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Let's All Act Surprised, Shocked, Whatever

An eight month old infant was murdered, a little past midnight last night. Yes, shocking I know. How would anyone have guessed that a woman living with a man who already went to prison for murdering his baby, would be placing her infant in danger? *(No, I am not going out on a limb here to say it was murder. I'll challenge any report that tries to say it wasn't murder.)*

Of course everyone knew that child was in danger! But where would they go to file their concerns? Tribal Social Services? Like Melissa Brady, who is currently the Director and having no qualifications whatsoever to be the Director, would care? No, she's too busy promoting herself. Besides, she has her hands full with failing at being the Director of Victim's Assistance, for which she also has no qualifications. So, both jobs she is not qualified for are only getting at best, half of her attention.

Why were there no Mandated Reports filed? Well, for one, where would they go? Marianne McMullen who also has no qualifications to be the head of the ACF, has forbid Thomas Sullivan from filing any concerns that the system is failing these kids, or specifically where, so of course, there are no mandated reports!

And because there are no mandated reports, we can all pretend to be 'shocked, stunned, sickened' by this 'tragic' news. We can all watch as our government, which has spent millions avoiding dealing with the problem and more hours harassing the people who have been pointing out the problem than ever they would actually invest in fixing the problem, take to the media and issue statements that include: "Horrific, unforeseen, fell through the cracks, we're looking into this, going to make sure this never happens again...." All that claptrap they always spew.

Except now, we know we've heard it before--- for decades, and nothing ever gets fixed. Nothing ever gets better and more babies and little children are raped and murdered, while they play political funding machine, and more orgs and foundations get even more money to do nothing except invent more sincere looking facial gestures as they repeat the same hackneyed phrases over and over again. And they can all deny any of this is their fault. And none of them will ever lose their job, unless of course, there is another really juicy political appointment waiting for them as soon as they step down.

Yes, the good news is that the [FBI is looking into this](#). The bad news is that it is the same FBI that has refused to investigate child abuse, child rapes on that same rez. Let's see what they come up with, shall we?

Meanwhile, we can all look at the monster who has already served time for murdering one of his babies, and figure it was probably him that murdered this one. We'll boo and hiss and spit when we hear his name. But we'll applaud when Tim Purdon, or the FBI, or Marianne McMullen, or Heidi Heitkamp, or Scott Davis, or Hoeven, Dalrymple or Dorgan gives a speech – because we know they are the Good Guys, right? They're never held accountable. They only pretend to care. They do nothing.

It's too bad that only one monster will ever be shamed and held accountable on this one. There are so many out there, making it possible for this to happen over and over again.

If you ask me, each and every one of them that has done nothing except take millions of tax dollars to come up with the solution to these abuses as being "More language classes and cultural events" << Heitkamp, they should all be investigated for ignoring the now 2 year old Mandated Reports, failing to demand criminal investigations into the rapes, abuse and corruption that makes it all possible. Then again, that kind of all makes it possible for them to get elected and appointed, doesn't it? I mean, all those millions of dollars go somewhere, don't they?

You don't suppose any of that winds up in the pockets of elected or appointed officials, do you? It's all just Indians squandering it, right? I mean, that is what we are supposed to believe, right? We're not supposed to look at where any of this is going, right?

Dead Baby Bingo

And then another baby is brutally murdered. I bet by now you all can recite the official press releases with me.

Shocked, unforeseen, we'll investigate, hold the responsible person(s) accountable, tragic, fell through the cracks, full extent of the law, won't happen again, study, working on this, changes will be made, children are sacred, consequences, failure, protect, future, outraged, grieving, unthinkable, I have every confidence in the FBI, we are sickened ... (add in as many as you like. You can pull phrases from all the previous press conferences & press releases.)

I'm going to suggest we play "Dead Baby Bingo". Put all those phrases onto a card and daub them as you hear them uttered by the officials. Let me know who gets 'BINGO!' first.

You know where to find me.

~Cat

PS: I may amend this during the day so look for the " * " mark for updates.