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Shawna Hawk Testimonial of my experience of interacting with Dana Walker 10/8/2018

Dana Walker first stated his harassment and bullying of me in 2017. I wanted to take legal precautions then but was talked out of it by community members who supported him, so I went against my better judgment, his latest harmful attacks of me have been extremely triggering and painful as were the ones last year. Due to the fact that he continued his attacks it makes it very emotionally, physically and mentally damaging to my wellbeing. I am a domestic violence survivor and was as a survivor of attempted rape. Dana's violent words against me both on social media and his newsletter, have had a very painful and traumatizing effect on me. When I go to the coop and he is at the front entrance he stares at me with a very threatening look and I am faced with the choice of either try to be or look brave so he won't take my looking away as weakness there for inviting more bullying from him. For awhile I would really want to go to the coop to shop or look into volunteer possibilities or wanting to connect The Women of Color group I facilitate as well as other orgs I work with the coop, but felt afraid due to the fact that Dana is in the front entrance and seems to have a very in-depth relationship with the coop so I was discouraged. I feel very limited as to how safe I feel to participate and shop at the coop. I would love to have the option of being able to access good food, and connect with a community resource such as the coop. I talked with four coop staff about my concerns and one of them was aware of the situation I have been going through and how Dana's action we're putting me in danger especially due to the current and past climate in Olympia. The fact that two Black women have had to leave their jobs on the Evergreen St college due to death threats from white supremacy groups, the Black woman that was found beaten and who died later due to her wounds etc, makes situation and what Dana is doing even more dangerous for me.

Thank you in advance for making the coop a safer place for myself and others who from what community members have shared with me have also felt uncomfortable with Dana and his presents

Shawna Hawk

Community Member