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Who did the Washington/Silicon Valley Cartel use to do their dirty work?:

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The screenshot shows a Wall Street Journal article from March 19, 2015. The headline is "Inside the U.S. Antitrust Probe of Google" with a sub-headline: "Key FTC staff wanted to sue Internet giant after finding 'real harm to consumers and to innovation'". The article is by Brody Mullins, Rolfe Winkler, and Brent Kendall. It features a photo of Eric Schmidt testifying at a hearing. The article discusses a 160-page critique of Google's business practices and the FTC's recommendation to sue.

SEE THE FIRST CHAPTERS OF: "THE HIT SQUADS", below:

This is what happens to U.S. Citizens if they help federal investigators. The crew that engaged in the "hit-jobs" against reporters, citizens, Congress-people and agency staff that testified about the illicit activities were: **Google**

[Technology](#) WALL STREET JOURNAL

Inside the U.S. Antitrust Probe of Google Key FTC staff wanted to sue Internet giant after finding 'real harm to consumers and to innovation'

ENLARGE Google's Eric Schmidt testified in 2011 about the Internet giant's business practices and defended how it displayed search results. Photo: Getty Images By Brody Mullins, The staff report from the agency's bureau of competition recommended the commission bring a lawsuit challenging three Google practices. The move would have triggered one of the highest-profile antitrust cases since the Justice Department sued [Microsoft](#) Corp. in the 1990s.

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The 160-page critique, which was supposed to remain private but was inadvertently disclosed in an open-records request, concluded that Google's "conduct has resulted—and will result—in real harm to consumers and to innovation in the online search and advertising markets."

The findings stand in contrast to the conclusion of the FTC's commissioners, who voted unanimously in early 2013 to end the investigation after Google agreed to some voluntary changes to its practices.

It is unusual for the commissioners to not take staff recommendations. But in this case, they were wrestling with competing recommendations, including a separate report from the agency's economic bureau that didn't favor legal action.

AdvertisementThen-Chairman Jon Leibowitz said in a written statement at the time that Google's voluntary changes deliver "more relief for American consumers faster than any other option."

Google General Counsel Kent Walker said in a statement Thursday that the FTC ultimately "agreed that there was no need to take action on how we rank and display search results." He added: "Speculation about potential consumer harm turned out to be entirely wrong. Since the investigation closed two years ago, the ways people access information online have only increased, giving consumers more choice than ever before."

On one issue—whether Google used anticompetitive tactics for its search engine—the competition staff recommended against a lawsuit, although it said Google's actions resulted in "significant harm" to rivals. In three other areas, the report found evidence the company used its monopoly behavior to help its own business and hurt its rivals.

ENLARGE The report undercuts Google's oft-stated contention that the FTC found no evidence of wrongdoing. "The conclusion is clear: Google's services are good for users and good for competition," said [David Drummond](#), Google's senior vice president and chief legal officer, when the FTC closed the matter.

It could prompt new complaints from some Google competitors, such as [Yelp](#) Inc., who allege the company still engages in anticompetitive behavior, and renewed focus by antitrust authorities in Europe, who are pursuing their own look into Google.

"This document appears to show that the FTC had direct evidence from Google of intentional search bias," said Luther Lowe, the vice president of public policy for Yelp.

ENLARGE The Wall Street Journal viewed portions of the document after the agency inadvertently disclosed it as part of a Freedom of Information Act request. The FTC declined to release the undisclosed pages and asked the Journal to return the document, which it declined to do.

"Unfortunately, an unredacted version of this material was inadvertently released in response to a FOIA request," an FTC spokesman said in a statement to the Journal. "We are taking steps to ensure this does not happen again."

Embedded in the document and in detailed footnotes are an array of previously unknown details about Google's business, many of which come from senior officials such as Executive Chairman [Eric Schmidt](#), former executive [Marissa Mayer](#) and co-founders [Larry Page](#) and [Sergey Brin](#).

Data included in the report suggest Google was more dominant in the U.S. Internet search market than was widely believed. The company estimated its market share at between 69% and 84% during a period when research firm comScore put it at 65%. "From an antitrust perspective, I'm happy to see [comScore] underestimate our share," the report quoted Google Chief Economist Hal Varian as saying, without specifying the context.

An antitrust suit against Google would have pitted [Obama](#) administration appointees against one of the White House's closest corporate allies. Google was the second-largest corporate source of campaign donations to President Barack Obama's re-election effort. Google executives have visited the White House scores of times since Mr. Obama has been in office, according to visitor logs.

