

# If Only you had a Poodle

Despised Nancy Chaffin,

I have been struggling with writing this letter, but I don't think I can really, fully, move on until I've written it. You need to know what you have done to us.

Let's start with what our lives would be like if you owned a poodle instead of an Italian greyhound. If you owned a poodle, I would have never noticed you walking by the tennis courts in Reno, and certainly never approached you. Our paths would have never crossed. We would now be living the lives we had planned, spending our summers in Reno, and our winters in Mazatlan. We would still be having weekly *game nights* with Mike and Barbara, Nadine would be exercising at the pool in Mazatlan, and I'd be playing more tennis. Because our paths did cross, we are now selling both houses, at the worst possible time, we have moved ourselves to Lake Chapala, where we are planning to live year round, and we miss many of the friends we have made over the years, especially Alex, Mike and Barbara, and our many Mazatlan friends.

As hurtful as that is, what we miss the most is our innocence. We never imagined there would be somebody like you in our lives. Someone who we loved, cared for, helped, trusted, and who lied and deceived us at every turn. How could you? At this point we have realized that we really know absolutely nothing about you. It is impossible to separate truth from lies. **Everything** that we have been able to verify about you has been a lie. For example:

1. You told us that the painting Nadine bought was a valuable piece of art, knowing full well it was a reproduction.
2. You lied and took money for its alleged "restoration."
3. You told us you owned a house in Marin which you didn't.
4. You told us you were going to receive three million dollars worth of bonds when you turned 50, and you didn't.
5. You told us you owned your condo, and you don't.

Here is a list of other things you told us, that we haven't tried to verify, but that we very much doubt:

1. You told us that Tom used to beat and abuse you as a child.
2. You told us that David was selfish and totally self centered, yet he is the one that wrote the check to keep you out of jail.
3. You told us your father suffered from dementia and was an alcoholic
4. You told us that your mother was dying from cancer, and wasn't expected to live for more than a few months. That was four years ago.

Shame on you Nancy, shame on you.