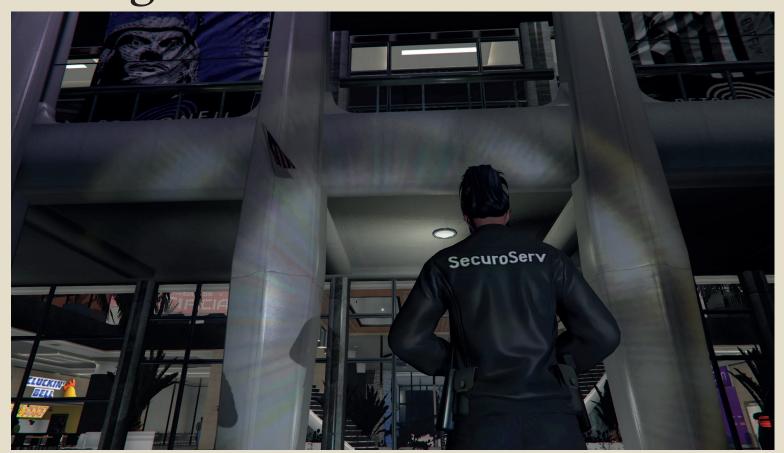
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"Bringing Order to the Chaos" or the Scourge of San Andreas?



By Juniper Jones

CecuroServ, a name and uniform that has become infamous among patrons of The Mall as assholes, bullies, and abusers. Even the walls have something to say, with threatening graffiti popping up on every surface this week saying "SercuroServ Sucks. SecuroServ slapped my dog. SecuroServ you're done for." I spoke with multiple employees of SecuroServ, as well as regular patrons of the mall, in order to get the full story.

As a disgruntled ex-SecuroServ employee, Kareem Saint had a lot to tell me about his experience with the company. With red spray paint dusting his gloves and jacket, he lobbied everything from awful pay, lack of training, favoritism, and animal cruelty against the organization.

A current SecuroServ employee, Vanessa Vandeer, gave me an idea of what their agents experience every day. Explosions, shootings, and murders are her daily alarm clock, yet Vandeer is relentless in her pursuit of order. "You have to be active in bringing order to the chaos." She told me, explaining why she stays in this line of work. Her drive inspires hope in this reporter for a more orderly hub of commerce, but not everyone has seen this side of SecuroServ.

When interviewing other patrons about their experiences with the company, it was rare to find someone who didn't have something negative to say. One man summed it up when he said he sees SecuroServ as "bullies that prey on weaker people," using their position of authority to play into their personal power fantasies. Clearly, public perceptions of the security-for-hire are tanking, and there seems to be very little movement in their favor.

SecuroServ has taken steps to address civilian concerns. Firstly, and most importantly, they've fired problem-employees such as Kareem Saint. Many of the instances of bullying and abuse I heard from guests could be traced back to his record, which

also includes multiple arrests, escalations of violence, and elder abuse. Other agents like Vandeer are actively working to improve their reputation by handing out sack lunches to guests affected by the chaos.

It can take a lot to fix a bad reputation, and SecuroServ has its work cut out for it, but agents like Vandeer do their part to fix it. I urge our readers to continue holding authority figures accountable for their actions while giving them a little credit for the work they do for us. To quote Vandeer, "If everyone sees [SecuroServ] as bullies, it gives the people who want to hurt [others] an excuse to hurt them more."

THIS WEEK



The State of the Police SASP & DoJ heads address public allegations at first formal press conference.

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Where There's Dragons, There's Fire

Opening night curse continues for businesses; with multiple explosions at Dragon's debut.





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Shake Up at SASP and DoJ

By Jeremy Warren

City Hall once again saw a flood of citizens eager to hear the latest announcement from the state's highest authorities. On July 24th, residents of San Andreas gathered for a press conference held by the highest members of our justice system as well as the state police department.

As the room began to hush and quiet, San Andreas State Police Chief Daniel Bishop took to the stand and issued both, a heartfelt yet stern announcement. "We have heard you. We are here to serve YOU, and the community. Our job is to serve and protect, and we have not been fulfilling our side of that."

