## Lost, Depressed, and Lack Of Proper Support

This is not about our great and loved actor/ comedian who recently passed. It is about Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi. Imagine driving in anunfamiliar location and suddenly realizing you've missed the exit. Darn it... how far to the next exit and how do I get back? I've done it, you've done it, and it's easy to do!

Now take the situation of former U.S. Marine Andrew Tahmooressi (in San Diego receiving PTSD treatment) driving to a destination requiring departure one exit prior to the Mexican border in the metropolis of San Diego, California. Mistakenly he missed his turn and funneled into a busy multi-lane check point into Mexico with no exit (in fact several cases have been documented of ambulances doing the same during emergent response calls). Andrew informs the Mexican border patrol agent he does not desire to enter Mexico; however, the uniformedagent motions him forward. Following orders, Andrew is now in Mexico. Unfortunately he has many belonging in his vehicle post his discharge from the Marine Corp, some of which happens to be three legal firearms, unfortunately not legal in Mexico. Do not pass or go back, proceed directly to a Mexican jail! This is not a game!

What happens next is nightmarish. Andrew initially receives poor legal representation, a dirty jail, death threats, with hostile inmates and prison guards. Eventually Andrew is moved to another prison and somewhat safer environment. Last week during one of the rare hearings in the Mexican jurisdiction process, the judge decided to send Andrew back to the original prison. Hopefully it is because it is closer to the border and easy transfer in the near future of Andrew back to the United States, but there has been no explanation and the horizon is grim. Many have tried to help, including a California Congressman and several military veteran organizations, which at this point seems to be of no avail.

POTUS has been in Mexico since the arrest and many hoped a good word would be made from Andrew's former "Commander in Chief" to officials in our neighboring country to help resolve the honest mistake of a U.S. citizen. That hope was apparently a dream or POTUS doesn't have enough clout! I suspect it was a dream and POTUS never mentioned anything to benefit the former Marine who served two tours in combat and completed his tours with an honorable discharge. What's the problem? Is it because Andrew's mother Jill is not as physically attractive as Sgt. Berghdal's mother? Yes, the woman we saw on television when POTUS stood on the steps of the White House with his arm around her waist celebrating the trade or her son whose questionable actions made him a pawn for the release of eight terrorists who had killed or directed the killing of U.S. and NATO soldiers? POTUS just stated yesterday while on vacationfrom Martha's Vineyard; "We're all part of one American family", while making a statement in his attempt to quell the Ferguson Missouri problem hours after directing not one, but two federal agencies (Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation) to perform separate investigations to help resolve that matter.

Mr. President, how about some help for the matter of our American family member Andrew Tahmooressi lost in Mexico?

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