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with our children, and when asked to provide evidence, a measly kids book was offered as “pornography.”

And then the bomb threats started coming. Our schools, our library, our police, our local businesses, our water and power utilities. Nobody was spared. But it should come as no surprise to any of us, that after months of hateful fear mongering—willfully ignoring Jesus’s adage of “love thy neighbor”—violence was the next logical step. We’ve seen this act played out many times in history. Kiel has entered a dark chapter in its own history, but we are not doomed to descend further into darkness. Although the bomb threats are likely from folks who’ve never stepped foot in Kiel, the hysteria that led our little town onto the radar of such lunatics was planted and grown by some of our own community members. The folks who brought this hatred into our community are real, unlike their paranoid conspiracies. It is time we demand accountability from them.

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