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**Statement by Salt Lake City Council Member Luke Garrott regarding the Weekend incident**

[Salt Lake City, Utah] – On Sunday, September 7, 2008, in the Central City neighborhood where he lives, in an attempt to prevent an argument from escalating into a physical fight, Luke Garrott was struck in the face by an individual who was later arrested and booked into jail on two counts of aggravated assault, simple assault, and vehicle vandalism.

“Like many of the concerned neighbors on my street, I rushed outside when I heard the sounds of an altercation taking place. What I found was a neighbor and an unknown individual in a very aggressive verbal altercation bordering on a fight. Because I knew this neighbor, I felt that I could have a calming influence on the conflict.”

Prior to Garrott’s arrival there was a fight on the west side of 500 E which spilled into the street. One of the perpetrators fled, and at that point the neighbor, who is particularly protective of his property, engaged the perpetrator who had been on the losing end of the fight. “When I realized that this was an argument that didn’t need to happen—that they were goading each other into conflict—I followed my intuition and tried to be a peacemaker. In the end, it turned out for the best; neither of them attacked each other with the weapons they held, and we stalled the perpetrator long enough for the police to arrive.”

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