

PI Update: I've hired a PI...

February 16, 2018 | 9 upvotes | by [broneilbro](#)

Gents, I'm trying to hold as much as I can. As in previous posts on here I was looking into getting a PI because the wife has been acting complete 180. I know its puke and vomit but being deployed does shit to you when the only thing is communication, but I want to verify so if it is true I can have my stuff in line when I get back.

Getting to it; things that have been red flags.

1. The frequency of texts, used to get ton, now nothing, no pix etc.
2. Missed our scheduled FaceTime two weeks in a row. I care more for the kid but didn't give a "We are busy right now" or any of that shit. I mentioned it to her and she did the "Oh yeah, my bad"
3. V-Day - Fuck covert contracts but if you send nothing but two texts all day...thats noticeable.
4. Lastly, she met up with a bunch of our friends for a playdate with my daughter. My friend sent me a message telling me my wife was acting different and on the phone most of the time. He mentioned he was getting a weird vibe.

It fucking sucks and is BP as hell but this gut feeling I have needs to be verified before I start sharpening the blade to kill the puppy and oneitis. Last time I felt this way it lasted 3 months and I am not going to do that to myself.

The PI has dealt with it before with deployed members and understands the issues as he was deployed multiple times during his wife.

Two things come out of it as he said: 1. She's cheating 2. She isn't. He stated he deals with the deployed in a different way as he knows how things can seem similar with other guys marriages. He did hint that since she has only a set window and little other time its good for us.

It does suck and again I am doing this to kill the false thoughts or verify them.

Anyways, on another note; lifted 4 days out of the week; rode 12 miles today, and starting to train for a triathlon as I always wanted to do one.

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SteelToeShitKicker • 15 points • 16 February, 2018 06:40 PM

My friend sent me a message telling me my wife was acting different and on the phone most of the time. He mentioned he was getting a weird vibe.

You don't need a PI, you have your answer right there. I'm sorry bro.

red-sfpplus • 14 points • 16 February, 2018 06:53 PM

Yep. Buy this man a drink when you get back home.

DanceMonkeeDance • 9 points • 16 February, 2018 07:09 PM

Truth. OP, consider the possibility that your friend was feeling you out to see if you are receptive to hearing more disturbing news.

broneilbro[S] • 3 points • 16 February, 2018 06:55 PM

Yeah...that was what raised my eyebrow but he also hadn't seen her in a couple years but he is a trusty guy. The main thing here is if it what it is and verified I am going to prepare myself so I can be the best father to my daughter and that is the focus/reasoning for it. I don't want to be blindsided like my multiple friends when they returned home and were in a funk for months afterwards.

red-sfpplus • 6 points • 16 February, 2018 07:38 PM

Look man. Lets be blunt here and accept reality. Lets try to put in some work on improving your mental state.

You are currently deployed - correct?

Use this as an opportunity to work on forgetting about her. Stop obsessing, stop trying to talk, FT and everything. And yes, this includes the kid. The first 2 weeks will be hard. I have done it before, believe me. It fucking sucks. It gets easier as it goes on.

If you can use this time as an opportunity to build that space, it will not be as hard when you get back to the states, and the courts do it for you. You will have access to your kid 1 Wednesday a week and every other weekend.

Just start to mentally prepare for that (Negative Visualization) that way, if you come back and everything is great, then great! If not, well you are not coming back from one war zone, into another.

Your IDGAF will be well established, and you will have some power.

Right now, you are going to get off the boat and be crying and 100% in her frame. Come back hating the bitch, with an open mind.

Stop letting this woman control your thoughts and emotions from half a planet away. Yes, I know kids are involved. Yes, I know I am asking alot.

But dude, you have to do it.

WhiteTrashKiller • 2 points • 17 February, 2018 02:28 AM

This is gold! On my deployment distancing my emotions from a girl 2500 miles away was the toughest thing! When it happens, you'll know it, it'll click!

