothing, he asked me if I knew that George Latimer had been in a serious car crash over the summer. I told him I had not heard anything about it.

My friend is not a part of the Astorino campaign (nor am I). I have never asked but to the best of my knowledge my friend is a not a Republican (nor am I). He mentioned the Latimer car crash because he had heard about it and figured I would know more given that I have been reporting on New Rochelle on a daily basis for going on a decade. He expected I would tell him more about it. I could not but it was certainly the sort of story I would pursue: a high-ranking state official in a serious car crash is the sort of story I would like to break.

My standard response to information like that is to seek public records to see if the "tip" is documented and whether it was worth pursuing. Later that same day, I typed up a Freedom of Information Request and send it to the Public Records Access Officer at the New Rochelle Police Department. Sometimes tips like this pan out, more often that not they don't.

When I send a FOIL request to any agency I always used a boilerplate template I have developed over the years to encourage full and prompt compliance (feel from to borrow from it). In the boilerplate, I clearly indicate I am making a public records request in the subject line and body of the email. Within that boilerplate, I specify the records I seek.

This is a public records request.

I would like to obtain the following records:

(insert reasonable description of records sought here)

I would like the fulfillment of my records request to adhere to the new standards required under recent amendments to the New York State Freedom of Information Law which were intended to bring FOIL into the digital era.

Whenever and wherever possible I would like records provided pertaining to my records request to be converted to and delivered in standard, cross-platform, non-proprietary electronic/digital formats. For paper records that must be duplicated I would like them duplicated by scanning not photocopying and saved in Adobe Acrobat PDF (i.e., pdf). For audio records, I would like them exported/saved into standard audio format (i.e., .mp3). For video records, I would like them exported/saved into standard video format (i.e., .mp4). For electronic database records, I would like them converted into Microsoft Excel (i.e., .xls) I would like all communications including the delivery of documents to take place via email as much as is possible based on the nature and size of the available records. Other online digital delivery methods such as Dropbox are also acceptable.

I willing to pay any necessary, required statutory costs but for any costs that exceeds \$20.00 I would like prior notification of the estimated cost to comply with this records request so I do not get any big surprises. I am willing to entertain any reasonable request to tailor or narrow my request to make compliance

easier. I can be charged for the time required to "prepare" records at the lowest hourly rate for the lowest paid person capable of doing the work but I cannot be charged for "search" time or for any costs related to work done by a machine (e.g., a machine that scans and converts paper documents to PDF files, exporting a digital video file from a video surveillance system, duplicating an audio cassette recording, burning files onto a CD) or for any costs not specified under statute.

I would like the Records Access Officer to certify that the records are genuine.

Robert Cox

Publisher and Managing Editor

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In this particular matter, my email on October 9th specified the records sought as follows:

I would like to obtain the following records:

A traffic incident where George Latimer went off the road in New Rochelle, mid-July, on or near Wilmot Road. I heard he hit a fence.

While I may have some differences with the senior command of the New Rochelle Police Department (including a federal lawsuit, and providing the DOJ with information about the Police Commissioner related to their corruption investigation), they have been for many years among the best agencies in Westchester with regard to a prompt

response to a FOIL request. I typically get a reply on the same same day or the day after.

In this instance, it was two days later, on Wednesday October 11, that I received what I would call a "non-reply reply" to my records request which read simply:

It was a 2 car accident on July 21 at Wilmot & Grand Blvd.

Right away this reply was a red flag. In my 9 years of making FOIL requests of the New Rochelle Police Department I have *never* had a response like that to a records request. Something was different about this car crash already.

I persisted, responding "But I want the paperwork on it."

Two more days passed without a response. Then, on Friday October 13th. I was sent a copy of the traffic incident report.

After reviewing the report I contacted sources employed by the City to ask about Latimer's car crash. I got back two types of responses: (1) I don't know anything about it; or (2) words to the effect of "uh oh, you found out?". Any conversation about any aspect of the car crash over the next few days was met with fear and words to the effect of "you didn't get any of this from me" or "I'm not your source on this" even when the discussion was tangential to the car crash.

After many years reporting in New Rochelle, and knowing how the City works, especially the methods of Police Commissioner Patrick Carroll, it was clear to me there had been a deliberate effort to keep the incident quiet. At the time, I chalked this up to the crash involving a State Senator.

Having confirmed there really was a collision involving Latimer over the summer, and that it had not been reported and was not even known to people I would expect to know, I worked on the story on the morning of Saturday October 14th with the initial plan to run a story later that day.

There is no requirement on a records-based story like the car crash story that I speak with anyone. I had a public record, the police report, and that was enough to publish but I prefer to offer people an opportunity to respond even in stories like this one.

I reached out to George Latimer for comment about lunch time.

From: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Date: Sat, Oct 14, 2017 at 1:38 PM

Subject: Inquiry on your 7/21 traffic collision in New Rochelle

To: George Latimer

George,

I have a few questions about traffic collision you were involved in on July 21, 2017 in New Rochelle.

Are you OK? Did you suffer any lasting injuries? Are you aware of the condition of the other driver? The people with the damaged fence?

What happened to the vehicles? Did airbags deploy on the one you were driving? The other vehicle?

Police records indicate you ran a red light, that you indicated the sun was in your eyes so you could not see the light turned red. Is that right? Is that a good excuse? If you cannot see whether the light is red or not should you not have operated the vehicle on the premise the light was red?

How fast were you traveling as you approached then entered the intersection? Were you speeding?

Where were you coming from? Where were you going to? Were you on state or campaign business? Did you file any sort of injury or lost work time claim as a NYS employee/elected official or as a candidate?

Police records indicate that you were not driving your own vehicle? Why is that? Who is Andrew Genna? Internet search shows he is a lawyer? But he also works for you on Community Outreach? Is that right? What is his connection to you? Why were you driving a vehicle registered to him, not your own?

Thanks

Robert Cox

Publisher and Managing Editor

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These questions came out of my review of the traffic incident report. To me, they were rather obvious questions any reporter would ask. He responded later that evening:

From: George Latimer

Date: Sat, Oct 14, 2017 at 6:17 PM

Subject: Re: Inquiry on your 7/21 traffic collision in New Rochelle

To: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Will forward your e mail and questions to the lawyer who is handling the matter. Since there may be litigation, he will advise whether I can answer some or all of your questions. I woud intend to answer all of them, but I will let him opine first.

George

I replied briefly to acknowledge receipt of his email (I was in the midst of watching Game 2 of the ALCS, Yankees at Houston).

From: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Date: Sat, Oct 14, 2017 at 7:14 PM

Subject: Re: Inquiry on your 7/21 traffic collision in New Rochelle

To: George Latimer

Ok.

Bob

Latimer gave no indication of when he would reply to my questions so I followed up the next day, about 24 hours after my original email.

From: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Date: Sun, Oct 15, 2017 at 12:12 PM

Subject: Re: Inquiry on your 7/21 traffic collision in New Rochelle

To: George Latimer

George,

I want to run the story for Monday (ie Sunday night). I figure 24 hours is fair to wait so I will go with what I have tonight at 630 pm.

Hopefully you or he can reply by then.

Bob

Apart from all this, during the week, I had been exchanging emails with Helen Jonsen at FiOSNews about a shooting in New Rochelle. She had requested permission to use some of our photos from the police response which I granted. Over the weekend I sent her an email to let her know I might get some video. I gave her a heads up that I had a story coming that would get wider attention.

Who is George Latimer? Part III

I sent a heads-up email to FiOS1News because the Executive Producer had recently been asking for story ideas from New Rochelle.

From: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Date: Oct 15, 2017, 12:36 PM -0400

To: Helen Jonsen

Subject: RE: SHOT FIRED IN NEW RO TODAY

Helen

I have a story coming tonight for Monday that will interest you. Giving subject until 630 pm to reply to my questions then will publish a short while later. It should get statewide pickup but definitely in your coverage area. Cannot say more just yet.

Meanwhile, may obtain a photo or even video pertaining to shooting referenced here. Two shots fired not one. I ought to know tomorrow whether I am getting any images.

Bob Cox

On Sunday I reached out to various public officials to ask if they were aware of George Latimer being in a serious car crash: Assemblywoman Amy Paulin and County Legislator Sheila Marcotte (the crash occurred in their districts), New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson and Council Member Jared Rice who actively involved in the Latimer campaign and County Legislator Ken Jenkins who was Latimer's primary opponent at the time. All but Jenkins said they were unaware of the car crash.

