

Statement of facts:

On August 16, 2008 my wife, our three year old daughter and I went to the Reno Wild Horse and Burro Show. While attending the show we decided to register with the BLM so that we could adopt if we found that special horse. At the registration desk inside the livestock event center, on the desk of the BLM was a sign that clearly stated "Silent Auction, Bids close at 12:00". This rule was not adhered to and created a very nasty situation due to rules being broken and re-written by Ms. Susie Stokke, *(Ms. Susie Stokke is an employee of the Bureau of Land Management in Carson City and holds an executive level position)* as she deemed fit.

During the actual reading of the bids, the woman from the Mustang Heritage Foundation would ask others if they wanted to make a higher bid on a horse. While some horses did not have bidders at all, I agree that asking for a bid at that time for those horses was appropriate, however; it was well after the 12:00 P.M. cutoff and they (Susie and The Mustang Heritage Foundation) were asking people for higher bids, even on the horses that bidders had already bid on prior to the 12:00 p.m. deadline. When the horse came up that I had placed a bid on, again, they asked for a higher bid. Another bidder had attempted to out bid me and I objected, referring them to the rules posted on the desk. Susie Stokke spoke up and said "Sir, We make the rules here you don't". Susie and I got into an argument over the situation and the other bidder withdrew her bid. I went into the event center and double checked the sign on the desk that confirmed that Ms. Stokke and the Foundation was not abiding by the rules of bidding as they were posted. I returned to the bidding area to get my horse and to correct Ms. Stokke on the rules that were clearly posted at the BLM exhibit inside the Reno Livestock and Events Center.

Susie Stokke then realized who I was "Past Vice-President of the NWA" and became very rude. During our paperwork process I was standing in line like everyone else waiting my turn, when I got to Susie Stokke at her spot at the processing desk she completely ignored me. As I stood in front of her for nearly 5 minutes with my three year old daughter by my side waiting for her to get my paperwork; people standing behind me in line were offered helped first and Susie never offered me any assistance. I then asked her "Am I just standing breathing the air for my health" at that time she stated "You need to go to the back of the line sir, I can't find your paperwork" (sarcastically). I argued with her and told her that "I was not going anywhere and that she didn't even look for my paperwork". (Ms. Stokke didn't even know the number of the horse I was bidding on so how could she not find my paperwork)? *Ms. Stokke then stood up and told me again to go to the back of the line in a threatening manner (standing up, puffing out her chest, and telling everyone that I was causing a disturbance) when in fact it was her that was creating the hostile situation.*

*I asked her "and if I don't" and she then stated: "I will have my guys take care of you". I asked her "is that a threat?" at which point a very tall man (Boddie) sitting at the table approached me and told me to leave. I believed that Boddie was a member of the BLM staff and was going to cause physical harm to both my wife and I. We both felt very threatened and were very concerned about the safety of our daughter who was at my side. (It was later learned that Boddie was a Brand Inspector working for the BLM at the event).*

*I then got out of line and demanded a refund of my money for the horse. Susie refused to give me my money back and was very rude, loud and threatening. I got back in line and told my wife that I have*

**been humiliated by Susie Stokke and that we were going to see our lawyer and sue. Susie then demanded that I leave and take my family with me without refunding my money or giving us the horse that we purchased. Again I refused. Susie then got up from the table and left.**

Due to our address and it's very close proximity to BLM lands, we must now fear for our safety every time we see a BLM vehicle near our property because of the threat made by Ms. Susie Stokke. I will pursue this matter civilly due to Ms. Stokke's infliction of emotional distress, humiliation, and threats on my three year old daughter, my wife and myself.

Signed

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