The best asset you have is time, food and weights. Even the most remote FOB's have a basic gym. Make yourself into a God! Expel her from your life!

WRITE YOUR CHILD EVERYDAY! TWICE!

What I mean is write a letter everyday in duplicate so you have a copy. Be everyone's everything! Be your STBXW's nothing, suck everything from her emotionally you can by being what she could ever want, but cannot have!

broneilbro[S] • 1 point • 16 February, 2018 08:10 PM

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As for the kid, I think she would do every other week as her parents were divorced and she stated she would have preferred that.

We will see gents and I'll make a COA upon what we find.

GroundbreakingDevil • 3 points • 16 February, 2018 09:02 PM

The point he's trying to make is that your stay plan and your leave plan should be the same, up until the point you start the legal proceedings.

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Unfuck yourself, kill oneitis, and get out of her frame. The sandbox is the perfect place to start this process; you've got more important things to worry about right now, anyway.

BobbyPeru • 2 points • 16 February, 2018 08:56 PM

Yep, he's subtly letting OP know.

He knows

Rian_Stone • 1 point • 16 February, 2018 06:42 PM

I wonder if his lawyer suggested this, or if he's just paying money for funsies

hypergamous • 7 points • 16 February, 2018 07:23 PM

I don't understand why men who are married can not insist on a no password policy. Goes both ways, for both of you.

Why would you be in a relationship with another person, who lives in your home, raises your children, sleeps in your bed... But asking for no passwords (or all shared passwords) - is "too much"?

When I removed the puppy during my marriage - no Private Investigator was needed. She changed her password & Facebook access. Found a "new" phone she had been using.

Guess what - that was all the proof I needed. The truth trickled after papers where filed and accounts were closed.

You already know the answers - you just may not want to ask the question.

red-sfpplus • 4 points • 16 February, 2018 11:34 PM

Passwords? Meh

Code to the gun safe? That knowledge dies with me :)

matrixtospartanatLV • 1 point • 17 February, 2018 12:56 AM

Very wise man

johneypocalypse • 5 points • 16 February, 2018 06:43 PM

You don't sound BP to me you sound both (1) right and (2) smart. Buddies have a nose for that, yours is on to something. Then again, the rest of it sounds bad, too. Stay strong wherever you are - probably much more on the line for you than her - so keep your head firmly on your shoulders.

jshtx2117 • 5 points • 16 February, 2018 07:44 PM

Idealize, Devalue, Discard;

She is in the Devalue stage,

broneilbro[S] • 1 point • 16 February, 2018 08:04 PM

Hard but probably true.

RedPill-BlackLotus • 1 point • 16 February, 2018 10:13 PM

That's the narsistic abuse cycle!

jshtx2117 • 2 points • 16 February, 2018 10:26 PM

If the shoe fits ...

amalgamator • 4 points • 16 February, 2018 11:30 PM

I want to hear from the dude that found the phone! Where is he?

Two_kids_in_a_coat • 3 points • 16 February, 2018 09:18 PM

It's over. She already cheated, so for her to do it again is much easier. Focus on you right now. Assume it's over.

Big_Daddy_PDX • 2 points • 16 February, 2018 07:09 PM

I think getting a PI is just you on hamster drive. Otherwise you'd be able to make a clear decision. What are you going to do when the PI provides similar partial corroboration? What about when he confirms she's on the CC? If you don't have a plan now, you need to get engaged. But I don't think it matters if she is or isn't doing something behind your back; you aren't in a mental frame of mind to do anything about it. That needs to change.

broneilbro[S] • 1 point • 16 February, 2018 08:13 PM

That is the thing. I fought with myself on the mental frame but with the way it is I want to build my frame knowing what I'm building it for.

Two outcomes: nothing, or something.

How I build myself will be based of what transpires. I know that is not the answer but it is the action.

