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Innuendo and "inside knowledge" aside, it appears that people in a frenzy to report juicy gossip from across the globe set themselves up for rebuke.

Originally reported by NBA insider extraordinaire, Adrian Wojnarowski, there was a heated altercation that was "really bad" outside the Suns locker room between C Jermaine O'Neal and GM Lance Blanks. Folks used conjecture to determine the nature of the argument, coincidentally juicing up the story in the process.

[Phoenix Suns](#) center Jermaine O'Neal and general manager Lance Blanks engaged in a blistering, expletive-laced confrontation in the coach's office on Monday, league sources told Yahoo! Sports.

"It was really bad," one Suns source said Tuesday afternoon.

The confrontation happened after interim coach [Lindsey Hunter's](#) first practice and unfolded within earshot of several Suns players in the locker room, sources said. Initially, O'Neal had expressed disappointment that his veteran stature hadn't dictated the front office turning to him for counsel in the recent coaching change, a league source told Y! Sports. When O'Neal kept challenging Blanks, the discussion started to become an argument and ultimately a screaming match.

Jermaine O'Neal responded vehemently tonight via twitter.



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-  **Jermaine O'Neal** @jermaineoneal 26m  
Altercation? False! Argument about a coaching change or coaching him? Even more false! That's is not my position or job to determine that!  
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-  **Jermaine O'Neal** @jermaineoneal 17m  
Lindsay hunter is now our coach and we will do anything and everything to support him and try to turn this season around!  
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-  **Jermaine O'Neal** @jermaineoneal 9m  
Coach gentry will be missed but its also apart of the business in sports! We all had hands in on the 13-28 start not just the coach!  
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-  **Jermaine O'Neal** @jermaineoneal 7m  
But coach hunter is our coach now and we fully support him!  
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-  **Jermaine O'Neal** @jermaineoneal 11m  
And for the person that's leaking the B.S to the media at least have the balls to acknowledge yourself or at least get the info right! Damn  
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On the other hand, the Phoenix Suns GM Blanks has a right to the job and we support him