

## Darkness To Light

This has been some week. Way too many things to post in just one blog posting.

But I want to leave you with this:

All that the government does or can do will only change the Darkness to Light out there if the people find in themselves the courage to stand up and tell the truth. Stand up and support one another. Come clean. Regain Honor.

One such person who is doing just that is a man named Sitting Bear. I will post his letter here. I want you to read every painful word of it. Remember that Archie Fool Bear was a mover and shaker in the mass distraction of the Fighting Sioux Logo issue. A great distraction creator. A man now exposed by his own son, for what he is and has done. In so doing, Sitting Bear has regained his Honor. It will have to be this way with just about everyone out there in Spirit Lake. This is how it is done.

He did not send the letter to me. But I got it. It needs to be read.

Once this starts happening, this Darkness will be banished by the Light. There will be a strength and a power that surges through Indian Country such as has not been seen in a thousand years. I promise you.

## Tribal Truth

*Active Citizens for Tribal Truth (ACTT), I like the sound of that. Very direct and optimistic, yet I can't help but wonder what is meant by truth? If truth means something that cannot be questioned or denied, & everything else is a lie, then those seeking tribal truth should also be open to their own lies. Especially those that helped create many of the social problems we see on our reservation today. Problems like, 1/3 of our women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetimes, and 4800 annual reports of child abuse & neglect, problems that carry no monetary or popularity gain, so they are rarely heard on the council floor. These combined with many of our other social problems, such as suicide, alcoholism and drug abuse. It doesn't take a genius to figure out, that these problems are all related --- Immoral behavior is contagious. So when the innocence of our women and children are left alone, unprotected from the whim of immoral men, the future of our people does indeed appear bleak.*

*I hope we all wish to one day see a Standing Rock that is not covered in a thick fog of lies, greed & jealousy. Maybe the only way to achieve this is to pay a social price for each of our individual debts. Debts that also reveal our personal sins, lies & acts that we've all done to hurt others, which reveal much about who we are as individuals, as families and as a community.*

*A universal truth is, that none of us, not me, or any of you reading this, are without sin, past mistakes, or selfish deeds. That is one thing we all share as human beings, but what separates those who take responsibility for*

*their mistakes, from those who do not, is that those who won't, lack morality, and will continue to hurt others without remorse. Common sense tells me that if our reservation is to ever move forward, towards a healthier future, free from the many social sicknesses of today. Then we must first admit to these debts. Expose those who don't and hold accountable all those who are most responsible for creating these problems, no matter who they may be.*

*This is a confession of my lie, a debt as it relates to "tribal truth." I write this knowing full well of the repercussions that are to come: the social stigma which will attach to relatives and me, the cutting of ties with many from my family, and many of you from our SR community. Regardless of the turmoil in my future, this affects all of SR, so you deserve to know.*

*I'm originally from Cannon Ball, but grew up in Fort Yates, a son of the then Standing Rock Police Captain --- Archie Fool Bear. Who is now the present day spokesman for the recently developed ACTT group. A citizen of Standing Rock who claims to seek the truth of Standing Rock: what Archie has yet to realize, is that all he has to do, is take an honest look at his own family to find this truth he claims to seek. I reveal this information only with the consent of victims and witnesses of Archie's despicable acts.*

*Much like the poor social state we see our reservation in today, which is the result of immoral & selfish men. Men who created a system that allowed for: lack of accountability for criminal acts, and for the shameful squabbling for power over limited resources, or to the false loyalties of corrupted traditions. Our family has also been poisoned by the sickness of one of these immoral men. In our case, an egocentric wannabe prophet with no conscience or remorse for any of the evil acts he has subjected others to.*

*He had a way of convincing his victims (and witnesses) through physical abuse and intimidation, along with emotional, sexual and verbal abuse, that all must remain loyal to family (meaning him) and keep silent about his many evil deeds. He insured his family (and relatives) that no one was more important or powerful than the great Archie Fool Bear, the Police Captain who had the legal authority to imprison, discredit and hurt anyone who stood in his way. He assured us he was the sole reason for all good things in our lives; indebting as many of us to his will as possible. We were prisoners in his deranged and violent world. I think many of us who grew up in these types of environments try to normalize these sick worlds we are forced into, in order to mentally survive and attempt to function as normal members of society.*

*Which brings us to the ultimate lie of my family: it is a lie that has devastated and destroyed many lives, a lie that has burdened our family*

*for more than 20 years. You see, I come forward today because I recently lost someone very close to me, someone who was also haunted with the same guilt of not being able to protect a loved one from Archie. One of the most honorable men I've ever known --- Drew Red Dog. He was my 1st cousin, but all who knew of our relationship, know that Drew and I were the closest of brothers. There was nothing we would not do for each other, or for those we care for. We confided everything to one another, most recently about the dark secrets in our family's history. The sick & depraved crimes Archie subjected our family to have been weighing on both of our shoulders, our entire lives. The abuses we were told as children to never talk about, in order to protect the family, (Archie). Like our culture teaches, we were also taught to always forgive family, but neither of us could ever bring ourselves to forgive an un-remorseful and cowardly man.*