"The FTC is an independent agency and we respect their independent decision-making," said Jennifer Friedman, a White House spokeswoman.

In its investigation, FTC staff said Google's conduct "helped it to maintain, preserve and enhance Google's monopoly position in the markets for search and search advertising" in violation of the law. Google's behavior "will have lasting negative effects on consumer welfare," the report said.

Google has long disputed any characterization that it is a monopoly, saying that competition is "just a click away."

In discussing one of the issues the FTC staff wanted to sue over, the report said the company illegally took content from rival websites such as [Yelp](#), [TripAdvisor](#) Inc. and [Amazon.com](#) Inc. to improve its own websites. It cited one instance when Google copied Amazon's sales rankings to rank its own items. It also copied Amazon's reviews and ratings, the report found.

Spokesmen for TripAdvisor and Amazon declined to comment.

When competitors asked Google to stop taking their content, it threatened to remove them from its search engine.

"It is clear that Google's threat was intended to produce, and *did* produce, the desired effect," the report said, "which was to coerce Yelp and TripAdvisor into backing down." The company also sent a message that it would "use its monopoly power over search to extract the fruits of its rivals' innovations."

In its final agreement, the commission secured a promise that Google would allow websites to opt out of having their content included in its competing search products.

The staff said Google also broke antitrust law by placing restrictions on websites that publish its search results from also working with rivals such as Microsoft's Bing and [Yahoo](#) Inc. The commission made no mention of this issue in its final report, nor did it secure any commitments from Google to change its policies.

In a third area, the FTC staff said Google violated antitrust law by restricting advertisers' ability to use data garnered from Google ad campaigns in advertising run on rival platforms. The FTC report cited a Google employee who said the company once wanted to do away with the unnecessary restriction but was overruled by Mr. Page, who is now Google's chief executive. A Google spokeswoman declined to make Mr. Page available for comment.

Ultimately, Google changed this policy voluntarily in 2013 at the behest of the agency.

On the most important issue, that of Google's prized search engine, the FTC report said Google altered it to benefit its own services at the expense of rivals. The report said Google "adopted a strategy of demoting, or refusing to display, links to certain vertical websites in highly commercial categories."

In what it termed "a close call," the staff said the FTC shouldn't issue a complaint against the company because of legal hurdles and Google's "strong procompetitive justifications."

[Google's behavior] helped it to maintain, preserve and enhance Google's monopoly position in the markets for search and search advertising

—FTC staff report The "evidence paints a complex portrait of a company working toward an overall goal of maintaining its market share by providing the best user experience, while simultaneously engaging in tactics that resulted in harm to many vertical competitors, and likely helped to entrench Google's monopoly power over search and search advertising," the staff said.

On Jan. 3, the five FTC commissioners voted to close the investigation. A few months later, now FTC Chairwoman Edith Ramirez told a Senate committee that a majority of commissioners didn't support a case against Google on any of the allegations under investigation.

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In-Q-Tel

Gawker Media

New America Foundation

The executives of Google, In-Q-Tel and New America Foundation and the investors and beneficiaries of the "CleanTech" cash and the organizers of the libel, slander and defamation attacks against competing applicants are IN FACT, all the same people. In-Q-Tel and New America Foundation staff strategized the attacks while Gawker Media and Google executed the attacks.

Google received numerous legal requests to cease the attacks and, not only, refused to cease the attacks, but, in fact, increased them. Google manually, malicious and intentionally locked the attacks into the top and forefront positions on their web control architecture in order to optimize and maximize the damage against applicants as a retribution tactic. Google deleted and down-ranked any media coverage which was beneficial to applicants in order to assert their damage against the applicants in favor of their investors. Because Google operates under federal cash contracts and is legally a "Monopoly" this is a felony. The personnel, financial relationships, investments, ownerships, assets and communications between all of these parties are deeply embedded, confirmed and quantified. NSA, FBI and other surveillance has documented their communications and interactions.

