

Aloha Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am asking for your support in these times of spiritual attack. It was recently announced that I was being promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief of Police in the Honolulu Police Department. It is a position that I have worked very hard to reach. I have over 32 years of police service and I have diligently worked my way up through the ranks. There has been a controversy to my promotion that is being instigated by a specific State Senator named Wil Espero. This individual apparently has a personal agenda and is using the Honolulu Police Department as a vehicle to pursue his selfish ambitions.

Espero has recently stated via the news media that I should not be promoted due to an incident that occurred over 23 years ago. In January of 1993, I made a very bad mistake. I committed an act of terroristic threatening against my wife. This was considered an act of domestic violence. I was arrested and I had my police powers removed for almost 5 years, as I waited for the courts to decide the outcome of my case. I eventually applied and received a full gubernatorial pardon from then Governor Ben Cayetano in 2001.

My life went into a complete downward spiral during those 5 years of waiting for my case to be adjudicated by the courts. I did not walk with the Lord during those days. I was totally lost and I did not have anywhere else to turn. My then wife (Laura) and I were eventually divorced. Laura and I still maintain a good relationship and we have forgiven each other for the multitude of sins that were committed during our marriage.

I went on with my life. I was promoted to Sergeant in 1995, Lieutenant in 2001, Captain in 2010, and Major in 2014. On February 3, 2016, Chief Louis Kealoha announced that I was being promoted again. That's when the spiritual attacks began. The enemy was quick to open up my past and make accusation after accusation about my character. The enemy is trying to slander my reputation by bringing up a matter that has long since been resolved.

I am a sinner. I admit that I did do a terrible thing back in 1993. The price of sin is death. I did not die, but I paid a severe price for my indiscretions. The most important thing to me is that Jesus shed his Blood for sinners just like me. I am forgiven! Also, my family forgives me! Time to move forward.

I'm asking for a tremendous favor from you. If the Holy Spirit speaks to you, can you please write a short character reference letter for me? **All I need you to write is that you know that I walk with the Lord now and that you fully support my promotion to Assistant Chief. Please email your letter to Chief Louis Kealoha: Lkealoha@honolulu.gov; I am asking that you send your letter by Monday February 8, 2015 before 0800 hours.**

Ryan Borges