Jenkins response was suspect because he was with Latimer campaigning in Mount Vernon at the time I texted him.

I wrote "Bob Cox here, Talk of the Sound. I hate to bother you on a Sunday but I am preparing a story for Monday and wanted to ask you about an incident involving George Latimer that occurred during your primary campaign. On July 21, 2017 at 5 pm, police records indicate George ran a red light at speed and struck another vehicle in the intersection, both George and the other driver were injured. George went off the road, through a fence, into a tree. Were you aware at all of the incident?"

Jenkins said "Good afternoon Bob. Just finished speaking at church - George told me personally about an accident. There was no speeding, and no running of Red Lights. No dishonesty. The police report is public record and shows no blame."

Jenkins is "answering" questions I did not ask.

Given the confident specificity of his comprehensive reply, I asked him if he had seen the police report.

He had not.

"George told me about an accident back in July. I didn't ask about details. Unfortunately accidents happen and even if a person refuses medical treatment at the time, subsequently they may have an injury that manifests itself later. He wasn't driving an County car - drunk and got into an accident. They would be Hugh Fox, who Astorino shifted from the CE's office to a position at the airport."

Jenkins added a link to a Journal News story about the arrest of Hugh Fox. I told him I recalled the story but as it was outside my coverage area and Fox is not from New Rochelle it is not the sort of story I would report. I continued, "As far as George, the details are that he admitted fault - said he could not see traffic light because he was temporarily blinded by sun then entered intersection (which would mean he should NOT have proceeded)

Jenkins said "Bob, it's a fair point regarding the local area. This seems to be an accident. This sounds so much like the Venus Williams scenario. At the end I suspect that it's just going to work through the insurance companies."

I replied, "From my perspective it is not a campaign matter. I report news and information, mostly about New Rochelle, to my readers. It is certainly news that a sitting NYS Senator and candidate for County Exec is involved in a serious car crash."

My sense was he was being fed his reply by Latimer who was with him at the time.

Latimer responded on Sunday afternoon with new information - that he did not know the name of the lawyer he had referenced on Saturday and that the lawyer was not available over the weekend.

From: George Latimer

Date: Sun, Oct 15, 2017 at 4:37 PM

Subject: Re: Inquiry on your 7/21 traffic collision in New Rochelle

To: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Bob

I won't even have the lawyer's name whom I am to speak with until tomorrow. I don't think you've given me anywhere near enough time but run whatever you want. Just be sure you state that Latimer was willing to answer questions

but since the matter is subject to litigation he needed to check first with legal representatives from the insurance company which were not available over the weekend.

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I was not prepared to be told how to write my article nor to make it appear he had not been given a reasonable amount of time when I was willing to give him that. As he was now effectively requesting until Monday, I offered to hold the story until Monday evening. Again, I have no obligation to wait one minute for any response and he had Saturday and Sunday and now was being given until Monday. That seemed more than fair to me.

From: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Date: Oct 15, 2017, at 10:03 PM

Subject: Re: Inquiry on your 7/21 traffic collision in New Rochelle

To: George Latimer

George

Two days seems like enough time to me but if you want me to wait I will.

I am heading down to the Yankee game at 5 pm. So, I can hold the story until 3 pm if that will make a difference.

Is 3pm OK?

Latimer's response became surprisingly (to me) hostile and accusatory.

From: George Latimer

Date: Oct 15, 2017, 10:22 PM

Subject: Re: Inquiry on your 7/21 traffic collision in New Rochelle

To: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Bob

You contacted me yesterday, Saturday, in the afternoon. I have no way to reach the insurance people until Monday. You may think a turn around by Sunday is sufficient but it's not, I know you'd love to chop me up if you can, even so, if a lawyer who may be litigating the case says I can speak with you, I will. But I'm not going to advantage someone who may want to sue just to satisfy your sense of a deadline. Do what you want,

I wasn't drinking, I wasn't speeding, I didn't get a ticket. She hit me. I didn't seek emergency care. The police report says all these things, which you have, The insurance company is handling details, You and your readers would love a story that can hurt me and help Rob, do whatever you want.

Sent from my iPhone

I do think most of Saturday and most of Sunday is sufficient to answer the questions I had submitted since the answers were ones Latimer would be expected to know off the top of his head. It was not until late Sunday afternoon that he indicated anything about needing until Monday to communicate with a lawyer.

His line, "I wasn't drinking, I wasn't speeding, I didn't get a ticket. She hit me. I didn't seek emergency care," sounded remarkably similar to Jenkins reply even "answering" about subjects I did not raise about drinking or emergency care.

The "I need to ask a lawyer for permission" was a dubious response from the outset considering there are no lawyers I know who would advise a client to talk to the media in a pending matter. Despite that, I was still offering to wait as long as he said he needed.

Latimer's response belongs in the "methinks George protest too much" file.

"I know you'd love to chop me up if you can"?

"You and your readers would love a story that can hurt me and help Rob"?

My "sense of a deadline"?

And "do whatever you want"?

Despite this rant and his claims he can say nothing about the collision without speaking to a lawyer he proceeded to do so anyway.

Latimer says, "I wasn't drinking, I wasn't speeding, I didn't get a ticket. She hit me. I didn't seek emergency care. The police report says all these things, which you have."

Set aside for a moment that I did not ask if he was drinking or about "emergency" care or who hit whom and that he is not addressing all but one of my questions (i.e. were you speeding?)

I do have the police report and it does not say Latimer was "not speeding", or "not drinking" or whether he "got a ticket" or the other driver hit him. The report does not say that Latimer did not get emergency care.

What the report says is Latimer told police he was injured but that he did not request medical attention at the scene. What he did after he left the scene is not in the report, hence some of my original questions.

The report has a diagram that indicates damage to the front left panel of the vehicle driven by Latimer. The report does not show the police attributing fault but shows the other driving stating she went through a green light and Latimer stating he could not see the color of the light before he entered the intersection.

The report does not say he was not speeding but the police would not issue a ticket for any moving violation in such a case unless they had witnessed or otherwise documented the violation. No police were on scene when the collision occurred so no tickets were issued.

From: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Date: Oct 15, 2017, at 11:25 PM

Subject: Re: Inquiry on your 7/21 traffic collision in New Rochelle

To: George Latimer

George

I think I just sent an email (to) say I would wait until tomorrow at 3 pm Monday so I have no idea why you are responding this way.

I cannot tell from your most recent reply whether you feel that 3 pm Monday will give you enough time to speak to an attorney but I am going to the Yankee game Monday night and I would need time to complete and publish an article which is why I proposed 3 pm.

Is 3 pm ok or not?

Bob Cox

I continued to defer to Latimer as to what he feels is a reasonable deadline. He replied late Sunday.

From: George Latimer

Date: Oct 16, 2017 at 10:35 AM

Subject: Re: Inquiry on your 7/21 traffic collision in New Rochelle

To: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Because I know you're trying to set me up for an Astorino hit piece later this week that will cite your article as the basis of another attack mailing. You've spoken to others involved in the accident trying to see if I'd lied or some got preferential treatment. So before I have an open conversation with you when you do your best to sink me, I think I have the right to do a little due diligence too.

Enjoy the game.

Sent from my iPhone

Clearly, Latimer was becoming increasingly unhinged, escalating his defensive, combative tone. Why this was such a big deal to him was unclear to me at the time but became clear after the story ran.

"I know you're trying to set me up for an Astorino hit piece later this week that will cite your article as the basis of another attack mailing".

Besides this being untrue, I have no idea how Latimer would know what the Astorino campaign would do or not do in response to my article. Even if they sent out a mailer based on my article how does that make my article more or less accurate? Astorino did not come to New Rochelle, run a red light, get into a car collision, drive into an oncoming traffic lane, leave the road, crash through a fence and into a tree. If he had I would have asked him the same questions.

"You've spoken to others involved in the accident trying to see if I'd lied or some got preferential treatment."

This statement is delusional. There was one other person "involved in the accident", the other driver. I did attempt to contact the other driver to no avail. So, I did not speak to "others involved" as there no "others" just "other" and I did not speak to the "other".