These are the groups that joined together to target those who spoke up. Let's see what the media says about them:

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[CHARACTER ASSASSINATION, AND CAREER HIT-JOBS, BY HIGHLY PLACED POLITICAL ENTITIES USING TAXPAYER MONEY](#) By Thomas Winstead, Bob Unruh, Edward Snowden, Winston Emery & Piper Lee

Government sponsored character assassination delivered by Google, Gawker Media, IN-Q-Tel and New America Foundation; all of whom are financially, politically and operationally connected. Eric Schmidt ran and funded New America Foundation; Ran Google; Partnered and funded In-Q-Tel; hired, along with his associate: Elon Musk, In-Q-Tel executives; Worked with Gawker Marketers along with In-Q-Tel; was, himself and Google, funded by In-Q-Tel; funded the top 4 political campaigns, that all of those parties aggressively supported; and managed a business plan, that ran between all of those efforts, to ruin competitors and those who did not think like him, in any way possible.

Using the largest character assassination engine ever created. The Large Hadron Collider of defamation, Schmidt and his little Cartel went to work on enemies of his ideology. These were hit-jobs, using taxpayer dollars, against American born taxpayers, inside America, on U.S. soil because some politician or, campaign backer billionaire, wanted to hide their crimes.

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<http://www.whengoogleattacks.com>

Where you should write to complain about these kinds of things:

<http://www.opencongress.org/people/zipcodelookup>

Who Eric Schmidt's little hit-job spy buddies are:

<http://www.ingtelcase.wordpress.com>

How YOU can stop dirty politicians:

<http://www.corruptionbusters.info>

The details of their tactics:

<http://www.paybackpolitics.org>

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How Eric's Cartel Works:

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Character assassination is a deliberate and sustained process that aims to destroy the credibility and reputation of a person, institution, social group, or nation.

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Character Assassination refers to the slandering or vicious personal verbal attack on a person with the intention of destroying or damaging that person's reputation or confidence.

[definitions.uslegal.com/c/character-assassination/](#)

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By Bob Unruh

Journalist Glenn Greenwald, through whom document-leaker Edward Snowden previously rattled the entire National Security Agency, is now confirming Western intelligence networks strategize to place "trolls" on the Internet to undermine, discredit and destroy critics.

[In an article posted on website Greenwald help create called the Intercept](#), Greenwald reports secret documents from the GCHQ – the United Kingdom's version of the NSA – reveal "how western intelligence agencies are attempting to manipulate and control online discourse with extreme tactics of deception and reputation-destruction."

He cites documents from the "previously secret" Joint Threat Research Intelligence Group in the U.K., which describe injecting "all sorts of false material onto the Internet in order to destroy the reputation of its targets" and to use "social sciences and other techniques to manipulate online discourse and activism to generate outcomes it considers desirable."

"To see how extremist these programs are, just consider the tactics they boast of using to achieve those ends: 'false flag operations' (posting material to the Internet and falsely attributing it to someone else), fake victim blog posts (pretending to be a victim of the individual whose reputation they want to destroy), and posting 'negative information' on various forums."

The document lists a "Disruption Operational Playbook" and subheadings titled "Infiltration Operation, Ruse Operation, Set Piece Operation, False Flag Operation, False Rescue Operation, Disruption Operation, Sting Operation."

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Regarding how to "discredit a target," the instructions include, "Set up a honey-trap, change their photos on social networking sites, write a blog purporting to be one of their victims, email/text their colleagues, neighbors, friends etc."

[Sam Rolley at the Personal Liberty blog](#) wrote that his organization for years has been "warning readers that the well-connected and ruling elite, displeased by this newfound proletariat freedom, have been prolific in attempts to undermine and marginalize information provided by any media outlet unwilling to obey the same unspoken rules that govern the content choices of major media outlets."

"Now, thanks to the efforts of National Security Agency whistleblower Edward Snowden and journalist Glenn Greenwald, readers no longer have to take the word of 'paranoid' bloggers who relate tales of paid government trolls lurking in comment sections and other concentrated top-down efforts to muddy the information provided by alternative media," Rolley said.

He warned that the "most disturbing confirmation provided in the newly publicized intelligence documents is that spy agencies in Western nations with free speech guarantees have been given carte blanche authority from political leadership to target private individuals and organizations deemed uncooperative with the will of the state with ruthless online reputation-destruction efforts."

Greenwald said the discussion of many of the techniques "occurs in the context of using them in lieu of 'traditional law enforcement' against people suspected (but not charged or convicted) of ordinary crimes or, more broadly still, 'hacktivism,' meaning those who use online protest activity for political ends."

Rolley said it takes "no stretch of the imagination – even for those who have resisted considering the possibility of malevolent intent on government's part – to assume that the mission of organizations like the NSA and GCHQ is ultimately more about quelling citizen dissent than stopping citizen bloodshed at the hands of terrorists."

