

Dear Heath,

My name is Fred Van Soelen. I am a private defense and civil attorney in Clovis and I have been practicing law for 12 years. I live across the street from Kirk Chavez in Clovis and I know him as an attorney.

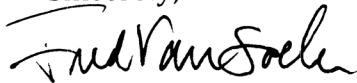
On April 16, 2011, I saw Kirk Chavez in a state vehicle at his residence. He discussed some issues with me, which I documented. I do not want to provide you the affidavit I gave Mr. Chandler about the incident only because it mentions other people not involved in this matter. However, I will give you the following information, which is an excerpt of my affidavit.

*On April 16, 2011 I saw Kirk across the street mid-morning, as he was getting out of a state car in his driveway. I went across the street and asked him "How was the hearing in Las Cruces?" He looked at me quizzically and asked "How did you know there was a hearing?" I told him that I had read about it on the internet (The website nmpolitics.net had reported that there was a hearing, although it didn't say what had happened or what kind of hearing it was.) Mr. Chavez didn't answer but responded with "I think yesterday was my last day at the district attorney's office." I asked why, and he wouldn't say, but just repeated that it was probably his last day.*

*He then said Matt Chandler was the best attorney he knew, honest and ethical, but that he had a problem with the investigators that worked for Matt. He made another comment that he spent the night before in Ruidoso. He then started toward his front door and said "I'll talk to you later" and I said good-bye and crossed the street back to my door.*

Again, this information was put in an affidavit on April 28, 2011. I swear the above information is correct and true. I sincerely question how Mr. Chavez could later make a claim of misconduct after telling me and numerous other people that Matt Chandler is the most honest and ethical attorney and prosecutor he has ever known.

Sincerely,



Fred Van Soelen