I did not need to speak to anyone to know Latimer lied to police. That information is in the report. There is no indication Latimer received "special treatment" at the scene. I never stated that or published a statement to that effect. I never thought that nor do I think that and never asked anyone about that.

"when you do your best to sink me"?

How is my reporting on a car crash going to "sink" George Latimer? He does not say.

"before I have an open conversation wit(h) you I think I have the right to do a little due diligence too."

This is another Latimer statement which seemed to me to border on the paranoid-delusional side. What "due diligence" would he need to do to answer questions about his car crash? What due diligence was he saying he was undertaking? What "right" does he imagine applies here? And who is denying him this "right" to "due dili-

gence"? And how is replying to a set of emailed questions an "open conversation". He never says.

From: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Date: Oct 16, 2017 at 11:46 AM

Subject: Re: Inquiry on your 7/21 traffic collision in New Rochelle

To: George Latimer

George

I am not sure what it means that YOU are doing due diligence when I am reporting out a story but that is not the reason you have given for not answering my questions -- you have said you needed to talk to a lawyer to get the OK and then you said you needed until Monday. And I have offered to hold the story until 3 pm Monday to allow you to do that.

So, is it now NOT the case that you need to talk to a lawyer to get the OK to answer my questions? If it is not the case, then I am not sure why you would have offered that (as) a reason for not answering my questions. More to the point, if it is not the case that you need to talk to a lawyer and you are not answering my questions then I will report that. If you want to answer my questions and your lawyer says no I will report that. If you want to answer my questions and your lawyer says yes then I would want your answers by 3 pm today.

As far as quotes from Talk of the Sound appearing in campaign material, that happens all the time and I have no control over it. Campaigns quote the Journal News and News12 and the major NY papers and so on. I write stories. If a campaign wants to quote from my stories that is up to them. I have sought material from YOUR campaign and you have chosen not to provide it. As I always do, I would publish material you send especially if (it) is focused on New Rochelle.

As for MY due diligence, I have asked relevant people whether they were aware of this traffic incident -- I consider people relevant if that area of New Rochelle is in their district, if they are New Rochelle officials, and your opponent in the primary

I intend to report that this traffic incident was not previously disclosed. To do that, I need to ask about that.

I reached out to Ken Jenkins, Amy Paulin, Sheila Marcotte, Noam Bramson, Jared Rice. I asked them if they were aware of the incident.

I will report that you gave an implausible statement to police (sun glare defense) which in this case is essentially an admission of fault -- you said you were temporarily blinded by the sun and THEN entered the intersection. If you cannot see the light you have to assume it is red and stop. You did not do that. Further, is it not possible that the sun blinded you when you looked at the traffic light so this statement was also false.

It does not take a genius to figure out where you were going at 5 pm on a Friday when you had an event in Armonk that evening but that is not part of my article.

In any case, as you no longer seem to say you need to talk to talk your lawyer (and you have had the morning to do so) I will proceed on the basis that what you said over the weekend no longer applies.

Thanks

Robert Cox

Publisher and Managing Editor

Talk of the Sound

At this point, it was becoming clear that Latimer was stonewalling, I did something unusual for me. I laid out for him what the story would say and not say. It would say that he admitted fault, that his excuse was bogus, that he ran a red light and lied about it to police.

Sharp-eyed readers will see that I conveyed to Latimer that I would not mention in the story that the most likely explanation for Latimer, who lives in Rye and had a fundraiser in Armonk that evening, to be rushing through New Rochelle in the opposite direction is that he was making a beeline to Judge Susan Kettner's house.

Latimer's longtime relationship with Kettner is widely known but accepted by most, including me, as a personal matter.

A day late and a dollar short Latimer copies me on an email to a lawyer at Allstate. But still no answer to my proposed 3 p.m. deadline. Last I heard he was not answering me regardless of the lawyer.

From: George Latimer

Date: Mon, Oct 16, 2017 at 11:45 AM

Subject: Accident Question

To: "REDACTED@allstate.com" <REDACTED@allstate.com>

Cc: REDACTED <REDACTED@allstate.com>

Mr. REDACTED

REDACTED Insurance Agency

Dear Mr. REDACTED,

I was a driver in an accident in New Rochelle on July 21 in a car insured by Allstate, owned by Andrew Genna. I am a public official seeking office this year and I have been contacted by an individual who is in the press, seeking my answers to the attached questions.

Given the status of the claim, am I at liberty to answer these questions, as would be my preference or are there any limitations based on whatever likelihood may exist of litigation? Please advise at your earliest opportunity.

Regards,

George Latimer

On Oct 14, 2017, at 1:38 PM, Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.-com> wrote:

George

I have a few questions about traffic collision you were involved in on July 21, 2017 in New Rochelle.

Are you OK? Did you suffer any lasting injuries? Are you aware of the condition of the other driver? The people with the damaged fence?

What happened to the vehicles? Did airbags deploy on the one you were driving? The other vehicle?

Police records indicate you ran a red light, that you indicated the sun was in your eyes so you could not see the light turned red. Is that right? Is that a good excuse? If you cannot see whether the light is red or not should you not have operated the vehicle on the premise the light was red?

How fast were you traveling as you approached then entered the intersection? Were you speeding?

Where were you coming from? Where were you going to? Were you on state or campaign business? Did you file any sort of injury or lost work time claim as a NYS employee/elected official or as a candidate?

Police records indicate that you were not driving your own vehicle? Why is that? Who is Andrew Genna? Internet search shows he is a lawyer? But he also works for you on Community Outreach? Is that right? What is his connection to you? Why were you driving a vehicle registered to him, not your own?

Thanks

Robert Cox

Publisher and Managing Editor

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Having never gotten a response as to whether 3 p.m. Monday was acceptable to Latimer and his statement that he was not responding to my questions due to his various conspiracy theories and that he was selectively answering my questions and giving answers to questions I had not asked, I chose to observe the 3 p.m. deadline.

I even waited an extra 45 minutes to publish the story at which point I advised Latimer the story was online and offered to update the story if his lawyer agreed to allow him to respond further.

From: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Date: Oct 16, 2017 at 3:49 PM

Subject: Re: Inquiry on your 7/21 traffic collision in New Rochelle

To: George Latimer

The story is up.

If you hear back from your lawyer I can update the story

<http://www.newrochelletalk.com/content/new-york-state-senator-george-latimer-serious-undisclosed-car-crash-over-summer-2-injured>

Robert Cox

Publisher and Managing Editor

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The article ran as I described it to Latimer earlier that day.

New York State Senator George Latimer in Serious Undisclosed Car Crash Over the Summer, 2 Injured

<http://www.newrochelletalk.com/content/new-york-state-senator-george-latimer-serious-undisclosed-car-crash-over-summer-2-injured>

As promised, I sent a heads up email to Helen Jonsen.

From: Robert Cox robertcox@talkofthesound.com

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 3:48 PM

To: Helen Jonsen

Subject: EXCLUSIVE, MUST CREDIT New York State Senator George Latimer in Serious Undisclosed Car Crash Over the Summer, 2 Injured

If you hurry, police tape still up from July.

<http://www.newrochelle.com/content/new-york-state-senator-george-latimer-serious-undisclosed-car-crash-over-summer-2-injured>

I left for the Yankee game. Little did I know all hell was about to break loose.

Who is George Latimer? Part IV

While I was at the Yankees game, a few hours after publishing the car crash story, I received an email from Helen Jonsen.

From: Helen Jonsen

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 7:13 PM

To: Robert Cox robertcox@talkofthesound.com

Thanks for the heads up

I then noticed that a guy named Andrew Whitman was tweeting at me. For perspective, this is a guy who I learned later is the self-important host of a political talk show that few people pay attention to, on a news network that few people watch, that a minority of area residents can even access. He is not exactly a force on Twitter either with just 858 followers (Talk of the Sound has more than 3,000).

@andrewwhitman

On October 16 4:59 pm

<https://twitter.com/TalkoftheSound/status/920023151018479616>

You claim to have the police report from this. Post it, so other orgs can research & verify.

@wfbor @jessicaproud @RobAstorino @GeorgeLatimer37 @FiOS1NewsLHV Barring any further disclosures from @TalkoftheSound or any more information, this will NOT be a topic I ask the candidates about.