"The mere existence of documents like those published this week," Rolley said, "provides that the nefarious and long-suspected Internet activities of Western propagandists are not just plausible – they have very likely occurred in the comment sections and social media posts of articles like the one you are reading now."

WND columnist Eric Rush highlighted the outrageous idea of government agents trying to destroy the reputations of critics.

"It is worth noting that in 2008, Cass Sunstein, an Obama adviser and the White House's former head of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs ... wrote a paper proposing that the U.S. government engage teams of covert agents and independent, ideologically kindred surrogates to employ *precisely the aforementioned methods* to achieve their objectives," Rush said.

Greenwald said the "point is that, far beyond hacktivists, these surveillance agencies have vested themselves with the power to deliberately ruin people's reputations and disrupt their online political activity even though they've been charged with no crimes, and even though their actions have no conceivable connection to terrorism or even national security threats."

Greenwald said the British organization, GCHQ, in response to his questions, said only that it does not comment on intelligence matters.

"Furthermore," the agency said, "all of GCHQ's work is carried out in accordance with a strict legal and policy framework which ensures that our activities are authorized, necessary and proportionate, and that there is rigorous oversight, including from the Secretary of State, the Interception and Intelligence Services Commissioners, and the Parliamentary Intelligence and Security Committee."

"Whatever else is true," Greenwald wrote, "no government should be able to engage in these tactics: what justification is there for having government agencies target people – who have been charged with no crime – for reputation-destruction, infiltrate online political communities, and develop techniques for manipulating online discourse?"

WND previously has reported on leftist trolls operating online, including those with thousands of postings that would be unlikely to come from someone submitting comments during free time.

The report at the time said the trolls were performing a "disinformation" function typical of counter-intelligence efforts by intelligence agencies to confuse political enemies and refute or deflect opposing political views that are less susceptible to refutation by more traditional methods of debate and argumentation.

Typically, trolls operating on WND forums were defending Obama by posting specious and diversionary arguments with the goal of changing the subject and obscuring topics that could damage Obama, such as his birth records, life narrative, political history and policy preferences, including his current positions as president.

One was found to have posted nearly 4,800 comments over a two-year period. Another operated under different user names used various email addresses and nine different IP addresses to post 15,200 comments over 787 days on WND.com and FoxNews.com, as well as several smaller news websites, some of which had a local focus or interest.

The report confirmed many of the trolls banned from participating in WND forums appeared to have been operating on a professional level.

Read more at <http://www.wnd.com/2014/02/govt-handbook-for-internet-trolls-uncovered/#IZfg1EdYRl9ITSC8.99>

Who Is Gawker Media and Nick Denton? Let's take a look at how the international news media answers that question:

[Gawker Media: Hypocrites vs. Douchebanoes](#)

[by Matt Forney](#) For TAKI MAG.com

In 2002, a failed British journalist named Nick Denton started *Gawker*, a **bitchy** gossip blog run out of his Manhattan apartment. Over 10 years later, *Gawker* and its sister sites have become the biggest names in clickbait "journalism," pulling down millions of visitors a month and making its owner a millionaire several times over. The secret to Denton's success? He took the aggressive, **lynch mob mentality** of British tabloids, which **specialize in ruining people's lives**, and injected it into *America's comparatively placid Oprahfied media market*.

In particular, *Gawker*, *Jezebel*, *Valleywag*, and their sister sites specialize in hunt hunts: digital vigilantism against those who fail to keep up with leftist orthodoxy. [Geoffrey Miller](#), [Pax Dickinson](#), [Justine Tunney](#), [Violentacrez](#): the list of people whom *Gawker* has garoté for "racism" or "misogyny" could fill a phone book. With an army of Twitter twits behind it, *Gawker* Media truly is the moral majority of the left, **instigating mob action** against those who sin against the religion of *tolerance*. *Gawker's* provocations are even encouraging real-world violence now, as *Valleywag's* overfed man-baby of an editor Sam Biddle [eggs on attacks against San Francisco tech workers](#) from the safety of the East Coast.

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"Which makes the revelation that Denton has been allowing trolls to terrorize his female employees all the more delicious."

For the past few months, 4chan has been engaged in a trolling operation against *Jezebel*, [posting pictures of rape and gore porn in the comments section](#). Despite the fact that these shocking and disgusting images are stressing out staffers to the point where they're developing PTSD, Denton has steadfastly refused to do anything about the problem. *Jezebel's* staff recently snapped and [posted an open letter on the site](#) demanding that Gawker Media do something, calling 4chan's trolling "a very real and immediate threat to the mental health of *Jezebel's* staff and readers."

