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I am disgusted and angered that Coastal Carolina University has released an incomplete investigation to the media that paints the women of the Cheerleading Team as prostitutes with the broadest of strokes. This goes to the heart of what is wrong with the University and its inadequate treatment of women, not only in sports but on campus.

I met with Investigator Pylilo today with several of my clients to give full statements about any knowledge surrounding the anonymous letter sent to CCU. Investigator Pylilo confirmed that the "prostitution" allegations involved five women, one of which was not a student, nor a cheerleader, that was participating in a dating website where men paid them for just that, dating. She confirmed that there was absolutely no evidence of any sexual conduct for payment. It's my understanding that the investigation has encompassed interviews and searches subsequent to warrants. Yet, no one has been charged, no arrests have been made and a lot of really wonderful, kind, smart women have been smeared in the public eye yet again, at the hand of the University they love and their parents entrusted their wellbeing.

When reviewing the messages provided in the school's incomplete release of the file, the texts that have anything damning were made by a non-cheerleader – non-student. And it's my understanding that none of these girls were ever strippers.

Coastal Carolina has chosen again to make a knee jerk reaction when faced with the fact that they have made the wrong decision. This website is not a prostitution website, it is one that is completely LEGAL and while it may make some feel uneasy, it begs to ask the question – What is happening in the lives of these 4 young women?

There are 26 members on the Coastal Carolina Cheerleading Team and of those, 4, participated in a legal website. There has been no evidence or proof of hazing, prostitution, drug use, homework for pay or any other of the accusations made by a nameless coward.

Would this ever happen to a Male Sports Team? We have all read about male athletes at Coastal Carolina being accused of drugs, domestic violence and rape. Yet, most of those men are still playing the sport and not one team was suspended in retribution for the actual crimes of their teammates.

Coastal Carolina needs to take a very long hard look at how they inappropriately treat women across the board.