

CSK Complaint on SVP Campaign – Intimidation Tactics and Use of *Agents de Provocateur*

Drafter: Johnny Woo

Date of Offense: October 19, 2006

Time & Location: Approx. 1100 Hrs and All Day in Richmond Campus
 Afternoon in Surrey Campus

Date of Complaint: October 21, 2006

1. On October 19, 2006, at approximately 1100 Hrs, Johnny Woo, while campaigning on the first floor, Rotunda area, in Richmond Campus, observed a young male, wearing a pink polo shirt hollering towards a group of SVP candidates, also campaigning in the Rotunda area. The pink shirt male shouted: “We’ve lost him, he went into the underground parking and we lost them!”.
2. A few minutes later, Desmond Rodenbour, a CSK campaign volunteer approached Woo and said that he was being followed by three SVP members all morning, including when all three followed him to his car when he went there to pick up more pamphlets. Worried about his vehicle, Rodenbour drove it away but was still being followed by the three who was chasing him on foot. Rodenbour drove the vehicle through the underground parking and parked it elsewhere on the lot.
3. The three males in question: Two of them were wearing the red SVP shirts while another was wearing a pink polo shirt. Woo managed to identify one of the red SVP shirt males as Harj Sandhu and the pink polo shirt male was later identified only as “Raoul”.
4. Rodenbour continued to canvass students while in the college and he departed to the cafeteria which Woo witnessed the pink shirt male following him.
5. Throughout the campaign day, Woo observed “Raoul” following Rodenbour where ever he went, only taking the odd breaks at the SVP table in the Rotunda. During “Raoul’s” break, another red shirt SVP would follow Rodenbour (one of them was identified as Harj Sandhu).
6. Also later in the same day and location, there was an incident involving another volunteer canvassing for the CSK. Ben West was followed and provoked by SVP “taggers”. This is elaborated in a complaint forwarded by Laura Anderson and would not be elaborated here but still serves as a evidence for a theory which would be elaborated in later paragraphs.
7. On October 19, 2006, in the early afternoon, while campaigning on Surrey Campus, Sean Tutt and Vy Trinh were being followed by up to eight males, some of them were wearing the red SVP shirts and others were wearing red KSA / 25th Anniversary shirts.

8. The eight males followed Trinth and Tutt throughout the campus and into the D Building. Tutt and Trinth tried to lose them but were unable to as times, they were being surround and heckled by the followers. At one point, one of the males walked in front of Tutt and refused to move, blocking him and forcing Tutt to turnaround and quickly avoid him. Finally, Trinth and Tutt went into Biology lab in the 2nd Floor of D Building. They pretended to canvass in there while the males waited outside. Tutt and Trinth snuck out through another exit of the Lab (it's a door leading to a staircase) and thus prevented the males from following them any further. Tutt and Trinth took care in avoiding the males for the rest of the day.
9. These two incidents and among others, demonstrate a systematic approach by the SVP – that is, to intimidate, disrupt, and provoke all SVP opponents.
10. It is intimidation in that one CSK canvasser is being followed by a group of SVP supporters, creating a climate of fear for the CSK canvasser while he or she is campaigning. This in turn undermines that particular campaigner's morale and disrupts his or her effectiveness to campaign.
11. The “taggers” also used subtle tactics to provoke CSK canvasser into arguing in front of the general student population, creating disparagement amongst the student population. However, from the beginning of the campaign, all CSK members and volunteers have been constantly reminded not to fall into an argument with the SVP supporters, as this may look bad upon all parties involved. However, there were times where the SVP members managed to aggravate CSK members with non-significant points of the campaign and public commotion broke out.
12. In addition, the use of “taggers” was to aggravate CSK members and create a pretext for a physical confrontation. Luckily, none of the CSK members fell into it.
13. These tactics of intimidation and the use of *agents de provocateur* are contrary to the general spirit of fair play. In a fair and democratic election, candidates and their supporters are to canvass students, elaborating their platforms and why they should be elected. Sending *agents de provocateur* and acts of intimidation, including tagging opponents, are all contrary to these very ideals of democracy and demonstrate highly unethical behaviour.
14. The SVP, in terms of candidates, outnumbered the CSK. In addition, the SVP has been resourceful in recruiting supporters and ordered some of them to be such *agents* and performed acts of intimidation and creating a climate of fear through harassment.
15. As such, because these unethical behaviours, and in the name of protecting future democratic elections, we hereby request the CRO to disqualify all SVP candidates in this election.

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