BostonBrakeJob • 4 points • 17 February, 2018 12:35 AM

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I hope this is just the feelz talking. No one here is gonna blame you for being mad right now. But this is not a good strategy to move forward. Take heed u/red_sfplus 's comment. The stay plan is the same as

the go plan, your current situation is a textbook example of why that saying is the gospel around here.

matrixtospartanatLV • 1 point • 17 February, 2018 12:59 AM

Amen.

OP, what you are doing building and framing yourself should be completely independent of her on every level.

The only thing that changes is whether she receives any time or attention from you.

Big_Daddy_PDX • 2 points • 16 February, 2018 09:29 PM

Wrong attitude brother. You still don't get it. The PI can't give you frame. You'll still lack frame and then be a frameless fool making decisions. Stop. Think. Act.

donedreadpirate • 1 point • 18 February, 2018 05:55 PM

I will build myself, for myself, to achieve a life of satisfaction where I am respected by those I allow into my life, and they add value worth allowing them into my life in the first place.

Think of it this way. Then it's OI. That said, there is absolutely nothing wrong with wanting to know the truth so you can trim the fat asap.

broneilbro[S] • 1 point • 18 February, 2018 06:56 PM

I have to say that is what it is. I've been thinking all day about it and I thought about calling it off but there is a nagging feeling that I had before that I ignored and it blew up in my face. The outcome is the outcome, how it affects me is what I have control over.

We faceted yesterday and I could feel her pulling me into her frame. The issue I had with our convo is that it was House Management Inc. and none of that talk that that separated me from a roommate. I focused on our kid but at the same time it was just a different vibe. Somebody said if you devalue one thing, you are increasing value somewhere else.

I signed the contract and made the payment. I am going to keep my mind on other things like lifting and trying to build my lats because they are bitchy.

I appreciate the support and I'll let you guys know.

[deleted] • 1 point • 18 February, 2018 06:28 PM

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Only agree to a point. We all own a hamster, sometimes you just have to feed it. Once feed, hamster can take a nap....

I think OP needs it to shore up his frame for now. Taking action in this case is much better than any form of waiting. Since waiting is not an option, and OP's frame is not iron yet, feed the hamster and move forward.

ReddJive • 2 points • 16 February, 2018 11:29 PM

If you have that feeling in your gut odds are you going to get kicked in the nuts.

Iv'e been there with a girl in college. You are never usually wrong ALTHOUGH i have had that feeling and it was false. The PI is prudent.

Your challenge is the main event this will cause. The path is still the same only you are shorting out all the dread levels in-between. Decide now how you want it to happen. Think through the options. You are a solider you

know how to build a battle plan. This no different.

Be ready for her to plead, cry, do everything she can. Here's some advice, Deploy Ahoy, on prepping for divorce. Sadly you are deployed but maybe you have a buddy that can help state side.

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JudgeDoom69 • 1 point • 16 February, 2018 08:54 PM

You did the right thing. Knowledge is power and know you will know for sure one way or the other.

lifted 4 days out of the week; rode 12 miles today, and starting to train for a triathlon as I always wanted to do one.

Lifting and riding are good healthy outlets for your anxiety.

Reject444 • 1 point • 16 February, 2018 10:25 PM

I agree that you're doing the right thing with hiring the PI. I can see the need to know for sure one way or the other; just make sure that whatever decision you make as to what to do about your marriage is what YOU want to do based on the information you have, not just because you think it's the "right" thing that society expects you to do based on what SHE is or isn't doing. I'm interested to hear further updates about what you decide.

broneilbro[S] • 1 point • 17 February, 2018 03:32 AM

I come from a family where divorce is highly frowned upon. She is a child of divorce and so she has been through it. She sees it as the atomic option instead of working through it. Her mom cleaned out her dad and so if it gets to that point I might be able to leverage that against her if she tries something crazy.

I'll provide updates but hopefully it's just the shopping list but we will see.