*Like many of you already have some knowledge of, Archie was investigated for child molestation in the early 1990s, charges that were never filed due to lack of witnesses and evidence. This is where my debt must also be paid. The details of what I witnessed have no place in a public statement such as this, but the one thing I will profess, and so will the victim of this crime, is that Archie Fool Bear did indeed molest his daughter --- my sister Kerry. Along with several other children during that time period, yes while he was a SR Police Officer & Captain.*

*I walked in on it happening when I was very young, around 9 years old. So long ago, yet I can still remember the fear in my sister's eyes when she looked to me --- terrified and helpless. The abuse continued and several years later, when Kerry was in High School, she worked up the courage, stood up to him, and reported Archie to the school's guidance counselor, Helen Lindgren. One would have hoped that Archie's reign of terror on his family was soon coming to an end; I suppose in some ways, it did.*

*I do not pretend to be a saint, nor someone who will ever be. I have committed more sins than I care to remember, and feel remorse and take responsibility for each. But the most remorseful sin of my life was not standing by my sister when she needed me the most. You see, I lied to the FBI when questioned about the sexual abuse I witnessed. I was intimidated by Archie and was too fearful of his repercussions to stand with her. So his lie then became my lie, and is now our family's lie.*

*A short time passed after Kerry exposed him: charges were never filed & everybody abandoned her. She was left with nowhere else to go, but back into the sick world she escaped from, which only gave credit to Archie's story, (where of course), he claimed she was lying. She was then pressured into believing that the best thing for "the family" was for her to recant her statement to the authorities, thus sealing Archie's lie for the*

*next 20 years --- until now. He has been building onto this lie ever since. Using it as an excuse to hold a debt over Kerry's life, constantly bombarding her with the reminder of her betrayal to family (him), the lie he created is now his only salvation, and he will do anything to protect it.*

*Since my lie to the FBI; I've been trying to rationalize that decision ever since. As if I had any control over my world then. Yes I lived in a highly abusive home where personal safety was non-existent. Yes I was very young, barely a teenager when questioned by the FBI. Over the last 20 years; counselors, therapists, family members and friends have all said the exact same thing. That we were brainwashed, physically assaulted, mentally tormented and powerless in an environment controlled by the most powerful man in our community, (at that time). The man with the highest authority to cease one's life or freedom --- a corrupt Police Captain. I'm often asked: Who was there to go to? Who was there to stop him? Who could have protected us under his roof? I am always told not to blame myself, that I was a powerless child, yet I still do and probably always will. Much the same way as my brother Drew did.*

*I think most of us, who were ill affected by Archie, have always held out hope, that there may be an ounce of good left in him, and he would someday come forward as the honorable man he portrays himself as, and admit to his sick depravities. Releasing Kerry from the shadow of lies he holds over her and also freeing Drew, myself and everyone else from the guilt we've carried in protecting "the family," but I have come to realize that Archie has long since sided with evil and is far beyond reconciling his sins, and we can no longer carry his burden for him.*

*The reason I know he will deny the truth and avoid responsibility for the rest of his days, is because 2 months ago when he began physically and mentally tormenting another family member. I told him bluntly, face to face, that his behavior would no longer be tolerated & that he was to begin repairing his relationship with his daughter Kerry. That if he didn't, I was not going to protect him any longer. His other children have since given him the same choice. He's had every opportunity to avoid exposure & make the transition towards being a father & honorable man. But instead, he has once again chosen his lie and is again attempting to strengthen his hold over Kerry. Hoping to once again, cover the sinful tracks of his past. Since our conversation that day, several relatives have come forward & revealed many more abuses that Archie subjected our families to; (during that same time period), 20+ years ago. Abuses I had no knowledge of until only recently. This new knowledge along with his blatant lack of remorse and continued selfishness, has added even more reason for his public exposure.*

*I truly believe that the members of our reservation and my family both owe my sister Kerry a debt of great gratitude, because without her standing up to him, he would most likely still be enjoying his legal power & authority over all of us. He may have continued with his depraved acts on the innocent within his own family, everything that ceased when Kerry exposed him two decades ago. She knocked him back onto his heels, and he's been trying to regain his footing ever since. If he had remained chief of police, who knows how many more families may have been destroyed, victimized & corrupted? So thank you Kerry, you are truly an unspoken hero.*

*Tactics he will use in the weeks to come will be the same complete denial of his crimes, he will use his past status as a police officer, and he will also utilize his criminal justice system knowledge. He knows that the success of his lie depends on discrediting all who know his truth. This is the key. To distort the truth, and leave a possibility open for his lie's survival. This is a strategy most used by defense attorneys, (to create a reasonable doubt). This is how he has avoided the consequences for his crimes all his life. As long as he can get enough of you to doubt his accusers, his lie remains intact & his debt will remain unpaid.*

