To: Bravo Fleet Appeals Board

From: Charles Star, lead counsel for Jack Pike (aka Jason)

Via: Bravo Fleet Magistrate (Sean Stephens)

Via: Bravo Fleet Executive Officer (Elizabeth Wolf)

Subject: Third Appeal of verdicts in Bravo Fleet v. Jack Pike (BFM-001)

Date: June 13, 2020

In accordance with Bravo Fleet Magistrate Code Section 3, my client (Jack Pike) hereby appeals both guilty verdicts in the case of Bravo Fleet v. Jack Pike (BFM-001). It is our contention that this appeal not only warrants overturning the recent convictions, but also dismissing the charges entirely.

Judicial Process Error: Public statements made by high ranking members of Bravo Fleet about the case before the charges were issued make a fair trial in Bravo Fleet impossible

Bravo Fleet Charter Article II, Section 1, Paragraph 4 guarantees a right to fair legal proceedings in Bravo Fleet: "Every member has the right to a fair and impartial system of justice. All indictments, trials, and subsequent punishments will make no distinction between members based on tenure or position within Bravo Fleet."

Several senior members of Bravo Fleet made public statements about Mr. Pike and the situation before charges were brought. Indeed, all of these statements painted Mr. Pike and his situation in a negative light, thus tainting any possibility for fair legal proceedings within Bravo Fleet.

Bravo Fleet Loremaster: "Well. Quick announcement. Just closed the USS New Hampshire. They moved their game to another fleet and didn't actually contact me to resign. Folks, don't do that.\"

Task Force 9 Commanding Officer: "Making a decision like that without consulting the XO does seem like a particularly good piece of evidence of not having a very good CO, doesn't it?"

Bravo Fleet Commanding Officer: "Seems like the CO is not a very effective communicator, then. @"

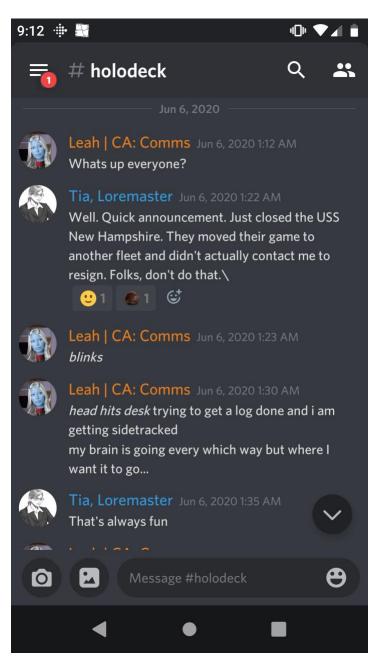
When senior leaders, be they Presidents, Generals, or Commanding Officers, make public comments about ongoing legal matters or the individuals involved in ongoing matters, those statements cannot be taken back. Unfortunately, they become part of the public psyche and can affect any future decisions made by judges or juries. Many people respect these leaders, and everyone under them is affected by their actions. While some judges or members of a jury may feel direct pressure to decide in a certain way based on the statements, other may still be affected unconsciously. In short, the cat is out of the bag.

