Arizona Senator David Farnsworth accused his colleague, Republican Senator Kate Brophy McGee, of threatening his life after he refused to stop investigating possible links between missing children in the state’s child-welfare and foster-care systems and child sex trafficking. Farnsworth says that Arizona state agencies “lost” 550 children last year. About half of those are categorized as runaways and the other half are attributed to errors in record keeping. He says he fears the children may have been abducted and sold to a global sex-trafficking ring. He explained that he doesn’t think officials were actually selling children, but that they are lax at protecting children from predators who would not hesitate to do so. Farnsworth says that two state senators from other states, who were killed within days of each other earlier this year, were “executed” because they were investigating links between their own states’ child protective agencies and global sex-trafficking rings. —G. Edward Griffin

PHOENIX – An Arizona senator called police on a fellow lawmaker who told him to stop talking to people who believe there’s a link between the state’s foster care system and a worldwide sex trafficking ring.

Republican Sen. David Farnsworth told police that he felt threatened when confronted by fellow GOP Sen. Kate Brophy McGee.
Farnsworth has been meeting every two weeks with a group of critics of the Arizona Department of Child Safety, including a group that has accused the foster-care agency of direct involvement in child trafficking. Some on social media have claimed there’s a broad conspiracy involving judges, caseworkers, lawmakers, the governor and prosecutors to cover up sex trafficking.

Farnsworth told the Arizona Capitol Times that Brophy McGee told him to “lose the entourage” of conspiracy theorists and “crazy parents” whose children were taken by state child welfare authorities.

“I’m not asking you to stop. I’m telling you to stop. Stop or my husband will stop you,” Farnsworth recalled Brophy McGee telling him in a meeting on Tuesday.

Farnsworth said he mulled over her comment overnight and decided it was threatening, prompting him to call authorities.

Brophy McGee said she has been targeted by the people working with Farnsworth, and the reference to her husband was not a threat but an attempt to get him understand the gravity of the situation.

“I was trying to pierce through his view of women by saying, ‘I have talked to my husband about this. My husband is very concerned. He said to tell you that he is very concerned and that you would understand what that meant,’ words to that effect,” Brophy McGee told the Capitol Times. “In other words, it’s not me being a fluff head saying this is a problem. It’s a problem.”