Since 20th July, the State Police "...has been completely restructured in order to mitigate any further issues. We started over." He went on to say they aim to put passionate individuals into the proper channels to execute their



duties

The speech took a sombre turn as he announced the recent loss of one of their own, Trooper Tom Ford. "I remember very specific things about things that he had taught me. That the San Andreas State Police Department or any department we are a part of is to serve and to provide service and courtesy and honesty and integrity. That is what you are gonna get.

And if people don't meet that standard then... they can get the fuck out."

Director of the Department of Justice, Mr. Gill then took the floor to announce further corrective action was taken within the DoJ and Bar Association. Following investigation into an incident that occurred on the 20th, multiple disciplinary actions were taken, ranging from

suspensions to full bans from the Bar Association.

San Andreas, it is clear that our state officials have heard our voice. They have heard our complaints and our grievances and are willing to take swift action. This shows a very strong initiative to right wrongs and make sure justice is truly served, especially at a time where public view of our stare services are at an all time

critical.

The Gazette offers our deepest condolences to the friends and family of Trooper Tom Ford in these difficult times. It's times like this where we as a community must come together and honor the legacy of someone who did so much, not only for our state, but for us as people. It's a time where we can take the steps to better our great state.

Nightshade Grave Concern for Governor Hopeful



Shayde Blackwood's candidacy almost ended before it had even begun; after shots rang out at his pep rally last Sunday.

"The event was running without a hitch" Shayde recalled in a recent interview "I went on stage to give my speech and... overheard commotion in the audience."

"Imust restore the balance", words that the assailant uttered from the crowd while they aimed their gun towards the stage. Blackwood was unable to place why those words were chosen in particular, but they came from the mouth of "one of [his] closest allies", Michael Graves.

Graves was promptly tackled to the ground by

Anazeka Drakos, an off-duty officer who warned Blackwood and the crowd. Unfortunately, Graves got back to his feet and continued to fire several shots towards the stage, before being gunned down. Multiple other people were caught in the crossfire and hospitalised as a result.

Though it appears that the assassin was unwilling in their actions, as while Graves contacted Blackwood to "express remorse." and that he "was working to make things right", he also claimed he was under the influence of nighsthade; "A needle was jammed into my neck and I was force fed" Graves stated "People started saying I was talking to people that weren't there".

"It is certainly plausible"
Dr Hathor at Eclipse Medical
Centre responded when
presented with Graves'
claims."psychoactive use of
datura was very common
among Native Americans and
in ancient cultures." However,
she did have some concerns
looking at the toxicology report
"These doses are close to, if not,

"When can I feel safe again?... Who do I have left that I can trust?"

Shayde Blackwood, hopeful for the position of State Governor

lethal." She went on to explain that these kind of levels could only really be achieved through both eating the raw seeds and intravenous injection.

This also isn't the first time in recent weeks that the Gazette has heard reports of people claiming they were drugged and committing atrocities, seemingly out of their own control; with former State Trooper Pryor being probably the most notable. "They seem to be very similar situations" Blackwood posited in our interview "Absolutely, I do think they are linked."

Safe to say, the incident had a lasting effect on Blackwood, leaving him feeling uneasy about the future, "I want to live my life without having that fear, sitting here today wondering when can I feel safe again?"

He does think that law enforcement could have handled the situation better as "there were multiple warnings to the police department" and "it took two days for someone to take my statement"

With several weeks still to go before the election, these fears seem to have only spurred Blackwood on further; even after his fiance, Kat Devreaux was kidnapped and severely injured on Friday. "If there's anyone out there trying to harm my friends and family to get to me... see me face to face I'm not scared"

Suspicions have naturally been raised about other hopefuls in San Andreas' leadership race, with some having readier access to the pharmaceuticals needed to carry out this alleged plot; but there are also those sceptical that this is a pre-election ploy for sympathy votes. However, at time of writing, the Gazette is still investigating who is really responsible?



Open daily at the Food Court in the Little Seoul Mall!