TELEPHONE MESSAGE LEFT BY WEST ST. PAUL MAYOR 1997

BY MICHAEL BISANZ:

Yes, Mr. Verhagen, Mike Bisanz returning your call. Your kind of smart aleck call, and I appreciate you keeping me informed with what's going on. I only wish I had been around to talk to those reporters and newscasters. My understanding that the news stories that you generated and thought that it would help your client, the people came out and saw Mary Duchene's, Mary Jane Duchene's house and was devastated by what they saw. I hope you've gotten out since and seen that. Not only do we have the right, but we have the obligation to pass--we're not passing ordinances, we're passing resolutions to clean up property. Not only do we have the right to do that, we have the obligation to do that for every citizen in our city. And we will continue to do that, whether it's with Ms. Duchene or any other property. That is what I am proud that we do in our city, and I don't care whoever you talk to in other cities. You must have asked the wrong question. Because if they went over to Mary Jane Duchene's house, they would do nothing but agree with us that that's a public nuisance and ought to be abated. As to the newscasters and everybody else, so you keep fighting the good battle. I think everybody ought to keep us on our toes and make sure that we do what is legal and proper whether it's with Ms. Duchene or anyone else. I'm not looking to roll over

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with Ms. Duchene or anyone else. I'm not looking to roll over any citizen in our city, as I told you before, and Ms. Duchene is one of them.

I will not keep being passionate about what I do. I'm sure you're very passionate about what you do, and I will continue to be passionate. And if you want to continue to call me and kind of push me to my limit, well, keep it up; and we'll have some fun, Mr. Verhagen. But I do what I do because I love it, I enjoy it, and I do it well. And I'm passionate about it. And when somebody calls me up and tries to, to infer that having a couple feet of manure in somebody's backyard is appropriate in the city limits of my city, ah, I'll have that conversation all day long. Thanks of calling. Bye now.

(THIS CALL TOOK PLACE AT 12:33 P.M.)

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