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Miscarriage of Justice

While incarcerated in the Bureau of Prison (BOP) federal facility in Florence, Colorado, one can not help but to think of Dr. Martin Luther King and his Letter from Birmingham Jail. To fully understand how one takes a journey through the magical gates of the BOP, we must go back to the summer of 2004.

On June 1, 2004, my company (forensic livery service) was tasked with the sensitive duty of Transportation of Deceased Persons for the City of Chicago (City) Department of Police (CPD). This work had previously been performed by CPD's famed 'Wagon Unit,' a controversial unit that transported the deceased to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office as well as individuals in CPD custody. After the heatwave of 1995, the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) took the City to federal court, arguing that it was not in their contract to transport deceased individuals. Ultimately, the FOP won and a federal court ruled that the City had to pay out of grade pay (millions of dollars annually) to the rank and file for every deceased transport made within their respected shifts.

We along with the City and CPD agreed to phase in our services (pilot program) to ensure a smooth transition to all 25 of CPD's districts that we would be responsible for. In the beginning, things were a little challenging as an outside firm (Dayton, Ohio) coming into a city known for political graft and abuse. To add to the growing pains, the City had grossly miscalculated the number of deceased transports (contract was based on a per body fee agreement) which made it fiscally difficult to perform our duties as we had over a million dollar shortfall in funding. Negotiations with the City to address this gap were very slow moving as the City had other "priorities" (Millenium Park) and Bossman Daley's never ending battles with a divided city counsel. In 2006, after several hard negotiations and rebids, a sucessful agreement had been hammered out. The City along with CPD would adequately fund this vital social service- (5 year 15 million dollar contract) to ensure the success of the program.

Enter Alderman EDWARD BURKE. Arguably the most powerful elected official in the City, BURKE wielded extreme power as the Chairman of the City's Finance Committee. BURKE is also the longest serving elected official in the history of Chicago, who just happens to be the husband of Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Anne Burke.

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In 2007, BURKE began to "take interest" in the Transportation of Deceased Persons contract. BURKE's meddling began as accusations of inflated pricing as it related to the amount the City was paying for our services. He argued that there were other cities throughout the country that paid less than Chicago and demanded that council hearings be held to "study" the cost that the City was paying. It was at the same time, I was informed by a high ranking CPD official that if I wanted to keep my contract, I was going to have to see BURKE as he held the keys to my future with the City of Chicago.

I went to the City Hall offices of Ald. BURKE to pay him a visit. After waiting over an hour, I was given a post it note by an aid that stated "100K" and had the name and number of someone named "Peter-" I ultimately turned the note over to the City's Inspector General (JOSEPH FERGUSON) Office as requested by DAVID HOFFMAN. It was apparent that this was the amount demanded if I had a desire to maintain my relationship with the City.

Ultimately, I declined BURKE's offer (you pay once, you pay forever). Soon, I would learn that the ring of BURKE (kissing of his pinky ring that he often wears on his left hand) was more powerful than the occupant of the 5th Floor (Mayor's Office) and that my days in the Windy City would be numbered. Soon, the City began to pressure me to renegotiate my pricing with CPD. After some concessions in the scope of service, a new fee was negotiated through the Department of Procurement Services (DPS). It was also at that time that CPD released over 500K in monies for services previously performed but not paid by the City.

For the first several months of the renegotiated contract, things appeared to be quiet. All monthly meetings at CPD Headquarters with representatives from all 25 district commands had 'excellent' reviews for performance.

In 2008, BURKE's hammer reappeared. BURKE began to hold closed door meetings petitioning the City's Consumer Affairs Commissioner Norma Reyes, to allow for the use of "decommissioned" ambulances. Seems that BURKE's law firm represented one of the largest private ambulance companies in the midwest. Shortly after, BURKE was able to get the passage of a city ordinance allowing for the use of decommissioned ambulances. In addition, BURKE began to assemble an Evaluation Committee (EC) as it had been decided that CPD along with DPS would prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP) to be issued,

allowing for the early termination of our contract. However, at some point the decision was made to allow our contract to remain in place until its expiration of September 30, 2011.

On July 27, 2010, DPS had a bid closing for the Transportation of Deceased Persons. CPD and DPS wanted to be prepared for any "issues" by bidding the contract out a year prior to its expiration. Approximately a week after the close of bids, Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) JAMIE RHEE made the unprecedented decision to allow for a "Double Late" bid from Allied Services Group (ASG)- once a bid date has been established, no bids will be accepted after the closing date. ASG stated that it was "unaware where to submit its bid," thus they needed additional time to get their bid in. CPO RHEE instructed ASG to submit its bid no later than the close of business on August 2, 2010. On August 3, 2010, ASG submitted its proposal to the Bid and Bond Room. This decision by RHEE is a violation of all Illinois procurement standards, to include DPS practices.

