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On Friday, June 5th, approximately 4 pm, I along with a friend of mine visiting from out of state took my 2 children and one of my grandchildren to our community pool for an afternoon swim. We have been residents of Craig Ranch North and members of our Homeowners Association for approximately 11 years.

About 5 pm a BBQ along with a DJ was being set up in the community park directly next to the pool but outside the pool gate. Approximately 5:30 pm, the people (non-residents) who were attending the BBQ began entering the gated pool by the dozens.

Our community has a rule that residents may only bring 2 guests to the pool. Other than that the pool is not open to the public.

By the time our security officer arrived for his scheduled shift, the pool had been overtaken by unruly teenagers and young adults. When asked to provide key cards by the Security Guard many in the group of non-residents who demanded entry into the pool became irate at the Security Guard and other residents in the pool stating they were being asked to leave due to the color of their skin. This was not true because all races inside the pool were being asked to provide a card key to verify identity, including myself.

At that time, dozens of non-residents began jumping the fence into the pool area. My decision was to gather my children and grand child and just go home to avoid any issues in light of what appeared to be unfolding very rapidly. People whom I did not know were shouting at us through the gate while we were trying to exit. They were shouting at us "Go home, Bye, Black haters". It was nearly impossible to exit the gate because it was lined 3 rows deep with dozens of what appeared to be disrespectful, unruly and violent teens and young adults.

Once I was able to get out of the gate, a teen was screaming racist slurs at my visiting friend and me stating that this was a public pool. In response, my friend stated "It's not a public pool. People pay community dues to use this pool. It's not about black or white. It's about having a card key and everyone is able to bring 2 guests regardless of race."

A young woman, over the age of 18, then began screaming and charged down the stairs at my friend. My friend DID NOT make any motion toward her. My friend's hair was grabbed and she was pulled to the middle of the street. My kids were screaming and traumatized. I walked out to defuse the fight and did just that. I didn't beat anyone nor use racial slurs of any kind. I was trying to separate my friend from the person who was pulling her hair. Once I returned to my car, a large red icee was thrown at me, hitting me in the back and splashing my 11 year old who was in my car.

Accusations that I am racist could not be further from the person I truly am.

I am a woman of God, a humanitarian in every sense of the word and have countless supporters of all ethnic backgrounds that have and will stand up for my character. The fact that I have had to relocate my family for their safety has made me physically ill. I have been targeted and forced to suffer unspeakable threats against myself, my innocent children and grandchildren and other members of my family.

I pray that something good comes from this and people stop buying into the horrific lies spread via social media which are destroying our lives by the minute. I have been employed for the past 17 years and managed many different people of all races and genders. They have all been treated equally with respect, loyalty and encouragement. Countless African American friends and colleagues at work have reached out to me this week saying they would attest to exactly that. I want the truth to come out and the lies and threats to stop.

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