This should have been a tip-off that Andrew Whitman is a dope: he “threatens” other people with whom I have no association, that if I do not give him records and information I obtained through my own effort (in particular, a record he or his colleagues, who have far more resources than I do, can easily obtain on their own, directly from the source) then he will refuse to ask a question about the car crash at some debate that I also have nothing to do with? And this makes sense, how?

By way of comparison, I run Talk of the Sound out of my living room and pay all costs out of my own pocket. Andrew Whitman works at Verizon, one of the largest publicly-traded companies on the planet, with a market cap of about \$250 billion. But I have to get a police report for him - or else?

In my reply back to Helen Jonsen, I gave her another heads up, this time about Andrew Whitman.

From: Robert Cox robertcox@talkofthesound.com

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 7:45 PM

To: Helen Jonsen

Subject: RE: EXCLUSIVE, MUST CREDIT New York State Senator George Latimer in Serious Undisclosed Car Crash Over the Summer, 2 Injured

You are welcome.

You might want to talk to your nut job news anchor, trash talking me on Twitter. Wants me to do his work for him, making impotent threats.

Sheesh.

From: Helen Jonsen

Date: Oct 16, 2017, 7:59 PM

To: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Subject: RE: EXCLUSIVE, MUST CREDIT

What anchor - who are you talking about I will look into it

From: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Date: Oct 16, 2017, 8:54 PM -0400

To: Helen Jonsen

Subject: RE: EXCLUSIVE, MUST CREDIT

Andrew Whitman?

I do not know him at all but he (is) saying I am supposed to produce the latimer police report and, i guess, prove it exists or I have accurately reported it.

Your a news outlet and I gave you a heads up so you can get the report yourselves and shoot video.

But even more odd because if you don't believe my story is legit why ask ME for the police report not the police? Presumably if I am a liar I would doctor the report. Just plain dumb all around.

He went on to drag me into his debate questions? What debate? He seems like a dope and he is hosting a debate. Jeez.

Robert Cox

Publisher and Managing Editor

Talk of the Sound

I replied to Andrew Whitman then went back to watching the Yankees defeat the Indians in the ALDS.

@WhitmanAndrew I need to (do) other media outlets work for them? Just FOIL NRPD like I did.

Next time u want to shoot ur mouth off with ur phony tough guy "journalist" routine check with you EP @helenjensen first. @chrisknowlestv <https://twitter.com/WhitmanAndrew/status/920033775983255552>

When I got home I saw an email from Helen Jonsen:

From: Helen Jonsen

Date: Oct 16, 2017, 9:50 PM

To: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Subject: RE: EXCLUSIVE, MUST CREDIT

I saw the tweets. Please don't continue on line. I will work this out.

Based on Helen Jonsen's request, I did not respond further to give her an opportunity to sort the matter.

My view was that as EP she, and assignment editor Chris Knowles, both of whom have relied on my reporting in the past might explain that to Whitman before he goes on slagging my reporting while the rest of FiOS1News is relying on my reporting without question.

I tweeted about this to my readers:

@JDalois @mediainvestors @TalkoftheSound @HelenJonsen @chrisknowlestv @MarkLungariello I was asked to stand down for a bit to give FioS News time to sort this situation out. I agreed to do so, for now. More to follow.

I have never heard from her since. So much for her working things out.

The day after the car crash story ran, I learned that Whitman, who apparently does not know how to reply to a tweet, posted several other mindless tweets intended for me.

You also claim the incident was "hushed up" at New Rochelle City Hall - I would ask you to prove that claim.

Furthermore, you cite other elected officials whose district the incident occurred in - implying they should have known. Why?

You also refer to Latimer as the "Democrat" nominee for County Executive in the first line. You got the name of the party wrong. (like the proverbial broken clock, Whitman was right about a typo in my story, which I corrected).

Whitman also digressed into a twitter conversation with people from the Astorino campaign.

As to the Astorino spox now posting on this (my friends @wfbor & @jessicaproud) is this the high-minded debate you and the CE really seek?

Well, if elected, he'd have a full-time driver, so this is not an issue of public safety. And, I've not seen any evidence of dishonesty. <https://twitter.com/jessicaproud/status/920039796373893121>

But if a minor car crash and questions about home taxes are the issues you're banking on - I wonder what your internal numbers are

One guy (@michaelvlawler) made my point - do your own reporting:

@WhitmanAndrew Or you can just go and investigate it yourself, as a reporter.

I have no proof he lied on a police report, and neither do you, Bill. <https://twitter.com/wfbor/status/920050095588106241>

Several days later, on October 21st, Whitman was back at it again. As things were obviously not sorted out, I notified Jonsen that the rather one-sided "relationship" between Talk of the Sound and FiOS1News was over, that they should no longer contact me for story ideas, news tips, interviews or request to use my content and that if they did I would invoice them and move immediately to collect. As you will later see, FiOS1News, including Andrew Whitman, went on to use my content anyway, despite my expressed instruction to the contrary, and they used it in two stories about Latimer. Whitman even asked Latimer a series of questions based on my reporting. But I am getting ahead of the story.

On October 21st, Whitman was back at it again:

@TalkoftheSound @HelenJonsen @chrisknowlestv I don't report to either one of them, Bob, so swing and a miss. But you claimed/hinted at cover-up with zero proof.

I never said Whitman “reported” to Helen Jonsen or Chris Knowles, I told him to check with Jonsen. I included Knowles because he knows who I am and is familiar with Talk of the Sound.

@TalkoftheSound @HelenJonsen @chrisknowlestv And, based on the stories on your site, not sure you have any foundation for using the word journalist - in quotes or not.

I am quite confident I have done more original reporting and worked on far bigger stages than Whitman can even dream of doing: writing for Newsweek, Associated Press, Congressional Quarterly and major newspapers from coast to coast; appearing on national news broadcasts; covering major political events like Presidential debates and a major Federal trial; covering major sporting events like the PGA Tour Championship, the NCAA March Madness tournament and the Super Bowl, to name a few. I was one of the inaugural exhibits when the Newseum opened in 2008. But he is a “senior” political reporter for a third-rate news outfit in Harrison so he has that going for him.

I followed up on his supposed concern to “research” and “verify” the police report. I even gave him the email address for the person who has the records.

@WhitmanAndrew @TalkoftheSound @HelenJonsen @chrisknowlestv It's been the better part of a week now, did you FOIL NRPD to obtain a copy of Latimer car crash report? I checked with NRPD, they said no

@RobertCox @TalkoftheSound @HelenJonsen @chrisknowlestv You asked NRPD if I asked them something? What legal basis would they have for answering that?

@RobertCox @TalkoftheSound @HelenJensen @chrisknowlestv Or is this just another "cover up" from the department? After all, you're providing same amt of proof as you did in your "report".

@WhitmanAndrew @HelenJensen @chrisknowlestv You're not too bright, are you? I made a FOIL request for any FOIL requests for Latimer car crash report. There were none other than mine 😬 <https://twitter.com/RobertCox/status/921839883068551168/photo/1>

@WhitmanAndrew @TalkoftheSound @HelenJensen @chrisknowlestv Is this some sort of act or are you actually this dumb? It's not my job to provide "proof" to other news organizations. Do ur own reporting

@WhitmanAndrew @TalkoftheSound @HelenJensen @chrisknowlestv I even gave you a CLUE. You can send an email to Captain Costa, the Records Access Officer for NRPD; request a copy of the report yourself 😬

@WhitmanAndrew @TalkoftheSound @HelenJensen @chrisknowlestv I'm happy to educate you on FOIL. It is an important tool used by actual journalists to get info from govt. <https://www.dos.ny.gov/coog/foil2.html>

@WhitmanAndrew @TalkoftheSound @HelenJensen @chrisknowlestv Stop embarrassing yourself; my readers here in New Rochelle know I always do my homework, get the story, get it right. Fact check me w/ NRPD

But back to October 16th, the day the car crash story ran. Later that night, Latimer responded to my car crash article on MyRye.com.

Who is George Latimer? Part V

Latimer first began his attacks on me in the comments section of his hometown blog, responding to a local Latimer supporter, several hours after the car crash story ran on October 16th.

