

## Jody Barr

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### **Statement of Scott Starkes of Georgetown Collision on the KXAN report:**

*"Jody Barr of KXAN emailed and called requesting payroll information on two former disgruntled employees, which we gladly provided Mr. Barr with.*

*One former disgruntled employee, Antonio Delgadillo was paid in full for all commissions. We requested paperwork from KXAN as to what the former employee disgruntled was claiming he was not paid, but we never received anything from KXAN, so we cannot comment on something that we have not seen.*

*The other former disgruntled employee, Fernando Cruz only worked two weeks of a probationary period for which he was paid in full, and four days of another week, which seems to be the issue of contention.*

*He was not paid a final check for those four days because he ordered parts for his personal vehicle from **my** vendor and used **my** credit account without authorization.*

*He took the parts with him when he left, so we are owed for those parts.*

*I did not file theft or fraud charges with Williamson County as I would rather resolve the matter internally. I am waiting on the invoices for the parts, as he took the originals, so I have requested copies. Once received, my attorney will reach out to Mr. Cruz to settle up.*

*We also sent KXAN a YTD 2020 payroll report. In a year that many independent collision centers closed their doors, or other corporate centers such as Caliber and Service King laid off thousands of employees, I am proud of the fact that we gave everyone the opportunity to remain employed. We made sure that our staff had a payroll check every week to support their families. We have had an average of 51 workers throughout 2020, and our number of workers increased after receiving a PPP loan in late April or early May. We were excited to be able to hire more out of work residents from Travis & Williamson County during the Covid pandemic.*

*Even during the Covid pandemic, in 2020 we have written over 1500 payroll checks for more than 2.2 million dollars, and the year is not over!*

*It is shameful that Jody Barr with KXAN has chosen to investigate and champion a handful of disgruntled ex-employees who were either terminated for just cause or they walked out and quit without notice, instead of focusing on the dozens and dozens of hard working employees who were kept employed in this horrible year of chaos".*

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