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**From:** Jim Brey  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 23, 2015 4:28 AM  
**To:** Dave Remiker  
**Cc:** Dennis Jacobs  
**Subject:** Re: A Big Thanks and Wish To All!

Hello Dave,

Thank you Dave for your response. Trust me, I know what is going on and I feel the pain too. We (the County Board) are getting the same emails, calls, etc. I have been and have encouraged my board members to send the emails that are threatening to Sheriff Hermann to keep on file. Since I am a city dweller, I am also sending them over to Tony and Nick.

To the best of my ability, I have been defending all of you at work and in the public. I have never been the one to be the big gun advocate (for the record, I am not against gun ownership) or a fan of the death penalty. But if there was ever a case to change my mind, I will never forget the look in Steven Avery's eyes when he was being brought into the courthouse (that is when my office was in the basement). I know a person cannot be convicted based on that, but I made up my mind that day. Avery was guilty.

I see the Facebook comments too. Although not a scientific study on my part, it is amazing how many of the people attacking the department online have committed a variety of crimes and have had many interactions with law enforcement. In other words, they are convicted criminals.

I will continue to defend all of you that were involved in the successful prosecution of a ruthless killer. Keep the faith my friend. The vast majority still believes in you!

Jim Brey  
Chairman  
Manitowoc County Board

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 23, 2015, at 1:28 AM, Dave Remiker <[REDACTED]@co.manitowoc.wi.us> wrote:

Thanks for the Christmas and New Year wishes Jim, and same to you.

I want you to know that the last few days have been pretty disturbing here at the Sheriff's Office. I have listened to several voice messages from people all over the country making some pretty derogatory comments to individuals involved in the Avery case. No one, even law enforcement, should be subject to the type of comments and indirect threats that have been made to these individuals. Without actually listening to the messages I simply cannot put into words how concerning this is. This is the most despicable, unfair and intolerable situation I have ever witnessed. This has and will change a lot of the employees that have been targeted by these actions. Detective Jacobs and Lt. Colborn have and I'm sure will continue to receive these negative contacts. I am very concerned.

Clearly, the story that was portrayed has damaged our reputation and the integrity of these officers for their entire career. I do not normally play into these type of comments but this has gone to a completely new level. I do not know what my expectations are from individuals that represent our

county but I would hope that there will be some discussions and potentially support given to these professionals that did exactly what they should have done in some very difficult circumstances. As one of the lead investigators on that case I am very proud of what we accomplished and completely disagree with the portrayal that is circulating everywhere.

In reality, nothing can change the damage that has been done. It's a pretty helpless feeling. I can tell you there are several here that feel like they have a target on their back. If you do not believe me, take some time to read some of the hundreds of comments online. It's horrible!!!!

I understand your intentions and meaning behind the Christmas and New Year well wishes, but keep in mind right now is not a good time for many that have been completely defamed and threatened by anonymous individuals who are passionate about their feelings directed at your employees.

**From:** Jim Brey  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 22, 2015 9:37 PM  
**To:** Announcement [REDACTED]@co.manitowoc.wi.us>  
**Subject:** A Big Thanks and Wish To All!

Hello Everyone,

As we rapidly approach the end of another year, I just wanted to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to Manitowoc County. It is not always easy working in government but you should all be proud of the work you do. I look forward to working together in the coming year. Enjoy the season with your family and friends. You have certainly earned it!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!**

Take Care!

**Jim Brey**  
**Chairman**  
**Manitowoc County Board of Supervisors**

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