

"Spokane Sucks" creator Jared Bartlett comments on Huckleberries Online 8.3.12

Hi,

I'm Jared Bartlett and I'm the creator of SpokaneSucks.com I thought I'd post on here and answer a few questions, and clarify a few things. (I also just called/left a message with Meghan so she has my personal telephone number now if she has more questions) (to confirm my identity, go ahead and message me through the poker forums, I'll respond)

1.) I pretty much failed at keeping my identity a secret. I think we can all agree on that. Oh well, live and learn.

2.) Someone thought I might be some one and done person...I'm not him/her/them. Never heard of the name. 1and1 is a huge web hosting service that I used to create/host my website. Think of them like godaddy but cheaper/better imo.

3.) I'm not part of ANY militia like one poster alluded to. I never have been, never will be. My mini stunt is 100% non violent. I would NEVER take part in anything violent. I'm merely exercising my freedom of speech.

4.) I think we can all agree my approach wasn't optimal, but I also think we can all agree that my motive is "good." All I'm trying to do is bring awareness to the fact that Spokane has a crime problem, and I personally think crime reduction needs to be a priority for the city. It saddens me to see a city that I love, lose focus on what's important.

5.) Why do you care if you live in Post Falls? (lots of people have been asking me that lately) Here's what I wrote on my youtube channel in response to that question:

"I own a business in Spokane (rental property), and have invested a significant amount of money in Spokane. What the city becomes in 20 years is going to greatly effect my families' financial future. In other words, while I don't live there, I still care and have a stake in what Spokane turns in to."

I also have friends and family that I care about that still live there. Also I only moved to Idaho because WA state made online poker illegal (online poker is legal in Idaho). If online poker was never made illegal in Spokane, I never would of left.

I hope that clears some things up, and answers some questions. I never expected things to get this big this quickly, but I can't say I'm sad that it did. While this might come back and hurt me in the future, I just can't sit around and do nothing anymore. Spokane needs help, and I'm willing to chip in.

Final thought?:

I'm not rich enough to make a difference with my money.

I'm not eloquent enough to make a difference with my words.

All I'm capable of doing, is drawing as much attention as I can to the situation that the city currently faces. I'm not advocating one political party over the other. Or one politician over the other. All I'm trying to do is make crime reduction a priority in the city.

I admit my approach isn't optimal. If you can think of better ways, please share.

-Me