Fat chance of this happening, however. [As others have pointed out](#), Gawker Media's business model depends on getting clicks; indeed, [their writers are paid according to how many page views their articles get](#). Since comments help drive traffic to websites, fighting 4chan's rape porn trolling will reduce *Gawker's* profitability. Not only that, [Google itself ranks web pages according to how many comments they have](#), as comments are extremely difficult to fake. Fewer comments means a lower page rank, which translates into less search traffic and less money for Denton to blow on exotic vacations with his boy-toy hubby. If Gawker Media was willing to testify in federal court as to [why they should be allowed to rip off their interns](#), you can bet your bottom peso that they aren't going to do jack about this.

Gawker Media Attack Specialist Adrian Covert of San Francisco. Now under 24/7 electronic surveillance for "suspicious activities"

And there's the punch line. Gawker Media, the company that gets people fired from their jobs for making "sexist" jokes, has been creating a hostile work environment for its women staffers for *months*. They're the leftist equivalent of a priest who rails against homosexuality only to be caught molesting altar boys in the confessional booths. In staying silent on this for so long, Dodai Stewart, [Lindy West](#), and *Jezebel's* other star employees have shown themselves to be frauds. They don't care about feminism, "fat shaming," or whatever cause they're screeching about today; all they care about is money and power. And now we have the proof.

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Nick Denton has made a horrible prediction regarding internet adspend for the next year: ... **Gawker's Denton Sweats Over Decline in Web Ad Revenues**. Shares Tweets Stumble ...

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May 1: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, along with members of the national security team, receive an update on the mission against Usama bin Laden in the Situation Room of the White House. AP The Gawker website is under fire for trying to expose the CIA agent who may have helped lead the effort to kill [Usama Bin Laden](#) — despite efforts by the U.S. government and media to keep his identity secret for security reasons.

Using red arrows pointing to a full-length picture and close-up photos of the possible agent, Gawker reporter [John Cook](#) on July 6 wrote a piece under the headline "Is This the Guy Who Killed Bin Laden?" The story has since sparked an angry response from former intelligence agents — as well as Gawker's own readers — who say Cook's post was irresponsible and could have deadly consequences.

"This whole business of exposing people is a real serious matter. It's not entertainment, some people may think it is, but it's not ... There are real people out there that are going to be killed because of this," said Charles Faddis, a former CIA operations officer who spent 20 years working international hot spots and who headed the CIA's Terrorist Weapons of Mass Destruction Unit before retiring in 2008.

"I don't have a lot of patience for this," added Faddis, speaking about attempts to out the identity of a CIA operative. "This is serious, this is really serious. It's completely irresponsible." Some Gawker readers also weren't amused. A commenter named "Myra Minkoff" wrote in response to Cook's story:

"If this is the guy who tracked down Bin Laden, I can think of no better way to thank him for his outstanding civil service than by outing him on a highly trafficked web site and putting his career, his life, the lives of his loved ones in danger. Hooray!"

Another commenter "joelydanger" wrote:

"Consider that the next time you decide to write another article that tries to glorify DEVGRU, the CIA, or anyone and anything else used on the mission. You're causing harm and danger to the very people you're claiming to be heroes."

But Cook insisted he didn't compromise anyone's security by posting the photos.

"I do not believe my post put anybody in physical danger," Cook said in an email response to several questions posed by FoxNews.com. "I do not believe that people whose photographs are distributed by the White House as part of its public relations efforts have a reasonable claim to ask that no one speculate as to who they are."

Cook was referring to a series of official White House pictures taken from the Situation Room during the raid on Bin Laden's compound in Pakistan. The most famous of those photos, seen on televisions, newspapers and websites around the world, showed [President Obama](#), Vice President Biden, Secretary of State [Hillary Clinton](#), Defense Secretary [Robert Gates](#) and other officials watching a live feed of the raid.

Barely visible in that photo is the right jacket arm and the bottom of a necktie that appear to belong to a tall man standing behind Gates. Other pictures taken in the Situation Room during the raid, posted on the White House Flickr feed, show full-on shots of a tall man whose jacket and tie appear to match those of the man standing behind Gates in the earlier photo.

On July 5, the Associated Press published an extensive article on a CIA agent who led the hunt and eventual takedown of Bin Laden. The article referred to the agent only as "John," explaining: "The Associated Press has agreed to the CIA's request not to publish his full name and withhold certain biographical details so that he would not become a target for retribution."