BobbyPeru • 1 point • 16 February, 2018 10:54 PM

Idk, depends on the cost. I think you already know the answer, but if you need closure, how much does this PI estimate? What is he going to do exactly?

InChargeMan • 2 points • 17 February, 2018 12:46 AM

PI will sleep with her, just to be sure.

broneilbro[S] • 1 point • 17 February, 2018 03:28 AM

That's the thing. Her previous actions might be clouding my head but it is what it is.

PI is deposit of around \$1500 which would be about 20 hours which is inline with what it runs.

BobbyPeru • 1 point • 17 February, 2018 04:12 AM

\$1500 seems very reasonable. Just make sure you trust this guy. I've heard stories about PI's offering the

wife a chance to pay double to not report

broneilbro[S] • 3 points • 17 February, 2018 06:19 AM

This guy seems legit. I read reviews and him being a veteran holds some weight.

He was very upfront with the "if we do find something how will it affect your deployment" because he has a secure "Dropbox" where any video or photos go.

He is also insured and licensed through the state. I checked the state database and such.

Westernhagen • 1 point • 19 February, 2018 04:43 AM

Do you really need to see the evidence yourself? Why isn't a "yes she is" from the PI enough if that is what he finds?

broneilbro[S] • 1 point • 19 February, 2018 06:11 AM

He presents it as it is.

Westernhagen • 1 point • 19 February, 2018 03:41 PM

You only need to know from the PI that "she is definitely cheating" in order to take action. You don't need to listen to (or worse, watch) the recording of her moaning and screaming as Chad bangs her. Unless you want to have your soul scarred by hearing or seeing that for some reason.

broneilbro[S] • 1 point • 19 February, 2018 04:20 PM

hopefully that isn't what is found. I've been thinking hard about it and just can't explain it. Like I'm Jekyll and Hydying this stupid shit I worked out hard twice today to think about something different. Did get some IOIs and I am down to 227 from 245 in Oct...

broneilbro[S] • 1 point • 17 February, 2018 03:35 AM

That is true. The plan is the same until that very main event, which hopefully doesn't come but fuck my intuition when it comes to shitty things.

Building the frame sucks when you got this on the mind. The main thing on my mind is my daughter.

BobbyPeru • 1 point • 17 February, 2018 04:51 AM

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This is true. This will eat away at your frame more than anything. I'm not sure if you said... will you end it immediately if you find out she's cheating?

broneilbro[S] • 1 point • 17 February, 2018 06:16 AM

Since I'm deployed I would not. I also need to take the impact it would have on my daughter into consideration if I come back and do a Main Event.

BobbyPeru • 2 points • 17 February, 2018 06:40 AM*

Idk, I agree with others who have said you need to make a decision before you find out for sure or not. You are going to be in an emotional fog, which gives her a huge advantage.

I've ran the scenario through my head with my wife, and I know exactly what I'd do.

That wouldn't be a main event btw. I think you'd be putting yourself in a position where she'd give

you the tear parade and sob story about how she'll never do it again. That's not a situation you want to go into without having a strong frame.

There was a recent post about shit tests and main events. Your situation would not be a main event.

Study this post and read between the lines:

Main event post

The last part is the most important to your situation:

From u/rian_stone 's post:

One thing which seems to be constant, by the time it happens, you've 50% checked out already. That checking out can be the trigger of the event. A good rule-of-thumb: If she's throwing out snot bubbles and you're largely indifferent, it's probably a main event."

1) You're not 50% checked out

2) her "snot bubbles" or crying is likely to highly influence you to make a poor decision because (see #1)

So, she's going to say whatever she needs to save face and keep you so she can have her cake and eat it too. Since your frame isn't strong enough, this tactic is likely to work on you. It doesn't make it a main event- it just makes it a cheating woman manipulating a hurt man with weak frame.

After you get a report from the PI, if she is cheating, you should make a decision on what you want to do before discussing it with her. In the mean time, lift, sidebar, and start distancing yourself.

