

The Tangled Web

Chris Buckel repeatedly used his taxpayer-funded email account to coordinate campaign activities even *after* he acknowledged that using the account could get him in trouble.

The first series of emails is between Buckel and his campaign consultants Joey & Donny Brunner. Buckle's finance report lists a payment to Joey Brunner for website and video development.

In the second series of emails, Buckel and fellow teacher Rhonda Malecek discuss Buckel's website campaign website video, clearly using their taxpayer-funded computers and internet access and view campaign videos on Youtube. Buckel indicates that he placed a call to his consultant, Joey Brunner while viewing the political material from work.

Subject: RE: quote [Scanned]

Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 12:12:09 -0500

From: cbuckel@scc.k12.wi.us

To: joeybrunner_5@hotmail.com

Hey Big Dog,

Can we get together this weekend to start the website?

Buck

From: joey brunner [mailto:joeybrunner_5@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2008 4:23 PM

To: Chris Buckel

Subject: RE: quote [Scanned]

Hey, Christopher

I have been looking forward to getting together and discussing your website. We also need to brainstorm some video ideas and themes. I have to shoot a video this weekend for the band Throw the Fight, in Minneapolis. Would next week work out? I will put together a questionnaire for you to fill out so we can get a better idea of what you want for your site.

How are things going with your campaign? I hear that you are having a meeting soon. I hope it goes well- let me know what I can do. I will get the questionnaire to you asap.

Joey

Subject: RE: quote [Scanned]

Date: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 09:07:28 -0500

From: cbuckel@scc.k12.wi.us

To: joeybrunner_5@hotmail.com

Hey Buddy

Can I come over tomorrow night after the kids go to bed and we can get a start on the website?

I'll supply the beverages

Buck

From: "joey brunner" <joeybrunner_5@hotmail.com>

To: "Chris Buckel" <cbuckel@scc.k12.wi.us>

Subject: RE: quote [Scanned]

Date: Monday, April 21, 2008 11:36 AM

Can you give me a call today when you get a minute??

DOOR HANGERS

From: Donny Brunner [mailto:donnybrunner@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, May 05, 2008 4:10 PM

To: Chris Buckel; Joey Brunner

Subject: Back of door hanger [Scanned]

Here is the back. Joey, forgot to ask you what you thought on that last one.

Subject: RE: Back of door hanger [Scanned]

Date: Mon, 5 May 2008 16:24:56 -0500

From: cbuckel@scc.k12.wi.us

To: donnybrunner@hotmail.com

Hey bud.

This is my work e-mail. I might get in trouble for using it for campaign stuff so from now on use buckelchris@yahoo.com

I forwarded this e-mail to my personal e-mail, so don't worry about resending it.

Thanks man,

Buck

From: "Donny Brunner" <donnybrunner@hotmail.com>

To: "Chris Buckel" <cbuckel@scc.k12.wi.us>

Subject: RE: Back of door hanger [Scanned]

Date: Monday, May 05, 2008 4:26 PM

Cool. I will use that one from now on. Let me know tonight if you have a second. Later bud!

From: Rhonda Malecek

Sent: Friday, May 16, 2008 9:39 AM

To: Chris Buckel; dmalecek@dynatronix.com

Subject: website [Scanned]

Hi---

I love the videos....what is the one titled neighbor/war.....why is that
on there?? I didn't have time to look at all of them...

From: Chris Buckel

Sent: Friday, May 16, 2008 9:41 AM

To: Rhonda Malecek

Subject: RE: website [Scanned]

Are you joshing me?

From: Rhonda Malecek

Sent: Friday, May 16, 2008 9:42 AM

To: Chris Buckel

Subject: RE: website [Scanned]

NO, I'm serious...it's a gangster one.....I clicked on menu and a bunch
of different ones came up...I got into that one and didn't go any
further...lots of vulgar language.

From: "Chris Buckel" <cbuckel@scc.k12.wi.us>

To: "Rhonda Malecek" <rmalecek@scc.k12.wi.us>

Subject: RE: website [Scanned]

Date: Friday, May 16, 2008 9:42 AM

I just checked it-there is only two videos on the website.

From: Rhonda Malecek

Sent: Friday, May 16, 2008 10:13 AM

To: Chris Buckel

Subject: okay... [Scanned]

Okay, I get what's happening....it's a link to "You Tube" because that's where the videos are downloaded. I think I'm pretty computer savvy but I'm not a "You Tube" user at all...obviously. My only concern would be that there are other dummies like me out there and might think these links are intentionally put on your website.....also, why are there only 15 loaded? You tube has millions of videos...that almost makes it look like you specifically put those 15 on your page...make sense? Isn't this fun???? Just trying to make sure there isn't any "dirty politicking" going on!!!!

From: "Chris Buckel" <cbuckel@scc.k12.wi.us>

To: "Rhonda Malecek" <rmalecek@scc.k12.wi.us>

Subject: RE: okay... [Scanned]

Date: Friday, May 16, 2008 10:28 AM

Youtube picks them based on popularity and on similar topics, and also videos that are currently being watched. I will mention it to Joey because I don't want it to be an issue. Was there a menu button the introduction video?

Thanks for the heads up.

Chris

From: "Chris Buckel" <cbuckel@scc.k12.wi.us>

To: "Rhonda Malecek" <rmalecek@scc.k12.wi.us>

Subject: Intro video [Scanned]

Date: Friday, May 16, 2008 10:30 AM

Hey Sped

If you click on the menu button for the intro video it doesn't show other videos. Will you confirm this on your computer?

Thanks,

Chris

From: Rhonda Malecek

Sent: Friday, May 16, 2008 1:28 PM

To: Chris Buckel

Cc: dmalecek@dynatronix.com

Subject: website [Scanned]

I just checked it again and it looks fixed!

From: "Chris Buckel" <cbuckel@scc.k12.wi.us>

To: "Rhonda Malecek" <rmalecek@scc.k12.wi.us>

Subject: RE: website [Scanned]

Date: Friday, May 16, 2008 1:29 PM

Yeah, I called Joe and he took care of it. Thank you for notifying me-I agree that it would have caused confusion.

Buck
