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**Subject:** RE: Ownership of the AZ Daily Herald

Hi Everyone,

I am emailing you all after watching last night's news on KVOA, reading multiple newspaper articles, and I intend to try to clear up some confusion regarding the Arizona Daily Herald, so please observe the full story before.

My name is John Dalton and I am currently a resident of central Tucson. I have gotten into blogging and I wanted to start up my own news platform but to both protect my identity and make me seem objective, I utilized the pseudonym, Jim Falken, which I happened to run across while observing some nation roleplaying and blogs by a Timothy DesJarlais. Although I did use the same pseudonym as Mr DesJarlais, under no circumstances did I ever intend to assume his identity. All of my social media accounts never used a single picture of him and I never mentioned his name in all of my work.

About a week from now, I was made aware about Supervisor Ally Miller's "road plan" after perusing multiple campaign sites and I wanted to do a story on it so I sent out multiple emails to get comments from the other candidates. I contacted Marla Closen, Steve Christy, John Backer, John Winchester, Martin Bastillas, Kim DiMarco and a public relations representative from the RTA. During the Tuesday Board of Supervisors meeting, I was watching it via the county's online streaming webpage. During discussion of the Ban on Texting Ordinance, I wanted a picture for my Facebook page and one of my friends gave me Timothy DeJarlais's number, who apparently was a staffer for Supervisor Miller and usually attended the meetings. I texted him requesting a picture, identifying myself as John Dalton, which he replied rather quickly.

I posted up the picture and it did surprise me how quickly he seemed to respond, but it has now dawned on me that he may have confused me with another "John Dalton." Upon further research, there is another John Dalton out there who has come from Michigan and ran for Arizona delegate during this year's state convention. It has come to my attention that Mr. DesJarlais has gotten me confused with this John Dalton, although we are two different people with different phone numbers. It also seems others have been confused and alleged that Mr DeJarlais is the owner of the Arizona Daily Herald.

I'd like to repeat that none of my emails or texts were ever intended to impersonate Mr Dalton or Mr DesJarlais and I would like to offer my sincere apology to both the media, Supervisor Miller, all the candidates, and both Mr. DesJarlais and Mr. Dalton. Because of the nature of confusion surrounding my site, I have already terminated it and I will soon be deactivating this email. I meant no ill will towards anybody and this is purely a news blogging attempt gone wrong. I hope all of you will understand and I wish all of you the best of luck moving forward into the summer.

Kindly,

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