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SUBJECT: WHY SPS LEFT FACEBOOK

After much debate and advice, I decided to leave Facebook back in March 2018. I've kept silent in terms of why I left. Now I'm breaking that silence; Facebook to me is just full of hate and drama. To make it worse if someone did not like you or maybe they did not like the field you worked in, they could get your page taken down/red flagged. All they'd have to do is make up some story and Facebook would be so blind and end up believing the story was legit. As it stands, they can't stop fake news, so how are they going to fact check all the reported pages? Anyway, they would then remove the page and/or profile connected to that page. It's sad that Facebook can be manipulated so easily. I remember getting a three-day ban, simply for using my right of free speech to warn my family of some suspicious activity taken place online. I was really finished being manipulated like a pawn and I'm not even going to mention the Russian Saga.

Another part I considered was that anything you do or say on Facebook is not private. Any settings you change, will never give you complete privacy. Privacy is important for anyone working in this field, regardless of your title. Privacy is the golden rule when interacting with any client, until they've expressed that they don't care about privacy. Until then you're expected to keep things confidential. How is privacy on Facebook possible, when your chatting with me over Facebook messenger? I knew then I had a problem. After that day I started linking folks to a more secure area for communications. I was thinking then: "I made an agreement to keep things private and if Facebook is not respecting privacy rights of users. Why would I continue to use the service? I encourage all paranormal teams who value their client's safety and privacy to leave Facebook. If you choose to keep Facebook, move communications to a more secure area. Like a messenger that encrypts your communications and removes entries, after a specified time.