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HEADING FOR COURT: An abusive phone call to a ratepayer has left the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's CEO facing a potential restraining order.

In an email obtained by the ABC, John Walker states to Councilors that he personally threatened 82-year-old David Coulston and was willing to carry the threat out if necessary.

The email does not specify the exact nature of the threat, and neither man was willing to detail the exact contents of the phone call.

Mr Coulston, who has repeatedly targeted senior council figures on social media, has now applied for a restraining order against the CEO.

Mr Walker says he was provoked, after Mr Coulston made derogatory comments about his son in a Facebook post.

That post, which has since been deleted, referenced Jack Walker's involvement in a group of men who stripped to their underwear and "shoey'd" beer at the 2016 Malaysian Grand Prix, causing a minor international incident.

"In this case he went too far, he invoked my family, he said things about my family which were unacceptable," Mr Walker said.

"As a result of that I rang him and left a message which was 'colourful'.

"If he wishes to continue to say things about me, I don't really care, I don't read [Facebook] that often.

"But don't ever invoke my family into a matter that has nothing to do with him."

Mr Coulston rejected claims the post was offensive.

"I said nothing to him, or on Facebook, whatever, at all," he told the ABC.

He said Mr Walker's message had left him feeling threatened.

"It's because of the intimidating, aggressive and profanely foul bad language that was used to abuse me," Mr Coulston said.

Mr Coulston's application will be heard in the Kalgoorlie Magistrates Court on April 3.

Mr Walker says he'll defend that application.



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Jeffrey Lewis A person at that senior level of management a CEO making threats should be immediately sacked regardless of what the other party said!! This is breach of councils code of conduct and council Vision Statement!! Here we are trying to promote peace against the ongoing community disorder and the head of council does all but exactly that absolute disgrace. He is standing by what he did so let's hope the mayor now does his job and terminates the CEO. WALGA needs to intervene otherwise

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Gary Fitzgerald Wonder what you'd do Jeffrey if someone threatened your family? John is human and most people I know would donor say anything to protect their family...give me a break buddy..we have locals wreck the courthouse and run amok a while ago and we give them a bbq, free lighting and they get away with blatant criminal damage yet you wanna hang a bloke for defending his family?? hats off to you John...stay strong mate

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Steve Paull It's quite obvious he doesn't read [Facebook] that often, or he would be doing more to address the spiraling anti-social and criminal chaos in Kalgoorlie, and perhaps (just perhaps) protect the law-abiding citizens who elected him. Foolishly elected, it would seem.

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Pauline Liddle Not much the CO of the council can do when its the police and the courts job and they come under the State and Federal government.

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Steve Paull A fair call. But then, if politicians can't do anything about it, they shouldn't try to elect themselves on that platform (lookin' at me old mate Kyran on that one).

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Brian Murray In fact, there is a lot that this or any council can do to assist in crime reduction. Many other councils have very active programs in place. This lot just seem content to sit on their arse and either pretend that the problem does not exist, or just bury their heads in the sand and hope that it will go away.

In the case of this bloke though - he is NOT elected to the position - he is an EMPLOYEE of the council.

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Julieen Marie Dungey The CEO isn't elected. He's an administrator, not a councillor.

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Steve Paull I stand corrected. In light of this new evidence, he should most certainly be sacked for breaches of Code of Conduct.

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Katrina Renee Holliday I fully support the CEO after seeing how much David coulston continually goes on about the ekb council council workers and now there family members in surprised its taken this long for someone to fight back against the online attacks

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Deb McNamara Fully agree and if he starts on my family again i will take action too

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Gwydia Lanagan The CEO should resign as on his behalf his action was totally unprofessional

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Dave Johnson Are you serious???

Like · Reply · 6h

Gary Fitzgerald What a joke you are Gwydia..love to see how you react to someone threatening your family - give me a spell!! Well done John...full support mate

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Gwydia Lanagan Gary Fitzgerald, I left the threat to my life up to the police to deal with not threaten the other party.

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Julieen Marie Dungey God bless all the pensioners who take up bowls, knit blankets for the homeless or go to the men's shed and continue to lead useful lives. It's not teenagers on the internet I'm worried about, it's the super doddery oldies like Coulston who contribute nothing but complaints and then can't even remember writing them! Will someone please turn off the wifi at the old folks home?

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Dave Grills Good grief.

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Bec Miles I've been wondering where David c went lol

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Alana O'Donahue Its actually been nice not hearing from him, on reading the comments david coulston wrote im not suprised by these actions, guess we'll see what happens. Even if the comments were offensive have a bit of professionalism and dont leave "colourful" messages. Perhaps both adults need to grow up and be a little less sensitive.

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Ashlee Gray Can we get a kalgoorlie drama show?

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David Coulston There is also a lot more to be looked at, but that will come.

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Peter Russo The old fool needs a good talking to.

Like · Reply · 6h

Clint Dvorcemkr This bloke takes a dig at him on every Facebook page out there. This is going to be fun.

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Graeme Campbell am not suprised

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Abby Coventry Matt Miller jerry jerry jerry

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Kerry Scott Haha

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Mitchell 'Mouth' Gray David Quinn

Like · Reply · 4h

Katrina Renee Holliday Deb McNamara

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