MyRye.com Letter to the Editor Comments Section

http://www.myrye.com/my_weblog/2017/10/latimer-letter-astorino-increased-your-taxes-check-for-yourself-on-the-city-of-rye-web-site.html?cid=6a00d8341d20cd53ef01bb09cde885970d#comment-6a00d8341d20cd53ef01bb09cde885970d

After a decade of covering George Latimer without any comment or concern from Latimer suddenly I am no longer a journalist covering New Rochelle but attacked and belittled as a “conservative blogger...with an agenda.” Latimer attempts to link me to the Astorino campaign by accusing me of joining in “the Character Assassination which is essential to the incumbent beating me.”

He repeats a variation of what has become his main talking point on the car crash, “no speeding, no drinking, no ticket” and asserts there are “no credibility issues” when the issue in the story is whether he ran a red light, caused a serious car crash and lied about it to police (hint: he did all of these things).

He then adds a bizarre, new claim, “Plenty of witnesses, so nothing to sweep under the rug.” The police report makes no mention of any witnesses let alone “plenty” of them. As will become clear, there is actually “plenty” to sweep under the rug but running a red light is the least of his concerns.

Later that night Latimer used his Facebook page to deceive the public further on multiple levels – as to the truth of my story, the source of my story, the purpose of my story, that my reporting on a car crash in New Rochelle is part of some conspiracy orchestrated by his political opponent. without mentioning or linking my car crash story (for obvious reasons) he denounces my reporting as “a fake news story” (I suppose to link my article with Donald Trump?) and accusing someone, either me or Rob Astorino, of “manufacturing an attack out of thin air.”

George Latimer Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/GeorgelatimerNY/posts/1332611970198645>

“They're really running scared,” says Latimer. “This is the way they roll. From Lee Atwater and Newt Gingrich down to today's small time hacks they plot and plan these things. Searching for any little thing to get your mind off of The AIRPORT Deal, The PLAYLAND Deal, The BORROWING, The DEBT, The, LOWER BOND RATING, The INVESTIGATION, The GUN SHOW, The LOST \$\$\$ FROM HUD. \$4 million spent to make sure that Rob is still a viable candidate for Governor next year. And they're worried. And they should be.”

Wow! That is a lot to unpack in response to an entirely accurate account, derived from a police incident report, about a car crash. And the mention of Astorino and the Governor is ironical considering the word is that Latimer agreed to run against Astorino as a favor to Andrew Cuomo with the promise of a job in the Cuomo Administration (hopefully not running the DMV) after he loses.

In this post, I have been demoted. I am no longer even a “conservative blogger with an agenda” but a lowly “small time hack” but at the same time I am lifted up as part of some grand nefarious GOP cabal that includes Lee Atwater, who died in 1991, and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich who last held office in 1999.

“Hey George, the Nineties called, they want their political ‘insults’ back!”

Meanwhile, back here in 2017, I would take a moment to deconstruct a clever set of lies by Latimer contained in his phrase: “manufacturing an attack out of thin air.”

“manufacturing”

My car crash article is not manufactured but rather the normal result of a news tip on what I now believe to be reckless driving by George Latimer that caused injuries and property damage. This would always be a news story, especially for a publication that covers New Rochelle. Consider the alternative, that the Publisher of the biggest media outlet in New Rochelle is told that a senior state official is involved in a serious car crash in New Rochelle and ignores it entirely? I believe it is fair to say that no responsible, legitimate news organization would NOT report such an incident.

Of course, readers can then draw their own conclusions as to what it means about the nature of journalism in Westchester that News12, The Journal News, and FiOS1News have not only never reported on the car crash but have never even bothered to file a FOIL request with NRPD to obtain a copy of the police report about the car crash. That is a story all by itself which we will get to a bit further down the road.

“out of thin air”

This phrase works on more than one level. It serves to raise doubt as to my motivation for reporting on the car crash, how I became aware of the car crash and whether there even was a car crash. The implication is that the Astorino campaign came up with some phony car crash and fed it to Talk of the Sound to damage Latimer’s reputation in the weeks before the election. The flaw in this logic is that there really was a car crash which George acknowledges to the degree that nothing was his fault (false) and he did nothing wrong (false).

While previously stating in an email to me that he believes I have the police report, Latimer publicly raises doubts. Meanwhile, within hours of publication of the car crash a left-wing member of the media with a history with Latimer, a guy who has nev-

er linked my articles or re-tweeted my tweets, is publicly trashing me and my reporting while attempting to cast doubt as to whether I actually have a copy of the police report or what it says and effectively asserting that my article is a product of the Astorino campaign not my own reporting. Again, more on the media role in all this later.

“attack”

The critical bridge to the bigger lie, that my article on the car crash is not an article at all but a political attack. And what kind of attack? An attack not from Robert Cox or Talk of the Sound but from the Astorino campaign, and not because I am doing what I always do, reporting the news in New Rochelle, but that I am operating in the context of some long tradition of GOP political skullduggery going back to the Reagan Administration (back in a time when I was a registered Democrat no less).

George Latimer lied to me, over and over again. Now he was lying about me in public. And so now he had my full attention. And as is always the case that means I am going to keep digging as I made clear to him two days later.

Who is George Latimer? Part VI

Two day later, having combed through ALL of George Latimer's social media postings, I prepared a follow story on Latimer's hypocrisy:

From: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Date: Oct 18, 2017, at 12:39 PM

Subject: Re: Inquiry on your 7/21 traffic collision in New Rochelle

To: George Latimer

George

As you have appeared to have delayed responding to my questions about the car crash from Saturday to Monday under the false pretense of needing to speak to a lawyer first, I would no longer hold a story at your request.

I went through your Twitter feed and can see that the day after the car crash you posted a photo on your Twitter account which indicates that you took a photo while driving on I-684 South towards I-287 and then tweeted about having been in New Rochelle. This appears to show you operating your mobile phone while driving down a highway in Westchester County (distracted driving).

I also see a tweet with you at some insurance industry event on distracted driving.

Ken Jenkins compared your crash with the Venus Williams which entails a wrongful death lawsuit involving a fatal crash where the plaintiff attorneys are seeking to obtain mobile phone records from Ms. Williams and are alleging that she was engaged in distracted driving.

Senate Bill S2306 provides for the field testing for use of mobile telephones and portable electronic devices while driving after an accident or collision to allow police to determine if anyone involved in a collision was engaged using their phone (distracted driving), that drivers in NY will be deemed to have given consent to testing of their phones and that refusal to turn over the phone will result an immediate revocation of the driver's license.

Did you engage in distracted driving that day and did it play a role in the collision?

Did you turn over your phone for inspection by the police?

Will you provide me a copy of your phone records for that day or otherwise make them public?

If you are not willing to allow for inspection of your phone records from that, on what basis are you co-sponsoring legislation to require drivers in New York to turn over their records?

Thanks

Robert Cox

Publisher and Managing Editor

Talk of the Sound

I was still affording him an opportunity to tell his side of the story but I made it clear that he had lost all credibility as far as needing extended time to answer.

Latimer's reply was predictable.

From: George Latimer

Date: Wed, Oct 18, 2017 at 1:15 PM

Subject: Re: Inquiry on your 7/21 traffic collision in New Rochelle

To: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Bob

Since you are not an objective journalist I have no further interest in speaking with you on any matter. You have lied and fabricated theories without merit merely to advance your interests and your favored candidate.

I was awaiting legal advice when your blog hit article appeared; telling me that you merely want the aura of consulting both sides while loading your rhetoric. You have no interest in fair journalism. So I decided to speak with those media outlets that do attempt to be fair.

George

As readers have the full exchange of emails prior to this one, it should be clear that George's "I was awaiting legal advice" canard is one he was attempting to set up from the beginning. He had no intention of answering my questions but wanted to paint himself as the victim of my unfair impatience and arbitrary deadline – except that I kept offering him more time until he got frustrated and lashed out.

As for being "objective", if a person lies and I write an article that says the person lied, that IS objective. That said, I do not claim to be or even strive to be what media elites and politicians label an "objective journalist". In my experience that label is a fraud to create an illusion of balance in published reporting that ignores editorial decision-making on whether to cover a story, who to quote, what sources are conferred with an aura of "credibility" or not. A bigger discussion for another day. My goal is not to a so-called "objective journalist" but transparent, fair and accurate. That said, if Latimer will only talk to journalists who are truly "objective" he will be awfully lonely.