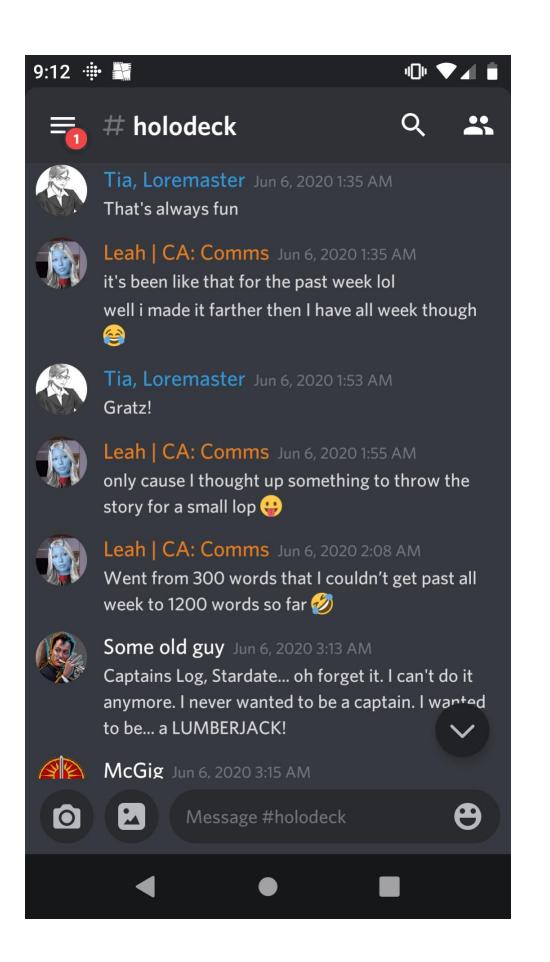
So it is in Bravo Fleet. Many people respect these Bravo Fleet leaders, and everyone in Bravo Fleet is affected by their actions. They have accomplished a lot in their time. In fact, the future

role playing careers of members may very well be dependent upon the actions taken by these three leaders. We do not allege any malintent on the part of these individuals. However, any comments regarding the case or Mr. Pike by leaders in any official capacity with Bravo Fleet should have been saved for when the trial was completed and all appeals had been exhausted.

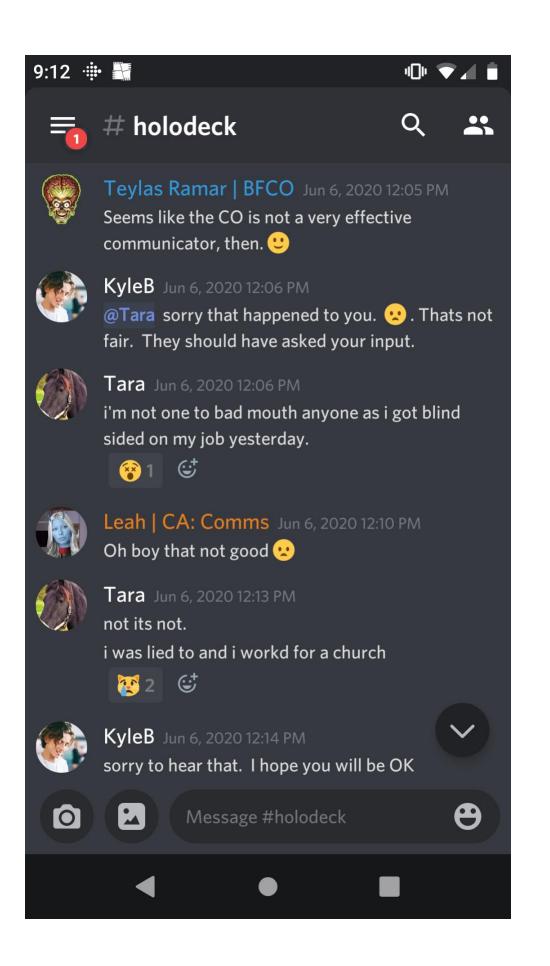
Since Mr. Pike was publicly disparaged by three senior members of Bravo Fleet regarding the very matters of this case before it even began, it is impossible for Mr. Pike to receive a fair trial in Bravo Fleet as he is guaranteed in the Bravo Fleet Charter. Therefore, both convictions should be overturned, and the charges immediately dismissed.

## Conversation on Bravo Fleet discord server, June 6, 2020











## Closing

We have no doubt that a careful review of this record will result in an overturned conviction and all charges being dropped. Thank for the opportunity to present our case at this level within one of the greatest simming fleets ever to exist. We again appreciate this consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles Star Lead Counsel for Jack Pike (aka Jason)

References:

**MAGISTRATE DECISION: BFM-01** 

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Bravo Fleet Magistrate Code

**Bravo Fleet Charter**