*Instead of coming to terms with his truth; that he molested his daughter (and other relatives' children), and also mentally and physically abused his wife and son every day for as long as he could. Hoping to survive the judgment of his peers, he will go to his grave in denial. I made a statement to the authorities on Aug. 2nd, revealing all this same information I share with you today, yet most likely, he will never be prosecuted, or even questioned. A failed system he helped create. I know I have not a right to condemn another man, but I do take comfort in knowing that when he reaches the next world, God's judgment will be swift and just. He may have learned to convince himself, of his own lies, but those lies will end at the foot of God.*

*For many years, I lost faith in the sanctity of family, because I never knew what that truly meant. Family to me meant protecting Archie's lie; & I saw no honor in that --- thus I saw no trust in family. But I now realize that family means much more, it means protecting the innocence of women and children at all costs, because I know personally that the damage done is venomous & lifelong. That loyalty to good should never be compromised with evil, no matter what the costs. Lies do not fade with time, believe me, it is quite the opposite. It is not the son's burden to carry the guilt of a sinful father, nor is it the nephews to carry that of the uncles. So for Drew & my self's families, our payment to (him) ends & his debt to you begins.*

*I am off-loading Archie's burden back onto him. It is now his job to face this "tribal truth" he claims to seek. The truth, that it is immoral men like*

*him that are most responsible for the mess we see our reservation in today. The primary reason why our families and community have broken down is because of a system he helped create; a corrupt system that allowed child predators and rapists to go un-punished, and the victims to go on --- un-protected. A shepherd would never expect a wolf to protect his herd, not even one disguised in police clothing. Yet on Standing Rock, this is what we have come to expect & accept.*

*I'm positive in the weeks to come; he will fight viciously to protect his lie and attempt to convince many of you, that he is the "victim" of some vast conspiracy plot against him. He'll put on his humble man face and spread the word that his political enemies have gotten his children to lie about him, etc, etc... He will attempt to align himself with my brother Drew's reputation, like he had anything to do with the great things about my brother. The truth is; Drew hated Archie for everything he's done to our family. He expressed this to me (and others) on numerous occasions. Yet Archie, who never had a good thing to say about Drew, (until after his passing), in his sick & twisted little world, will try to use Drew's death to his advantage. Don't be fooled, my brother despised Archie and wished for him to be exposed.*

*He will spread baseless information (about me & anyone else, who knows his truth), to gain your confidence, just as he's done in the past. He's already begun his attack on Brenda & her family; spreading rumors that insinuate Brenda "may have" killed her husband. Knowing that Brenda knows his truth, he's attempting to discredit her. He will also attempt to persuade Kerry to deny everything you've read today. He will claim to has taken & passed a polygraph, (lie detector test), which he didn't. The truth is, he was offered the test to clear his name and he refused to take it. His lies will build onto one-another. The reason I know this, is because I have witnessed him do this my entire life. Cowardly selfish acts are exactly how he avoids responsibility for his depravities. But eventually his house of lies will collapse.*

*To answer the question why do I now come forward? After so much time has passed? The answer is that this isn't a recent event, but rather a lifetime of living under his cloud of lies. I've come to realize that protecting "the family" means just that. Protecting those you love & who love you. It is time for both our community and my family's healing to begin. Evil must first be acknowledged before it can be vanquished. Honor must be restored and our children's futures protected. I will not go to my grave allowing Archie's victims to go unheard, his crimes unknown or his lies uncontested. My brother Drew also desired that the truth be told.*

*My family's lie reflects the lies of our community. As long as everyone keeps their silence about these deranged men, and our Law Enforcement*

*System continues to turn a blind eye, their poison will spread and continue onto the next generations. Everyone needs to know the truth of Archie Fool Bear, (former Police Chief, One-time Tribal Councilman & Wannabe Chairman) so that history does not repeat itself. Those of you who have had similar experiences need to know that you're not alone, that there is a healthier future, and we can do it together, as families of truth, part of one community. Men who victimize women & children are not men, they are cowards. There is no need to fear such people & I'm sure there are more. They have no place in our people's future. They never should have been a part of our past.*

*I do not take any pleasure in writing this, it is truly one of the most painful things I've ever had to do, but for the sake of truth, I know it has to be done. I have exhausted every option in allowing Archie to come forward (on his own) and save himself from the embarrassment of public exposure. I expect the worst is yet to come & that is fine. This statement is simply the "tribal truth" as I would testify to it, before judge, jury and God, and I will. I do not harbor any ill feeling toward the ACTT group or to the Fool Bear family, this is not an attack on them, but only an exposure of one immoral member, a member who has exploited and dishonored us all.*

*This is also my public announcement of dis-ownership of Archie Fool Bear, and anyone who will continue to support his lies. I do this in accordance with our customs and traditions, (publicly with cause). My loyalty has been misplaced in the corrupted traditions of a manipulative & un-remorseful tyrant, and it will now remain with those who need protection from such men. With this statement, I also announce the adoption of my traditional name, given by the late Joe Flying Bye, Mato lyotake' --- Sitting Bear. I sincerely apologize to my sister Kerry for not standing with her so long ago, and also for the prolonged suffering in silence that all other victims of Archie's depravities have had to endure.*

*To Drew: I am honored to have known you. The truth has been told brother. Rest in peace.*

*Steven J. Sitting Bear, formally known as Steve Fool Bear*