From: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Date: Wed, Oct 18, 2017 at 1:41 PM

Subject: Re: Inquiry on your 7/21 traffic collision in New

Rochelle

To: George Latimer

George,

If you want to go this route so be it, but the record will show that you were given plenty of time to consult with an attorney and that BEFORE you had even

sought the advice of an attorney you had already indicated that you were not responding because you believed that article would be some sort of political hit piece. I realize politicians are used to having it both ways but you cannot both refuse to respond and then say you were not given time to (respond)

The article is factual and based on public records and interviews with named sources so, as far as your claim that I "lied and fabricated theories without merit", feel free to try and cite a single example in the article that supports your false claim.

I will simply note in future articles that you decline to comment.

Thanks

Robert Cox

Publisher and Managing Editor

Talk of the Sound

I ran the article on Latimer's "do as I say not as I do" hypocrisy on the issue of distracted driving soon after his email on October 18th.

Latimer Fails to Turn Over Mobile Phone Records Following Two-Car Crash in New Rochelle While Supporting Invasive Senate Bill Meant to Address Distracted Driving

<http://www.newrochellestalk.com/content/latimer-fails-turn-over-mobile-phone-records-following-two-car-crash-new-rochelle-while>

While all this was going on, I heard a story about a prominent public figure in New Rochelle, a Democrat, expressing surprise that Latimer was behind the wheel of a car at all. That sounded promising.

Who is George Latimer? Part VII

A tip that there may be some reason Latimer should not have been driving the day of the crash led me to contact the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles on October 17th which led to an exchange of emails with a DMV Spokesperson Tim O'Brien:

I wrote a story about an MVA on 7/21/17 involving this person:

*George S. Latimer
47 Wainwright Street
Rye, NY 10580*

DL: 439570462

DOB: 11/22/53

I have since been told there is some question as to whether they should have been driving at all but with no further explanation.

Can you confirm this person has a valid driver's license and did so on 7/21/17? Also whether there are any restrictions on their license or any other

explanation why one of my readers would call to say I might be "surprised" to learn this person was driving a vehicle on 7/21/17?

On October 18th, O'Brien replied:

Hello Mr. Cox: In response to your inquiry, Mr. Latimer has a full and valid driver license and did so on July 21, 2017.

I replied immediately:

Thanks. I guess there was nothing to it.

That same day, Latimer inexplicably cooperated in the production of an article which brought the issue of his own marital infidelity into the campaign.

Not since Presidential frontrunner Gary Hart challenged reporters to follow him around to prove he was faithful to his wife (they did, he wasn't), has a politician made such a bonehead move as George Latimer did by introducing the issue of his widely known history of philandering into the County Executive race with three weeks to go.

Latimer Denies Infidelity Rumors, Says Astorino 'Trolling Depths Of Trash'

<http://rye.dailyvoice.com/politics/latimer-denies-infidelity-rumors-says-astorino-trolling-depths-of-trash/724571/>

Latimer's relationship with Judge Susan Kettner of the City Court of New Rochelle was and is widely known, especially among the political and media elite of Westchester County. Many were Facebook Friends where she would make coy (and not so coy) references to Latimer and their adventures together. The Internet has many images of the happy couple together at various events in New Rochelle. Most people I know say they believed he was separated or divorced from his wife. Not according to Latimer, who claimed to Jon Craig he was happily married to his wife, Robin.

Latimer put forward his lie (that he was faithful to his wife) in the context of twin lies (that his opponent was circulating phony rumors about his infidelity and he was being faithful to his wife). No one was circulating anything about Latimer and his girlfriend and they were not "rumors" but widely known facts. And he has been unfaithful to his wife going back decades, even before Kettner.

The only person that I know who raised this issue at all is me and I did it directly to Latimer 48 hours earlier by saying I was not going to raise his relationship with Kettner in the car crash story (and I did not).

Latimer seems to have thought he was being clever by attempting to inoculate himself against a story he imagined I might publish by telling his tall tale to a friendly reporter.

So, how did that work out? Not so well.

Meanwhile I continued to ask questions of the DMV.

On October 20th, I asked "Does that same person have a vehicle registered to them with special license plates and if so what is the vehicle and what are the plates."

On October 23rd, I wrote O'Brien again:

Recall I was told George Latimer was supposedly not allowed to drive. Now I am told the issue was not his driver's license but his vehicle registration.

So, can you provide me the status of any vehicle registrations in the name of George Latimer.

Also, is there any reason the registration information would result in him not being allowed to drive? Or drive a particular vehicle? Or any vehicle?

If he is not an insured motorist but has a valid driver's license (per your previous email) is there a scenario under which he would not be allowed to drive?

I realize I sound confused. It is because I am. Any clarification you can provide would be greatly appreciated! 😊

While continuing to chase down the car story, I responded to the Daily Voice article with my own, blowing open the Latimer-Kettner relationship along with some strikingly bizarre and duplicitous reporting by Jon Craig.

The Curious Incident of the Dog Walker in the Latimer House

<http://www.newrochelle.com/content/curious-incident-dog-walker-latimer-house>

On October 24th, the DMV gave me the first hint of why Latimer had been so angry about my car crash story:

The driver license is valid. His vehicle registration was suspended by the Yonkers Parking Violations Bureau.

Unfamiliar with the process, I had a lot of questions for O'Brien;

Ok. Can I get details on that please? I gather he had unpaid tickets? How does that work, Yonkers notifies DMV? Can I get a copy of what you got from them? I will go to them too but I figure they tell DMV details like amounts, dates, etc. Also, what is effective date of suspension and when did it end or did it?

O'Brien explained:

We receive an electronic transaction from the jurisdiction requesting that the registration be suspended. We do not have any details of the tickets. The sus-

pension remains in place until we are notified by the jurisdiction that the tickets have been resolved.

I still had more questions:

Ok. I will contact Yonkers but...You do have the date the suspension became effective and, if resolved, the date the suspension was lift or that the suspension remains in effect. Can I get that info please?

Having teed up the Latimer-Kettner relationship on October 23rd, I dropped what is without question the biggest bombshell of the campaign:

Married New York State Senator George Latimer Skipped Annual Budget Vote to Jet Off to London with Gal Pal Judge

<http://www.newrochelle.com/content/married-new-york-state-senator-george-latimer-skipped-annual-budget-vote-jet-london-gal-pal>

Carl Campanile of the New York Post called me later that day. He confirmed my reporting and added his own.

State Senator's Skipped Budget Votes Come Back to Haunt Him

<http://nypost.com/2017/10/24/state-senators-skipped-budget-votes-come-back-to-haunt-him/>

The story spread like wildfire throughout the State of New York.

Later that night was The Journal News - FiOS1News debate at Iona College, a block from my house.

After the showdown between George Latimer and Rob Astorino, there were press conferences with each candidate. I cannot say Latimer was happy to see me.

I asked Latimer where he was this past April 9th when the Senate voted on the 2018 New York State budget and why he was "excused" from the Senate that day.

"On April 9th a budget vote in the Senate took place, the records show you did not vote, you are listed as "excused". So, where were you when the Senate voted on April 9th on the budget and why were you excused?"

Latimer bobbed and weaved.

"I was excused as one of five members who indicated to leadership that I would be unable to be in Albany after April 7th. The due date of the budget is March 31st. I was there midnight, overnight, the 31st, I was there the first. They said we would go back to our districts, we went back to our districts, we were called back, we were released on Wednesday of that week whatever date that was (April 5th). When we were released we were told at the time we probably wouldn't finalize the budget until the end of the month. I read a blog post that said "Oh my God, they're going to renegotiate after all". I called leadership and said you told me that uh I told you I would not exactly be available for that vote on that date and they said "you're excused". Five members in total were excused. All of this highlighted this well in advance.

I followed up, "And where were you?"

"That's not your business," he snapped. "That's personal business."

