

## Sinister Inquisition or Noble Crusade? Either way - we have a problem.

### Rocked To The Core

Recent times have seen an earth shattering salvo of sexual allegations in our work spaces, tournaments, against our favourite streamers, and even players. It seems that from college campuses and politics, metoo, and allegations of sexual misconduct have been making their way from almost every corner of the culture into the very heart of the gaming industry.

In recent months, we have seen high profile figures from across the industry, from **DOTA 2**, to **CS:GO**, as well as fighting games, such as **Tekken** and **Dragon Ball Z** and **Smash**, have their character, morality, and their livelihood crippled or in most cases destroyed instantaneously by allegations of sexual misconduct. The Fighting Game corner of the community have had their entire international competition, **EVO Online**, cancelled due to an allegation made against the company's current CEO.

**Smash** player Troy 'Puppeh' Wells came out and shared what he referred to as his 'experience' with former FGC commentator Cinnpie, AKA Cinnamon Dunson. Allegedly, Cinnpie initiated a sexual relationship with the then fourteen year old Puppeh whilst she was twenty four years of age.

It is worth noting that Cinnpie has made no comment since, and as far as we know, has not denied the story.



### Equality Before the Law

As a result, Cinnpie was banned from all future events by **2GGaming**. Video evidence has since surfaced of fourteen year old Puppeh and Cinnpie interaction at a **Smash** tournament which shows the two interacting physically, with interactions being initiated by Cinnpie. Such evidence seems to corroborate with Puppeh's story, and his testimony explaining personal difficulty he has had since, seems to suggest that this is a problem that goes both ways.

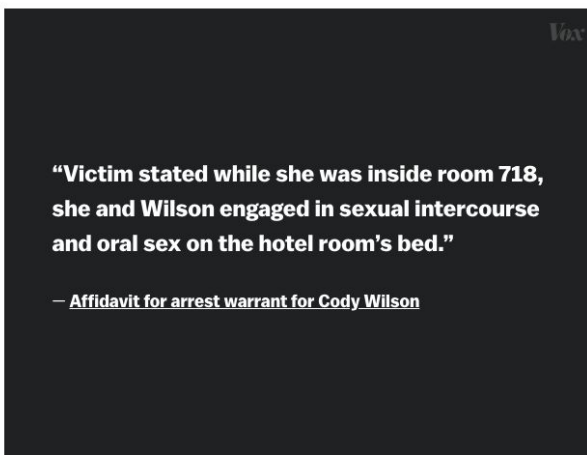
Still, the Puppeh/Cinnpie situation is more disturbing for the fact that, if true, this is not only an allegation of sexual misconduct, but of sexual misconduct with a minor. And very likely an especially vulnerable minor, given Puppeh's self-confessed history of depression and mental health issues, as well as the clear and extreme difference in size and power between the two, evidenced by photos and videos taken at the time their sexual relationship was said to have taken place.

To our knowledge, there has been no criminal or private investigation into these allegations.

What are we doing? This is madness. Allegations of sexual misconduct must be investigated. And if not one where a minor has been abused, then where else?

We must have equality before the law. Cinnpie must be investigated, as should Tobiwan and all others who have had such allegations made against them. If innocent, they should be vindicated, if proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, then justice done.

In other areas, such allegations have had the proper and full weight of the law brought against them, such as against Cody Wilson. In this case, the victim was allegedly forced to have sexual intercourse *as a minor*, after she had advertised herself on the website SugarDaddyMeet.



**Cody Wilson**

3-D printed gun activist

**Publicly reported September 19, 2018**

He has been charged with sexual assault of a minor in connection with allegations that he paid an underage girl for sex after meeting her on the website SugarDaddyMeet.

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**Rock and a Hard Place**

Whether the allegations are true or not is another story entirely. And this is the major problem our culture is now facing.

How do we deal with 'he said, she said,' situations of this magnitude and on this scale?

Especially when in many cases these stories are coming out all at once, often *years* after the incidents are said to have taken place is a colossal problem. One we struggle to apprehend. But courts, law and police investigation must be the first and often the only response, and internal investigations as a necessary second option.

We must hold to the ideal of discovering the truth, serving justice and in doing so, hold to the process of law in our lands.

We cannot continue on our current trajectory. To be fired for simply having an accusation made against you, whether suggestive photo/video evidence surfaces (as in Cinnpie's case) or if there's more than one accuser (as with Toby, 'Tobiwan' Dawson) is nearly criminal in and of itself. It's a complete circumnavigation of justice and the laws of the land.

Accusations are not what people should be judged on. If we continue to make it commonplace that once an allegation is made, a person's credibility, livelihood and life is vapourised, we are engaged in a systematic process of social execution, not social justice.

A modern day inquisition, whether the goal is noble or otherwise, is still a modern day inquisition, whether it's name is #MeToo, whether the accuser is male, female, trans or otherwise.