Like I said, if my wife cheated, I'd divorce her without a shadow of a doubt. You need to know your course without a shadow of a doubt before you even let her know that you know.

druganswer • 1 points • 17 February, 2018 10:07 AM [recovered]

is she someone you want to be with? her actions - not your romanticized version of "who she is."

we already know the answer to this. save yourself the \$1500. go spend it on something cool as fuck to get over the divorce. buy your kids some nice school clothes. whatever. you might not even get anything out of this PI and you *already know*. the fact that you're here tells me that.

the best course of action for 90%+ of guys who show up here is *leave*. they're usually just not strong enough to do it right away. hamster does its thing until they actually get their shit together. sometimes the getting their shit together fixes everything and sometimes it only shows them their wife is not worthy of them and they leave. but seriously, most of the time leaving right off the bat would not have been a *bad* decision.

this PI shit is a surefire way to put yourself through a few more months of hell, possibly get fucked out of the inheritance you're going to receive, and waste more time focusing on your shit wife; time you could be using to improve yourself.

are you going to suddenly trust her 100% if 20 hours of PI work comes back clean? you'll be out \$1500 and be in the exact same spot you are now. the only way you're going to get any certainty out of this is if the PI sends you pictures of your wife taking chad's dick. odds of that are low. anything less incriminating than that and you are setting yourself up for huge anxiety and a confrontation where you get lied to and guilt tripped for not trusting her. so where do you draw the line? if she does anything other than what she told you she was doing at that time? or is that forgivable? trickle truth... moving goal posts... unnecessary pain and suffering.

waste of time and money.

AnimalFactsBot • 1 point • 17 February, 2018 10:07 AM

The Syrian hamster is the most popular and well known breed kept as pets. All Syrian hamsters as pets are believed to have descended from one pair in 1930.

broneilbro[S] • 1 point • 17 February, 2018 03:27 PM

She is someone I want to be with. Life was/is chaos right now with so much going on. I could be reading it wrong or right.

This is the big thing right there. It's a damned if do and if don't. You have a valid idea with what you are saying.

I don't know what to say. If nothing shows I can check my gut or if it does I can trust it more. I know that's a shit excuse but it is what it is.

dontbedenied • 1 points • 18 February, 2018 05:53 PM **[recovered]**

Keep us posted, man.

broneilbro[S] • 2 points • 18 February, 2018 06:58 PM

I signed the contract and made the payment. I have to say it didn't come easy but the flags and vibes are there. I will use any evidence to make a decision.

One of the big reasons I am doing this is because I have read on here guys getting blindsided by their spouses with the red flags I am seeing. I'd rather prepare any COA and go into ready or a simple stand down (from divorce) then be caught off guard.

I appreciate the words of support. It really means something as this was a decision I didn't make easily.

[deleted] • 1 point • 18 February, 2018 06:56 PM

No need for PI. You aren't being treated properly so that should be enough to *get stuff inline* as you said

broneilbro[S] • 1 point • 18 February, 2018 07:01 PM

I will be honest in and say that there is a chance that it is me and deployment. Deploying does a number to you especially when you are away from your support and you can only do so much.

She recently told me I was being jealous of the orbiter which I calmly responded that "I am not jealous of a man boy that doesn't know what he wants in life and decides to crawl out of the woodwork when I deploy, I am envious of him because he is there and I am not. Two different things" She STFU because she knew it was true.

[deleted] • 1 point • 18 February, 2018 07:10 PM

Its pretty obvious you arent being treated the way you wish. Infidelity is a likely side effect of that. Its the symptom not the disease. Sure also seems like hiring a PI is to give you permission to do what a man needs no permission to do.

Tell a bitch she better shapeup as her hold is slipping.

You are the prize here, not her. If that isnt true then you have work to do.

also, protip..dont bash other guys. instead tease women about them. act like you dont care and have seen it all before

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