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## #MN07 candidate Facebook post: "David Hughes Granted Restraining Order Against Fischbach's Campaign Manager, Over 300+ Calls"

We'll have more on this after we run an errand.

From [a post](#) on Minnesota Seventh District Republican congressional candidate David Hughes' Facebook page:

Hughes Granted Restraining Order Against Fischbach's Campaign Manager, Over 300+ Calls

May 1, 2020: U.S. Congressional candidate Major Dave Hughes (Ret) was granted a harassment restraining order against Michelle Fischbach's campaign manager, Samuel Winter. Between April 4-27, Mr. Winter called phone numbers belonging to the Hughes family and congressional campaign. The calls from Mr. Winter numbered over 300, including roughly 60 calls on one single day of April 11. Many of these calls were coordinated attacks during Hughes' virtual speeches during county political conventions. Furthermore, several dozen calls happened between 11PM - 1AM, as you can see in the photo above from Hughes' landline caller ID. Winter has also been cited for criminal harassment against Major Hughes and his family by the Kittson County Sheriff's Department.

Statement from Major Hughes: "It is uncalled for what Michelle Fischbach's campaign manager, Sam Winter, did by trying to jam my phone lines during county conventions, voter outreach, and ultimately during the late evening and early morning. 300 calls are absurd, and my family and I have had enough. Fifteen phone calls on April 27th at 12:34AM was the final straw. I am thankful to the Kittson County Sheriff's office for their thorough investigation to subpoena phone records and verify all the phone calls came from Sam Winter's phone number – the same number used on Michelle Fischbach's campaign website. I hope this restraining order will be the end to this harassment.

For those in Todd County, you heard the consequence of Sam Winter's actions. During my 3-minute stump speech I was called 34 times. Because of my Call Waiting service, each of those 34 calls took 1-2 seconds of my speech, completely chopping up my message to the delegates. Winter's calls were nonstop on my cell phone and campaign landline for nearly 2 dozen conventions trying to disrupt my speeches and distract my train of thought. Winter's attacks on my campaign were a disservice to this district and reveal complete contempt for our political process.

These cheap political tactics are straight from the playbooks of career politicians – the foundation of the Fischbach campaign. Fischbach is a career politician who is using the same scare tactics from the likes of the DNC, Robert Mueller, and Adam Schiff. These late-night calls assaulted the tranquility in my home my wife and I have built together. I call on Michelle Fischbach to end these harassing calls and remove Mr. Winter from her campaign."