Matt Ricker, another reporter, followed up again, generating more bobbing and weaving by Latimer:

"Let's be honest. The budget vote is broken down into 12 votes (11 actually). I was there for 8 of those budget votes. The dysfunction of the legislature as to when they were going to organize themselves to having this voting thing came up 24 hours before the vote. I was very clear to leadership as was other members that they had other commitments and – those commitments were locked in and those commitments were personal commitments, personal decisions. Now as far as the decision to be there for the vote uh it was impossible for me to get back from where I was back to Albany in time to vote. And I talked about "is this going to be a close one". The votes were over-

whelming to pass the budget on those lines...And the things were most important...And by the way budget....We had voted to close off 8 sections of the budget these were just the last 3 sections of the budget. In case you don't know, I'm not saying you should know, the State Budget is not a singular vote...It was not a singular vote that Palm Sunday because that is when the meeting was held organized 30 hours, 30 hours, 24 hours, before it, and it was organized and set for Palm Sunday and you can have a discussion whether that's the right thing to do or not. There was almost no notice to any of us as legislators so the votes were certainly lined up for it. I checked to see if this was going to a uh uh one of these votes where every vote might be the difference of it and when I spoke to leadership they indicated other people were in the same situation as I was in and look I take my public my public vote seriously."

Latimer then spent about two minutes talking about the time he walked out on a vote on the Tier 6 pension plan (in 2012) and did not return to the subject of his failure on three budget votes on April 9th.

Some present at the presser snickered at the idea of Latimer sanctimoniously casting aspersions on the Leadership of the Senate for holding budget votes on Palm Sunday when his reason for not being there on Palm Sunday was that he was in London with his girlfriend, cheating on his wife, while his wife presumably attended mass alone back in Rye.

On October 25th, O'Brien came back with details on the suspension of the registration for Latimer's Jeep. I had my next story and it was a big one.

Who is George Latimer? Part VIII

The email I got back from the DMV was more startling than I could have imagined. Not only was his registration suspended – it was STILL suspended months later. Why?

The suspension was effective July 22, 2017 and remains in effect.

I replied immediately;

Thank you, I have made out a public records request into Yonkers and so will wait to hear back on the tickets.

I am asking about this vehicle.

Reg# DFG3951

Jeep

NY registration

Revoked since July 22

To go back to an early question, was this vehicle ever assigned special plates (i.e. NYS Senate?)

And one additional question as this vehicle registration has been suspended for about 3 months -- were the plates turned in and has the car remained insured while the registration was suspended?

I made a FOIL request to the City of Yonkers on October 25th and received a confirmation from the Yonkers Parking Violations Bureau that my records request had been received on October 31st. I have yet to receive any records from Yonkers.

On October 25th, I published a story that in retrospect goes a long way towards explaining Latimer's hostile response to what I believe were rather obvious questions about his car crash – or any car crash - given the police report of the incident.

SCOFFLAW: George Latimer Vehicle Registration Suspended Since Day After New Rochelle Car Crash Due to Nonpayment of Parking Violations in Yonkers

<http://www.newrochellestalk.com/content/scofflaw-george-latimer-vehicle-registration-suspended-day-after-new-rochelle-car-crash-due>

Meanwhile the Post ran a follow up piece on the Latimer-Kettner getaway to London:

State senator says rival's attack on skipped votes is a 'distraction'

<https://www.google.com/amp/nypost.com/2017/10/25/state-senator-says-rivals-attack-on-skipped-votes-is-a-distraction/amp/>

On October 26th, Ray Raimundi of FiOS1News, ran a TV report on my story on Latimer missing three budget votes while he was in London with Kettner.

Latimer on the defensive after allegations over missed budget vote

<http://www.fios1news.com/lowerhudsonvalley/latimer-on-the-defensive-after-allegations-over-missed-budget-vote#.Wf4OtWgpDYX>

"An article in the New York Post alleges that Latimer missed the vote to take a trip overseas with a woman who was not his wife."

Latimer was interviewed on camera and said this:

"When we deal with our personal lives, those are personal things. I'm not gonna confirm or deny, i'm not going to involve myself in any speculation."

"I got proper clearance. I was one of five senators that was excused for the vote, with the understanding that this was something I highlighted well in advance of the day this came up."

As noted previously, the package included content from Talk of the Sound, without permission, but no credit for breaking the story.

The shocker came later that night when I was told that Andrew Whitman, of all people, was breathlessly introduced on FiOS1NEws with, ironically, a "First on FiOS1" report on "Major developments in race for Westchester Executive" leading off with George Latimer in studio taking questions from Whitman about my story, citing Talk of the Sound as a source, using my content and basing his questions on my reporting. I do not have FiOS so I had to wait until the interview was published online later that night. It was worth the wait.

Who is George Latimer? Part IX

Andrew Whitman launched right into questions on Latimer's skipped senate votes and his trip to London with his girlfriend.

First on FiOS1: Major developments in race for Westchester Executive

<http://www.fios1news.com/lowerhudsonvalley/first-on-fios1-latimer-on-developments-westchester-executive-race#.WfM9k1tSyUk>

WHITMAN: People have been talking all day about these questions that have popped up about your personal life. We wanted, we reached out to you earlier you said you wouldn't discuss it. I want to give you an another opportunity to clear the air on that

LATIMER: Well see. Let me differentiate. I think that there are issues that have been raised, attacks that have been raised against me that fall within the governmental context and so to the extent that those things involve my public life I'm happy to answer them. When things fall into a personal area then I reserve the right to discuss whether I think they should or shouldn't be public matters

WHITMAN: Understood but you know as well as I you will be dogged with questions about this every day from now until election day

LATIMER: Right

WHITMAN: ...until you put it aside or put it behind you. And I'll give you another opportunity to do that.

LATIMER: Look, I think I'm happy to discuss any of the substantive issues that that we have to discuss and that's really what my purpose is in running for public office.

WHITMAN: And just bear with me, we know that, you admit, you already told us, you missed an education funding vote in April uh there were...

LATIMER: Let me...

WHITMAN: There were some quotes that the New York Post had from some of your colleagues that it was odd that you missed a budget vote because you were already running for County Executive and that nobody knew it was with another woman, as reported.

LATIMER: Hold on, hold on, hold on for a second Andrew. Let. I don't know what anonymous sources have said. Let me tell you the circumstances in terms of that which is the public side of this. We have uh eleven votes that make up the uh state budget. All right? There are eleven separate votes. I voted in eight of those, three of those were the last three votes that would close off the budget. The due date for the budget is always March 31st. I'm in Albany straight through to March 31st and stayed a few days extra as we were expected to do to close off the budget. They sent us back to our districts then they called us

back up to Albany and they said in the consecutive days we would finish the budget sometime in the first week of April. I was very clear with leadership in my party my side of the house and across the aisle that I would not be available from the point of time of the 7th on and that was that was for private purposes. Now. now When. When I left on the Wednesday. We were released on Wednesday. The dialog was and you can look at it on various blogs uh Senator John DeFrancisco, the Republic Majority Leader, says we don't expect to come back until the end of the month then within a day or two they decide we got closure. We're going to do a hurry-up meeting on Palm Sunday. That's how it played out that I was not available to be there for that meeting.

WHITMAN: Quickly and then we'll pivot to the other...When you missed that vote were you in London?

LATIMER: I was not in Albany. I was not in New York.

WHITMAN: Were you alone?

LATIMER: Andrew, I've already expressed my exp...my approach on these issues and I think at this point either you respect my opinion on how I want to frame this or not because you could ask me about what I was doing last Saturday night on my own personal time.

WHITMAN: I understand that...

LATIMER: I understand...

WHITMAN: ...but similarly you have to respect that my right to ask the question and the desire of people to answer it.

LATIMER: I understand your interest but I have answered it every single time that I can

WHITMAN: You've you've probably seen this from Talk of the Sound asking if you had a relationship with Judge Susan Kettner. I'll ask you that pointedly now.

LATIMER: I will tell you again that the Talk. Well first Let me say this. The Talk of the Sound is not a legitimate information source, it is a political blog by an ideological individual who makes it a point of trying to skewer Democrats routinely. I'm sure you've done your homework, you've read the archives. You will never see an investigative report about a Republican you will only see an investigative report on a Democrat. So, I don't treat that as a news source worthy of my dialog with. I've tried to be responsible on the public policy issues. I was asked a question about a car accident that happened in a public setting and I answered the questions honestly and completely. They chose in that particular blog to misrepresent what happened that day so I choose not to answer their questions directly.

WHITMAN: And I appreciate that, I really do, and I appreciate that you consider FioS a legitimate news source and as a legitimate news source I'll just ask one more time if you care to comment on the status uh

LATIMER: Andrew, I don't think you need to ask it again.

