



**Nikki Cole**

Interview request RE: Human Rights Tribunal

To: Leah Dyck

July 26, 2024 at 11:54 AM



Morning Leah,

Hope you're doing well.

Now that an official investigation has been launched by the Human Rights Tribunal, we are actually able to proceed with a story. (As I am sure you understand, until this time, we were unable to move forward with anything).

Would you be available over the weekend - or early next week - for a phone interview to discuss your complaint, and the legal proceedings, etc?

I look forward to hearing from you,  
Nikki

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**Leah Dyck**

Re: Interview request RE: Human Rights Tribunal

To: Nikki Cole

July 26, 2024 at 1:25 PM

Nikki,

I understand why you wouldn't be able to move forward with the story, but you actively tried to cover it up. Did you do anything to look into it? Or did you just assume I was a liar? If you did, that's irresponsible. If this was about something that wasn't about life and death, then I wouldn't be so upset. But I'm actually not lying when I say my suffering is unbearable. And my life isn't even that bad compared to soooo many other peoples.

And why couldn't you have responded in the meantime? Even if it was just a short couple of sentences like what you just said, which does make total sense. That was actually my first thought when you ghosted me. You simply didn't know if it was true. But then you covered it up by praising them.

I desperately want to talk to you about this so you can report on it, but I don't trust you.

I don't know how to trust you if you can't make me understand why you didn't even bother looking into it.

And you can't say asking them is looking into it because if they are guilty, they're obviously going to lie about it. That's not looking into it.

An acknowledge of where I'm coming from would be helpful.

Leah



**Nikki Cole**

July 26, 2024 at 3:58 PM

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To: Leah Dyck



Hi Leah,

I'm unsure what you think I or BarrieToday actively covered up but I can guarantee that would never be the case with any story.

When I reached out a few months back it was for an interview that was being included in a 10-part series addressing a variety of different housing issues. The one I was working on at that time was about individual stories and experiences.

I did actually respond to you letting you know that I would not be able to pursue the issue you'd requested at that time. If you didn't receive it then I can understand why you'd think that you were being ignored - however I can assure you that was not the case.

We deal with official legal paperwork/complaints which is pretty standard operating procedure for news outlets.

Anyone can say they're going to file, but we address it once they have done so - which is why I've contacted you now.

If you do not want to talk about it then we will just work from the complaint paperwork.

Take care,

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**Leah Dyck**

July 26, 2024 at 6:11 PM

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To: Nikki Cole

Thank you for taking the time to explain all this.

I didn't realize you responded. Thank you for saying that. I'll go look for it. I'm sure I missed it. It sounds like some something I'd do.

Yes, I would like to speak to you about what's going on. I've had quite a few people who work in other housing organizations tell me that there's a lot of things wrong going on here as well (which is reassuring).

I would be available to speak with you this weekend if you're available? Any day or time works.

Thank you for taking the time to explain. I really appreciate it.

Leah

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