

Friday's article, "S.P. Council OK's Plan for Nissan" contained a quote from me in which I take a good-natured jab at Pinehurst Nissan for calling itself "Pinehurst" despite its location in Southern Pines. The follow-up quote from the Mayor in addition to what I was quoted as saying may have some to believe I actually think the business owner, Tommy Holderfield, is ashamed of being located in Southern Pines. Though most present in the audience seemed to understand my intent, I did immediately further clarify that I was just giving them a hard time about the name.

I love Southern Pines and I do not apologize for ribbing the dealership about their name, but I do apologize for my choice of words, which may have given some the wrong impression of Mr. Holderfield and his dealerships.

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