If Law is ignored, common human decency is thrown aside, and our community becomes a place, when mere accusation is enough to throw someone under the bus, then we are living in a place where **no one** is safe. Everyday we continue down this road, more and more people everyday are getting thrown under the bus, regardless of whether they have proven guilty or innocent.

### **#DueProcess**

In June **CS:GO's** Henry Greer was caught in the eye of the tornado, with his ex-girlfriend Kelly Jean making accusations of non-consensual sex between the then couple. After, Greer released text messages between the two which highlight the nature of their relationship, and indicate a clear falling out and resentment on both sides. Further to this, Kelly is evidence as having contradicted her own public story by privately stating to Greer, 'That we BOTH KNOW IT WAS NOT RAPE' (sic), regarding the night in question. Kelly also states that 'when she was **actually** assaulted years ago' (sic), seemingly indicating that she again did not consider the incident between her and Greer to have been an assault in their private correspondence. Worse still, it appears that Kelly used the threat of going public to blackmail Greer to have emotional leverage on him, even while he had moved on to a new relationship.



HenryG was dragged into a nasty Twitter war, but is in with a chance to get out clean. (Image credit: win.gg)

CS:GO caster Henry "HenryG" Greer has responded to former girlfriend Kelly Jean's accusations and oh boy, have the tides turned.

Jean exploded the CS:GO scene with [allegations](#) thrown HenryG's way ranging from verbal and emotional abuse to claims of borderline rape. The R word was never explicitly mentioned, but the event described by Jean was that of Greer having sex with her without her consent. That is quite literally the definition of rape, so understandably people reacted in supportive manner to her initial claims and things looked grim for HenryG.

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## No Action Prior to A Conclusive Investigation

In this case of Greer and Jean, we have solid evidence of communications on both sides which casts serious doubts on the seriousness of Mrs. Jean's allegations. But even so, an investigation is warranted. Uncomfortable and unpleasant it may be we cannot decide people's guilt by allegation, mob rule, or corporate knee jerk virtue signalling.

If some guilty people escape justice due to failures of due process, it is still *far better* than the alternative:

The alternatives to truth and justice seem to be as follows;

Option 1. Execution by Accusation, or

Option 2. Innocent by Exercise of Power.

By 'Innocent By Virtue of Power,' I mean that people such as Jeffrey Epstein and Harvey Weinstein seem to have been outliers, cheating justice for years by means manipulating their power.

However, now, perhaps as a whiplash response, we have 'Execution by Accusation,' meaning that,, by the very fact of being accused, the person accused suffers social execution, having their job, reputation, family life, and future decimated by the mere fact that one or even more than one person has made an allegation against them.

We cannot allow this to continue. We must find the middle path.

It is this reporter's opinion that under *no circumstances* should third parties take action on allegations made by either side of an alleged sexual misconduct. This is a matter for the courts to decide. It is a matter of due process. **ALL** allegations should be taken seriously. So seriously in fact, that they must be vetted and thoroughly investigated *before any* long-term decision about that person's future is taken, whether by the person's employer, their agent, or, in the case of **EVO-Online**, the host of an entire multigame, international level competition.

She would consistently gaslight me and make me question myself all the time while I was only 14 and still trying to find myself as a person. Not being able to tell anyone about my experiences ate away at me constantly. Having to see her after this period hurt me a lot and would consistently distract me at tournaments.



At the end of his post, Puppeh makes it clear that he's not looking for revenge or anything and only wants to find peace with himself after all these years of keeping silent.

## More Hurt And Harm

Decisions such as firing people on this basis, cancelling competitions, cancelling people, and removing content wholesale due to allegations, doesn't make the community a safer place.

It makes a far more dangerous place. It runs the very serious danger of turning our entire culture into a modern day inquisition. Where rather than one person being a victim and another a perpetrator being held accountable equally before the law, judged in balance of right and wrong - a horrible situation for all involved - but now entire communities are having their livelihoods hung out on the line. The unity and future of competitive gaming, casting, commentating and streaming being rocked to the core. No one is safe, and anyone stands a good chance of being brought down.

Actions so sweeping and swift as those taken by **EVO-Online** only serves to spread and deepen the hurt, not help with the healing. Legal procedures clearly need updating in light of the metoo movement. Whereby allegations lead to an automatic legal investigation, with actions on the part of companies being suspended until the investigation is complete. I also believe that company decisions must be inline with the law. It's not okay for a company to continue hiring a person proven of sexual misconduct, likewise, a company should at the very least suffer financial penalties for firing people found to be falsely accused **and** where there is insufficient evidence to prove **beyond a reasonable doubt**, that the allegations are true.

Fact of the matter is, there is no easy answer.

**But Innocent Until Proven Guilty Is Still The Best Solution To Such A Terrible Situation.**

EarlyGames will be following these events closely and will keep you, our readers, informed of the latest.

Christie Murphy, signing out.