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I have been thinking a lot the last few months about this awful Seattle Times article that came out on August 23, 2015. I am really angry and upset with Josh Liebeskind of the Seattle Times and with Mr. and Ms Dyles. Today my family gets a call from some old federal investigator guy from the WIAA and he has really upset my mom. Enough is enough and I have held this stuff in for the last couple months not knowing what to do, but with this latest bunch of crap going on, I need to say something and get the truth out there. I feel like I was used by these people and I feel stupid. I should have never met or talked with Liebeskind or the Dyles or trusted them. But after I hear that our football program is being investigated yet again and in large part due to the Aug 23 article, honestly guys I'm sick to my stomach and I feel like what Josh Liebeskind did was wrong and it hurts. By misquoting me and not saying what I said but changing what I said and leaving out all of the good stuff that I said hurts and it hurts a lot. Josh Liebeskind you are simply lying about what I said, taking things out of context and this is not how it went down. On the second time Liebeskind took me out to lunch, it was more of the same and all the good stuff I told him about Bellevue football and Academic Institute just didn't come out in the article and things I talked to him about were twisted and misquoted and taken out of context.

Here is what happened. Mr Dyles contacted me via facebook last spring. I had posted that I was looking for a summer job and he told me he had one for me. Mr. Dyles talked to me and had a lot of bad things to say about Bellevue football. Ms Dyles also contacted me via facebook a bunch of times and had a lot of bad things to say about Academic Institute. I listened to them both, but I didn't say much. Later, Mr. Dyles asked me to meet with this guy from the Seattle Times to talk about Bellevue Football. We were to meet at the 13 Coins in Seatac and they would buy me lunch. I wish I never went fellas but I did. The Liebeskind dude went on to tell me about all these wrong things and violations that they had already proven and that my family had lied about where they lived and all of this crap. I talked to him about Bellevue football and about Academic Institute but it is like he twisted things and made them out to be stuff that I didn't say. My dad NEVER told me to thank Butch for paying our rent and I never said that. Butch NEVER told me to go to Academic Institute and I never said that he did. Butch told me that I would need to go to summer school to get my grades up just like lots of guys.

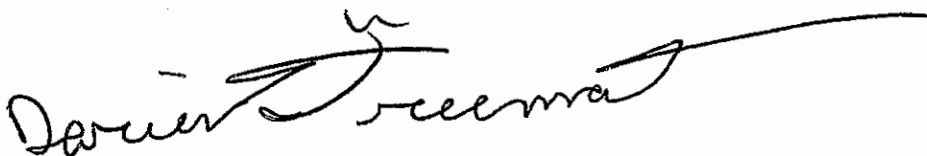
The worst thing Liebeskind did was try to make it sound like Academic Institute and Bellevue football were bad things. As I told Liebeskind, Bellevue football was the greatest thing that I have ever been a part of and I love all of my teammates and coaches. Jennifer Vice of Academic Institute is a wonderful lady and if not for her, I would not be in college today and that is the truth. She is the reason I am attending college today and I am so sad that this article came out the way it did. What a joke on that one disgruntled teacher who came out in the paper. Jason Gardner was a weird dude. No better word for him and from what I knew at the time, he wasn't doing a good job and wasn't willing to do what he was supposed to do and he got in trouble for it and that is why he was no longer there after four months. The problem wasn't with Academic Institute, the problem was with Mr. Gardner. Hey Liebeskind, you messed that one up and again you didn't get your facts right and you are twisting the truth. Liebeskind makes it sound like I was alone in one of my classes like it was study hall (which is

what my dad was thinking when he read it). No Liebeskind and that is not what I said to you man. Yes the teacher left during the school year in the one class but there WAS an instructor. It was that weird dude Mr. Gardner. Jennifer Vice took on the class herself and I was not the only student in it. You paint some picture in your newspaper like I am sitting along in a room doodling or something. Man, that is just not right Liebeskind and that really pisses me off. That is not what I said and what you wrote you just made it up and took out key words and important points in order to mislead anyone reading the article. That really sucks Liebeskind.

On the address thing, I remember that I had to sit out a year because I transferred to Bellevue and I did that my frosh year. I know the school district approved my transfer and my residency so I could play and they found nothing wrong with it so that crap Liebeskind is trying to dig up is just that---crap. None of that mattered but Liebeskind lied to me and told me otherwise and then just prints what he wants to print in the paper. I regret the two free lunches he bought me and I hope to never ever hear from or talk to Liebeskind or Mr. or Ms. Dyles again as they are all just full of too much poison. These new investigators are just mean and I want nothing to do with any of them. Haters. Leave me alone please. Warning to all you fellas out there. Stay away from these investigators and reporters and wolves in sheep's clothing. Don't trust them. All they want to do is tear down Bellevue football and tear down our coaches and they will change and twist and say whatever they want to in order to make their story come out the way they want. They used me, they lied to me and Liebeskind told me stuff that was just not true and guys I am really sorry that I ever spoke to the dude. He is bad news. Literally.

Anyhow, for whatever it is worth at this point, Jennifer Vice is a wonderful lady and Academic Institute is a good school. The Bellevue Football coaches are the best in the business and truly care about their players and what Liebeskind wrote in the paper was misleading and not what I said or even meant and it is unbelievable how he twisted my words into something bad. It just is not right and the story that came out in the newspaper is a joke. I really want to apologize to two people Jeff Razore and Jennifer Vice. I never meant to hurt or harm anyone, I didn't mean to hurt or upset anyone once so ever. I've known Jeff Razore since I was in the 6th grade when my older brother was playing at Bellevue High. He has done nothing but made sure the players was doing good on and off the field. There should be no reason for Liebeskind to be mentioning Jeff or his wife in the article at all. Not only Jeff but I want to apologize to Jennifer Vice. The things she does helps students further their education and prepare them for college is amazing. I remember coming back and visiting her thanking her for preparing me for college, without her I really wouldn't know where I would be today as far as school.

Darien Freeman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darien Freeman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.