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### **Shower Scene**

A long time ago, there was a movie out by Alfred Hitchcock called "Psycho". It was iconic because of one scene above all the rest of the groundbreaking scenes: The Shower Scene. All you had to say was "Shower Scene" and people would remember the shrill violin music that sounded like a heart screaming-- and in their minds they would see the shower curtain, the water going down the drain, and the blood then going down the drain. They never actually saw the woman getting stabbed, and the movie was black and white, but it was so vivid, people could see it, and would recall seeing the woman being stabbed, and many thought it was in color.

That movie pretty much traumatized movie going audiences for decades. It just plain stuck and replayed, every time someone said: "Shower Scene".

Today, the movie has faded and the collective memory of that scene is for movie buffs who pride themselves on remembering esoteric trivia.

But, if you say "Shower Scene" today, another ghastly, graphic image appears in the minds of those who followed the Penn State Scandal, and who are traumatized not only by what happened to that one child in the shower, and to many more children before and since that incident... but a collective outrage over the fact that the man who witnessed it-- did nothing to stop it. Nothing.

The next morning, he reported it to the Head Coach-- Joe Paterno, national legend, and Joe did nothing. More and more children were hurt by the pedophile while those in authority ignored, looked the other way, found excuses to do nothing. For years. Their silence, for whatever reason, made it possible for more and more children to suffer, be abused, tormented. They were, all of them-- "enablers". They all got something out of it too. Tickets. Memorabilia. Photo Ops. Invitations. Handshakes, backslaps, and to move in all the Right Circles.

And then the scandal broke. Legends of the Fall-- fell like rotten timbers, cut down by the Sword of Justice.

Collectively, as a nation, as a society, we are traumatized and offended by what happened, and that it was ignored, dismissed, covered up for decades. Those who knew-- did nothing.

And here we are today:

Thomas F. Sullivan, Director of ACF, has issued his Third Mandated Report. Nothing has been done to rescue the children named (redacted) in the

First Report. More incidents of more and worse abuses have come to light, and those who are in authority, Tribal, Local, County, State and Federal--- have done nothing.

The one BS letter written and signed as if the writer was the Spokes Person for the Entire Tribe-- made the silliest excuses, from "High Employee Turnover" (Direct result of them firing people who were bringing up the problems, corruption and abuses) to "Flood Waters"-- as if the ongoing rising waters of Devils Lake was somehow the first and only priority of the tribe-- and until the waters stop rising, the tribe is incapable of protecting its children. "Children are Sacred". All the while saying they ARE taking care of their children, despite the abundant proof to the contrary-- all being ignored. Yes, that letter had to be written by Vern Lambert. It's that badly constructed. That overblown.

The BIA has made not one single move to remove Rod Cavanaugh from his job with the tribe. He has failed to file even one report with the BIA and apparently, that is just how the BIA likes it. The BIA takes orders from Rod Cavanaugh, and he takes no orders from them. He goes on vacation when he feels like it, spends money without filing reports, and they just shrug. He's doing the job they want him to do, apparently: Preventing any reports from ever reaching the BIA, from or about Spirit Lake Nation, Child Abuses, rapes, and worse. If he doesn't file them, they don't have to ignore them. \*Shrug\*.

Tim Purdon is making big bold arrests and convictions on other tribes. Human Trafficking no less. But he won't even look at what is going on in Spirit Lake Nation. Why is he so Timid? Timid Purdon. But he defends his office doing nothing on Spirit Lake Nation reservation by pointing out what he is doing on other reservations. Does anyone see the total absurdity in this dance he is doing?

Timid Purdon took over a year to arrest an immediate family relative in the slaying of those two little children. And he won't say if there was a second offender. A year? Because he wanted to be 'really sure'. So, my guess is, Carrier Pigeons ran the test results back and forth. There is no way a close family member, if that indeed was the killer or one of the killers, would be hard to find. Tino Bagola never was hiding. He allowed a 'murderer' to walk freely in the community of the murdered children, for 14 months or more, even though he had conclusive DNA from the start? Does anyone feel safer with a USAG Office that poorly run?

Then again, when it comes to other locations, other reservations, Timid Purdon can be a real lion. What IS IT about SPIRIT LAKE NATION THAT MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO DO HIS JOB?

Meanwhile: He has taken no action to investigate any of the claims laid out in the First, Second, or Third Mandated Reports issued by Thomas Sullivan's Office.

I feel like we are all being forced to watch that new Shower Scene, over and over again... only instead of just one man witnessing it, walking by, every single agency responsible is walking by. Tara Mullhauser, who only gave lip-service when Betty Jo Krenz personally presented her with reports and documents, essentially stating that because of "Sovereignty" the Tribe can do anything to the children they want to do. Sounds like an enabler to me.

