You have tasked me with determining which claims Regina has against Cady relating to the incident of October 2016. I have detailed them below.

**Slander**

Issue: The issue here is whether Cady slandered Regina and whether Regina can successfully bring a claim for such against Cady.

Rule: Slander is spoken defamation against a person of another. Defamation is a false or ….3rd party publication…

Given the landmark ruling in NY Times v. Sullivan, in order for a public official to be defamed, the plaintiff must prove actual malice.

Application: in the instant matter, Cady exited her vehicle and yelled at Regina, “You’re a terrible person Regina.” No other words were spoken by Cady about Regina.

The words spoken by Cady seem false and defamatory. The facts fail to lend information as to the truthfulness of this statement. Regardless, the matter may be put to rest by applying the *Sullivan* test regarding actual malice. Regina can likely be considered a public figure given her position as a congressional candidate. Thus, the test being, whether there is a factual basis to assume that Cady acted with reckless disregard for the truth. This can be supported by her further statements and factual mistruths; lies. Thus, it is likely that actual malice will attach.

Cady could raise the absolute defense to slander, that being that the statement is truthful. The facts in this matter warrant further investigation as to the truthfulness.

Conclusion: (tough to prove)

**Libel**

**Battery**

**Assault**