WHITMAN: That's fine.

LATIMER: I've been very straightforward about it.

WHITMAN: OK.

LATIMER: Matters that. Let me be clear. Matters that are personal remain personal. Matters that are public there is every right for the public to understand and know about.

WHITMAN: OK. Now let's move on...

As is now apparent based on earlier parts of this article what Latimer is telling Whitman about me and Talk of the Sound are just more lies and deceptions.

Even a cursory glance through a decade of Talk of the Sound archives will put the lie to Latimer's claim that Talk of the Sound is a "political blog"; we cover a broad range of topics focused on New Rochelle. I am not remotely close to being an ideologue. I admit to being a cynic but who could blame me? I do not make it a point to skewer Democrats through my investigative reporting. In fact, very little of my investigations involved elected officials. Latimer may be partially right when he says "You will never see an investigative report about a Republican" on Talk of the Sound. But the same is also true of Democrats. It is utterly false to say "you will only see an investigative report on a Democrat". The reality is I am going after pedophiles, dirty cops,

crooked contractors and thieves working in the public sector in New Rochelle. Their political affiliation is immaterial to me. There is no one who believes I for a minute I would ignore a corrupt person stealing from our schools just because they were a Republican. I can say for sure I never asked a crook what party they were in before running a story.

As for Latimer's claim, "I don't treat (Talk of the Sound) as a news source worthy of my dialog with," besides the recent emails I published I have years worth of "dialog" with George Latimer and he ever raised a single concern about my reporting until the car crash story.

I do not even need to comment on Latimer's absurd claim that in response to my car crash questions, "I answered the questions honestly and completely." The emails speak for themselves. This is a huge lie.

A moment later he reverses himself, saying "I choose not to answer their questions directly"; his supposed pretext is both wrong and backwards when he claims what happened that day was misrepresented in my article.

No. I accurately reported what happened. Latimer appears to have run a red light and caused a serious car crash then lied about why to the police. Even a little-leaguer knows the "sun got in my eyes, coach" excuse is not going to fly. That Latimer tried it anyway speaks to his nature as a reflexive liar.

In hindsight, he was not stonewalling me with his hostile emails because he was in a car crash but because he knew it could open up a can of worms - and we now know it did.

Asked by Whitman whether he went to London and was he alone, Latimer says "I have answered it every single time that I can". Later he says "I've been very straightforward about it."

Uh, no. He has NEVER answered the London/Alone question or been straightforward about doing so. In fact, the exact opposite is the case.

On October 27th, The Journal News jumped in on my Jeep registration suspension / parking tickets story and blew that story into the stratosphere.

Who is George Latimer? Part X

The Journal News got Latimer on record admitting to over a thousand dollars in unpaid parking tickets – and not just Yonkers.

Video: George Latimer pays \$1,400 in parking tickets

<http://lohud.us/2yTFV5G>

I went back to O'Brien at the DMV:

George Latimer has made a public statement that he has paid \$1,400 in parking tickets to Yonkers but has still not re-registered his vehicle because, he says, the transmission has to be fixed.

If the vehicle has no registration, can the vehicle be taken to a mechanic for repairs; can a mechanic work on a vehicle without registration?

Does George Latimer owe money to the DMV? Did he over since April 1, 2017.

Plus my still outstanding questions.

Oops, one more. George Latimer says he paid parking tickets in White Plains and Port Chester as well as Yonkers. Do you have requests for suspension for White Plains and Port Chester?

The Journal News came out with a new story on Latimer's Jeep, another bombshell:

George Latimer gets coffee with unregistered car at center of parking ticket mess
<http://www.lohud.com/story/news/local/westchester/2017/10/27/george-latimer-parking-tickets/806412001/>

Incredibly, the Journal News did some actual reporting, without crediting my original car crash story of course, or crediting my subsequent bombshell revelation that Latimer's registration for his Jeep had been suspended for months due to unpaid parking tickets and he had still not paid them but still, without which they had no story at all. Still, this was amazing work.

Jonathon Bandler extended my reporting to reveal more unpaid parking tickets (White Plains, Port Chester and Mamaroneck) and got Latimer on the record stating he had paid \$1,400 worth of fines and fees. Latimer told Bandler that he had not bothered to re-register the Jeep because the vehicle was back at the dealership (White Plains Jeep/Chrysler) due to a bad transmission. There was also a bizarre tale about how the lease on the Jeep expired in April but he spent 5 months negotiating to buy the Jeep and did not acquire it until August. Latimer said he would not drive the Jeep until it had been re-registered.

As subsequent reporting by myself and Bandler, these were just more bald-faced lies and deception by Latimer.

In perhaps the most brilliant bit of investigative reporting in Westchester in many years, Bandler surveilled Latimer's residence that same morning. He found the Jeep in Latimer's driveway in Rye, came back to find it missing, then came again and found the Jeep back in the driveway.

Caught red-handed, Latimer still refused to come clean, adding new lies, deceptions and excuses which were patently false.

He claimed he only drove the car for "a loop" as he called it, just to protect the engine he said, then admitted he went into downtown Rye where he stopped to get coffee. He continued to insist that what he did was legal and that it was not like he was using the vehicle for transportation when, of course, that is precisely what he was doing.

Tim O'Brien told Bandler what he told me

"A vehicle that is not properly registered cannot be legally driven on New York's roadways.

Also on October 27th, I made a FOIL request to White Plains, Port Chester, the Village of Mamaroneck and Town of Mamaroneck on October 27th for more Latimer parking tickets.

A day later, O'Brien of the DMV replied to my prior email:

Mr. Latimer has resolved his tickets with the Yonkers Parking Violations Bureau, and that suspension has been removed. He still has outstanding tickets in Mamaroneck so his registration remains suspended.

Separate from the unpaid tickets, the vehicle registration has expired; he can renew the registration once all the tickets have been cleared.

A mechanic can work on a car that is not registered; however, a vehicle that is not properly registered cannot be legally driven on New York's roadways.

To answer your earlier question, the car has standard NY plates. The plates were not surrendered, but there is no legal requirement for them to be surren-

dered. A motorist can resolve outstanding tickets, have a suspension removed and regain the right to use the plates.

I followed up with the DMV on October 30th:

I realized one question I asked that you had not answered. Did the vehicle in question have insurance on it between April 1, 2017 and today?

One more. When did George Latimer take title to the vehicle?

On October 30th, the Astorino campaign made available an audio recording from an event in Somers on September 27th of Latimer stating he drove himself to the event his personal vehicle.

On October 31st, I received records back from White Plains (and some additional records on November 1st based on a follow up reply). Apparently, so did Bandler.

Jonathon Bandler wrote his story that night and I wrote my story the next day (I was sick with a bad cold so a bit behind)

Latimer: Tickets show extensive driving of unregistered Jeep

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/amp.lohud.com/amp/819068001>

Latimer Repeatedly Drove Unregistered Jeep Despite Claims to the Contrary

<http://www.newrochelletalk.com/content/latimer-repeatedly-drove-unregistered-jeep-despite-claims-contrary>

And so ends one of the longest article I have written in my life. But the story is not over and there are a few outstanding items. I have yet to receive acknowledgment of my request nor any records from Port Chester, the Village of Mamaroneck and Town of Mamaroneck. And still no reply from Yonkers. I have several questions pending with the DMV:

- When did George Latimer take title on the vehicle with Registration # DFG3591?
- Was the vehicle with Registration # DFG3591 insured in the period between 4/1/17 and today?
- Do you have requests for suspension for White Plains and Port Chester?
- Does George Latimer owe money to the DMV? Did he owe money since April 1, 2017?

The story certainly does not end on Election Day because either Latimer is the new County Executive or he is a State Senator. Either way, there are a lot more lies and deceptions to expose and like Zeke with a bone, I am never letting go.

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New York State Department of Motor Vehicles
POLICE ACCIDENT REPORT

MV-104A (7/01)



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AMENDED REPORT **DMV COPY**

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Accident Description/Officer's Notes
 were valid. Safeway responded and towed both vehicles as owner's requests. I interviewed Rebecca Elkusfers who resides at 2 Bonnie Meadow la and is the homeowner of the damaged fence and tree struck in the accident. VAC's given. Resumed patrol.

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