
[TIME SENSITIVE] - Interview questions

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Good morning Josh -

As a candidate for Sammamish City County, you told the public *"as uncomfortable as confrontation may be, I believe it is absolutely your right to ask tough questions of those asking for your vote."*

In your announcement video, you said that *"the only way to move forward as a community is to trust each other. I feel strongly that the only way to earn your trust is to be open with you from day one."*

You were afforded the opportunity to comment before the article was published. You chose not to respond at that time. Now is another opportunity to respond:

Your sister posted a comment on our story stating her 2009 statement to the police was untrue and so were her boyfriend's statements.

We plan to highlight her comments in a story.

Her statement also denied the presence of firearms in the incident, although vaguely. Perhaps you could answer the following questions to clarify - for the record:

1. Witness - Mr. Schimming

In the story we quote from the police report that Mr. Schimming, a friend of yours and / or of Joseph.

The report states that Mr. Schimming told the police:

"W/SCHIMMING stated that A/ Joshua Amato wanted to go to his house and confront him about it and wanted W/Schimming and his friend to go with him in case something happened such as a fight or something similar. He stated that he went to the residence of A/ Joshua Amato's sister's boyfriend with A/ Joshua Amato, A/ Joseph Amato and his other friend and watched A/ Joshua Amato confront the victim. He [Schimming] stated they were yelling at each other and that the victim yelled at A/ Joshua Amato with words to the effect of "Get out of here, I'll kill you" and that A/ Joshua Amato yelled back that he would kill the victim. He stated that at this point A/ Joshua Amato's brother, A/ Joseph Amato, "Came around the corner with the shotgun and pumped it" (chambering a shell and making it ready to fire) he stated that after racking the shell he stated that A/ Joseph Amato yelled "I'll shoot you in the face!". He stated that upon returning to the house in Fife that A/ Joshua Amato and A/ Joseph Amato hid two shotguns, one of which was used by A/ Joseph Amato in the intimidation, in the backyard underneath the patio"

- a. Is the above statement Schimming made to the police not true?
- b. If so, can you put color on why ? Was this police misconduct?
- c. If Schimming's statement is true, how do you explain the discrepancy between his words and your sister's?

2. Firearms at the scene

The police report states:

"I knocked on the door again and O/McMillan came to the door. She inquired as to why we had detained her grandson, A/Joshua Amato. I advised her of the incident we were investigating. She said that she was the owner of the house and that as far as she knew A/Joshua Amato had been home all evening. Through interviewing Officer Welsh learned that the shotgun used in the incident was currently in A/Joshua Amato's bedroom. I asked O/McMillan for consent to search the house and she refused. She said that if it was alright with A/Joshua Amato she would grab the shotgun. A/Joshua Amato told O/McMillan that she should get the shotgun. O/McMillan then retrieved the shotgun for us. I handed the shotgun over to Officer Welsh who secured it in his patrol car. "

The police report also states a second shot gun was retrieved from the house.

- a. Was that police report untrue?
- b. If the report is true, were these shotguns brought to the incident by you and / or your brother? If not, were they brought by someone else ?
- c. if guns were present in the incident, did your brother "cock" the gun ? Did someone else "cock" the gun?
- d. if all that is not true, how did the police know to search for those two guns?

3. Alipac website

Your name has been scrubbed off Alipac's website on January 26.

- a. Did you ask for that?
- b. If so, who did that for you?
- c. Unlike the 2009 criminal incident, why did you not open up about this connection to Alipac the same way?

Thanks

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