Yvette Rubidoux in Maryland's BIA Office, was more than eager to jump in and penalize, take retribution on, retaliate against, Dr. Tilus for speaking up. She later rescinded the Letter of Reprimand, (How big of her!) and reinstated his promotion. She was flat stupid in issuing the reprimand and rescinding the promotion in the first place. Dr. Tilus would have been transferred to another location entirely, and for the most part, not a problem to be dealt with. It would have gone so much more quietly had not Rubidoux used the heavy hand of her office to retaliate against the person who was pleading for help for the children of Spirit Lake Nation.

In so doing, despite her assurances to the contrary, Dr. Tilus was forced to abandon his patients and they were without cover, and as far as I know, they may still be without cover. Damage was done to the most vulnerable people out there, all for the sake of retaliation and to make an example of a Whistle-blower.

And it all backfired on Rubidoux. She looks both inept at her real job of running the agency department, and she looks inept at 'putting a lid' on the scandal. I see absolutely no reason why she still has her job. She too, so far, failing to investigate one or any of the Reports issued by Thomas Sullivan; failing to investigate or fire Rod Cavanaugh, (Not even issuing a reprimand on his performance or lack thereof, for over a decade), only using her authority to retaliate against those trying to get help to the children... she too, is walking past this Shower Scene, unmoved by the screams of tormented children in the hands of abusers, pedophiles and child traffickers.

Sue Settles, BIA, has done nothing to investigate. She too, has been happy to allow the retaliations while doing nothing to protect the children, much less the whistle blowers. By now, we should be setting up folding chairs. The Shower Room is getting crowded. Some may break out in a sweat under the seamy, steamy conditions.

Roger "Weenie Boy" Yankton seems unfazed by all of this. He shrugs his shoulders and cannot figure out what all the fuss is about. He just wants the money from the State and Federal Programs to resume so he can continue to

line his own pockets. He made the statement that Thomas Sullivan's reports are without specificity. I thought the first report was extremely specific. Did Roger not get an un redacted copy? He seems to just shrug it off. Not even curious enough to speak up pretend to investigate (mostly his family) the pedophiles who have abused the children he gave them. He did, in the name of "Sovereignty" remove all the sex offender pictures from the Public Buildings. They were mostly his family anyway.

Roger is not just an enabler, he is a participant. He is in the shower stalls, and everyone else is just watching.

There have been attempts to intimidate, harass, attack those who are stepping forward-- but Timid Purdon's office can't be bothered with investigating those cases. The FBI just shrugs their shoulders. They already know who is doing all of this: Their friends in SLN. Which is probably why Timid won't even look at what is going on there-- I mean, the FBI is protecting the corrupt... what chance would a Timid USAG have?

Let's put Timid Purdon in one of the folding chairs, and the FBI in the shower stalls. They must be getting something out of all this perversion and corruption to stay silent, do nothing, destroy evidence that might lead back to--- old friends.

People are paying attention. This is not going away. What did we learn from Penn State? That people who enable the most vicious, atrocious crimes against children, are weak, and their insides are full of serpents. They get angry if you make them do their job. They attack anyone that tries to protect the children. And there is no amount of embarrassment or humiliation they won't tolerate, no insult they won't endure.. as long as this thing 'eventually runs its course and people move on to other things'.

Why do you think the Sioux Fighting Logo was rubbed in your faces all this time? I know that one Journalist defended his constant reporting of it as "Important to get it on the record." Wow, sounds like a real journalist, doesn't it? Until you realize that he and his partner had the information, the reports, and interviews with the whistle-blowers for months and months and did nothing with it until it started blowing up in their faces. Now they are happy to point to more than a dozen stories they've done on this issue... but all within the last few months. Before then? Crickets.

Take a bow, boys. I hope you get Pulitzer Prizes! Now, if you are through patting yourselves on the back, pull up a folding chair. Look around. This is the company you are in. And yes, they do all look so very familiar. Old friends? Have you considered contacting any of your old pals from Fighting Sioux Logo Press Conferences to see if they give a shit about what is happening to the children in

their community? Think you might be able to, as journalists and 'friends' maybe, get a statement out of them? No pressure.

Tara Mullhauser, after months and months of doing nothing, has promised that this week she will issue a statement or a report. It's. About. Fucking. Time.

Let's see what she gives out. Let's see what her excuses are. Let's see if she pats herself on the back for a job well-done. It's important, I think, to get this on the record.

The water is still running. The children are still screaming. There are a lot of folding chairs waiting for guests. There's a lot of shower stalls... and these images will scar you for life.

You know where to find me.

~Cat