

## "Jonnie-Boy's Punk Stunt"

From October 10, 1996 to January 13, 1997 I staffed a political booth, "Dannershop Santa Cruz," on the sidewalk, close to the street, in front of the main post office in Santa Cruz on Front Street, the purpose of which was to display and disseminate information about Santa Cruz County District Attorney Art Danner.

The booth was viewed by a parade of public officials including the Sheriff, several Judges, many lawyers, and even some assistant D.A.s I could recognize. One assistant D.A., Robert Noonan, would prance back and forth on a regular basis, seemingly every day.

On October 15, 1996, about 1:00 PM, about 20 feet away, to my right and on the other side of a row of newspaper racks, appears Chief Deputy D.A. Jon Hopkins, Chief Deputy D.A. Dave Genochio and local attorney Dana Scruggs. They confer together for about 5 minutes, then move into position.

Jon Hopkins takes up position a few feet in front of and slightly to the left of the booth, his toes touching the first level of steps to the Post Office, his back to the booth, his hands clasped behind his back, his gaze fixed at the Post Office.

Dave Genochio and Dana Scruggs then approach me. I'm called a "woman beater." "How would you like a mask made of you?" one shouts. (An Art Danner mask was on display at the booth.) I say "go ahead." They want a rile. They want a scene. They want a reason to get the political booth booted. After about 5 minutes of trying to push my buttons and failing to get me upset, the 3 disperse.

That evening I decided to file a complaint with the Santa Cruz Police. I called the Santa Cruz PD at 7:30 PM. At 7:42 PM Officer Brandt (#176) called me back. Officer Brandt said that although it was "unethical," "no crime was committed." It "wasn't disrupting a meeting." I agreed with Officer Brandt, whom I felt was forthright, and thanked him for returning my call and speaking with me.

I did not know the identity of Jon Hopkins 2 associates at the time of the incident. I knew Hopkins well. About a half hour after the incident on October 15, 1996 one of the 2 Hopkins associates returns to the political booth, this time with a young boy, 8 or 9 years old. Again, he starts in on me. I had a yellow pad with me. I say "What's your name?" The young boy says "Dana Scruggs." I say "What's your phone number?" The young boy says "....." (Their unlisted home phone number!). I write it down. The newly identified Dana Scruggs demands it from me. I give it to him, he crumples it (I still have the number, however). He asks for my name and phone number. I give it to him. He asks me not to call him at home (I haven't).

The other Hopkins associate I had met a week before after addressing the Board of Supervisors on October 8, 1996 during oral communications, but I didn't know who he was. He tried to push my buttons outside in the hallway. I saw him on TV being interviewed in January, 1997. It was Chief Deputy D.A. Dave Genochio. I called him February 14, 1997. I said "We met October 8th and October 15th." He said "Hopefully we'll never meet again."

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