Later that same day, the website Cryptome, a [Wikileaks](#) competitor that publishes leaked, sometimes classified documents and information, used clues from the AP article to home in on photos from the [White House](#) Flickr feed and other AP photos that might show "John." The article noted that "John" appeared just out of frame in the famous photo.

The following day, Cook picked up the Cryptome info and published the photos from the White House Flickr feed, beneath the "Is This the Guy Who Killed Bin Laden?" headline. Cook's post also included an AP file photo of CIA Director Leon Panetta leaving a briefing on Capitol Hill, where the man who may be "John" is seen in the background.

"Of course, it could be a random staffer who happened to be in both locations with John," Cook wrote. "Or it could be the guy who iced bin Laden."

The New York Observer posted a story late Tuesday that claimed to have confirmed the identity of the CIA agent, starting with the AP article and the Situation Room photo, and it posted photos online of the man it said was the agent.

Cook said he and his Gawker editors discussed potential safety concerns before publishing the information and photos.

"We came to the conclusion that it is highly unlikely that the White House would distribute for publication a photograph of a man whose life would be endangered if his photograph were ever published. Likewise, we decided that it is highly unlikely that such a man would publicly accompany the director of Central Intelligence, in the presence of AP photographers, to Capitol Hill to testify."

But those White House photos do not identify the man in question, only noting that the group of people are "members of the national security team," numerous Gawker commenters pointed out.

"You seem to have not noticed that they took great pains to make sure his face wasn't in the shot and he was never identified by name," Myra Minkoff wrote, when another commenter challenged her criticism of the Gawker post.

Other commenters chimed in.

"Sure it'll put him, his friends, and his family in danger regardless of whether or not he's actually the guy, but it'll generate some pageviews and advertiser revenue, and that's the IMPORTANT thing, right?" wrote someone using the name "dgoat."

"You should still be ashamed of yourselves."

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Shots In The Dark: Why Gawker Sucks I was just googling "Gawker **sucks**" and this came up making a very clear point of why I was googling this phrase in the first place. They're not even funny.

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Oh my! **Gawker's** Nick Denton's ex boyfriend is not happy with his new boy toy.

By **Christopher Koulouris** For <http://scallywagandvagabond.com>

Frankly there's nothing more delicious than watching someone famous for ripping people's alive (yes journalism sucks these days) apart become his own parody on manners and gossip. That said there was a twinkle of relish when I came across **page 6's** interesting expose on **Nick Denton**, the media zealot of **Gawker media** (which owns a smattering of salacious dribble including **gawker**, **jezebel**, **deadspin**, **lifehacker** and **jalopnik**) who has suddenly found himself the scorn of a former jealous and one imagines scorned lover.

page 6: Gadgety Gawker Media head Nick Denton recently changed his Facebook status from single to "in a relationship," but not everyone seems to be happy about it. Sources say an angry ex of his new boyfriend tossed a brick through the window of Denton's SoHo loft building recently, and has been causing enough further trouble that the police have been contacted.

Not to drift too much from Nick but I too was quite aghast when I decided to publicly note that I was no longer single but in a relationship on Facebook (for some reason I was quite surprised by the number of people who responded to what I perceived to be something really quite arbitrary and of little consequence in the world scheme of things, but yes people do pay attention it seems) which perhaps might explain the sudden attention that Mr Denton received when he publicly decided to note that he was in fact now no longer a pedophile or single.

Of course who also noted one assumes is a scorned former lover of the media titan who felt compelled enough to go smashing bricks into his former lover's abode. And perhaps with good reason as it appears Mr Denton's attentions have now turned to presumably a nimble agile and quite pretty young man (28 year old **Derrence Washington**) who it appears is an English actor here in NYC on tour (permanent tour one supposes).

What perhaps make the intrusion even more charming (not to suggest they are ever charming) is Mr Denton's own acknowledgment that he is now being served the same dish he is well known famous for serving up on a regular basis.

When we asked Denton about the incidents, he told us via e-mail: "After that Hulk Hogan sex tape on Gawker, I can hardly complain about intrusion into my private life!

"Yep, love is messy," he added.

Indeed love and gossip are quite messy but that said I'm betting Mr Denton is loving every minute of it. If I could suggest one thing Mr Denton, perhaps if you were to send a bouquet to the former lover it may temper their ire. I know it worked for me once. Oh dear...

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