With the bids submitted, the EC (comprised of representatives from CPD, DPS, Chicago Fire, Law Department and Budget Department) began the process of reviewing the proposals. Numerous bids were received from several companies, all which seem to be lacking one crucial thing- the mandatory experience called for in the RFP. The EC was now faced with a challenge. How would they find a way to disqualify the incumbent (myself) provider and carry out the orders of BURKE to terminate the contract with the City, as this was a sham committee. This dilemma would fall in the hands of CPO RHEE and JON JOHNSON from the Office of Budget. The two of them would act as BURKE's point persons and report directly to the Alderman.

The EC reached a unanimous decision to score ASG's (Double Late) bid, "the most responsive bidder," elevating ASG to the top of all bids submitted. In fact, ASG was deemed "most qualified" with ZERO experience while committing fraud in their application as ASG listed its sole experience by purportedly "acquiring" another company, Allied Cleaning Service (ACS), who "specialized" in the transportation of deceased persons. The EC ultimately submitted its recommendation to interim Chicago Police Superintendent Terry Hillard for approval.

After conducting an extensive pre and post-award investigation of ASG's proposal, we uncovered many fatal flaws in ASG's application to the City. First, ASG listed its owner/president as Mr. JOHN STAMPS, formally of Stamps Construction (a handyman service). ...

Mr. STAMPS claims to have "acquired" ACS; a materially false claim as ACS was never acquired or owned by ASG. In fact, ASG and ACS were owned and operated by JOHN W. KLACZAK. Mr. KLACZAK had a good reason for not disclosing his identity in ASG's application to the City; Mr. KLACZAK is a convicted sexual predator.

Additionally, with the assistance of a private investigator (retired FBI agent) we learned that KLACZAK was a former police officer for the Village of Thornton, Illinois. It was there that Mr. KLACZAK was terminated as a village police officer, due to a cocaine addiction. Amazingly, three years later in 2003, KLACZAK was appointed fire chief of the same village. It is, after this appointment that things took a dark turn. The Thornton Fire Department had a cadet program (training for young adolescents interested in the fire service) which was under the direct supervision of Chief KLACZAK. Mr. KLACZAK was known for hosting cocaine and alcohol parties for 13-14 year old boys within the fire cadet program. Mr. KLACZAK's propensity for performing oral and anal sex on young boys was known throughout the department. In 2005, KLACZAK was sentenced to 5 years in state prison and ordered to register as a sexual predator for the remainder of his life.

It is with this information in hand that my corporate counsel Anthony Cicero filed a formal dispute with the Department of Procurement Services. Additionally, I retained local (Chicago) counsel to assist. Enter Montel Gayles. Mr. Gayles was JAMIE RHEE's predecessor as Chief Procurement Officer for the City. In the capacity of CPO, Mr. Gayles had oversight of the City's multi-billion dollars worth of procurement contracts for goods and services. With Mr. Gayles representing our interest in the procurement process, he was able to identify the fatal flaws Ms. RHEE made in awarding ASG's contract.

After a through review of the procurement process, Mr. Gayles communicated the errors that the City made, directly to RHEE in the form of a Bid Protest. It quickly became the decision of DPS that Ms. RHEE acted within her discretion and DPS ultimately dismissed our grievance. I then retained the services of another local (Illinois) attorney James P. Rome. Mr. Rome filed suit against the City in Cook County Court of Chancery. It was there that things took yet another twist.

The City argued before the Honorable DIANE LARSON, that the CPO has unfettered discretion in awarding any contract that she pleases, absent of fraud. KAREN DORFF, the City's attorney gave a bizarre example of RCA and Comcast being wholly owned by NBC, somehow suggesting that we had erred in filing our suit due to the ownership of ACS. The court eventually ruled in the City's favor.

In 2017, believing that the previous court had erred, I retained the services of Michael Rosenblat, an attorney whose area of specialty is false claims and whistleblower suits. Upon review of the expansive record, Rosenblat not only determined that there were egregious errors in the way the City had administered the contract to ASG, there were numerous False Claims Violations in ASG's application. Mr. Rosenblat then filed a Qui Tam suit (Whistleblower), arguing gross abuse of discretion as well as fraud on the part of ASG and various City officials, including RHEE. The Illinois Attorney General argued in their response that I had an "Uphill Battle" in my pursuit for justice and the case was dismissed. (Side note- Mr. Rosenblat stated that in his 35+ years of practicing law, he had never seen a Qui Tam dismissed due to the complaintant having an "Uphill Battle").

Just when I had nearly given up any hope or faith in sounding the whistle- over 10 years of fighting the Machine to the tune of well over a million spent, being the voice for the children, there was a break.

July 27, 2018, the Chicago Tribune did an expose titled, "BETRAYED." Seems the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) had hundreds of un-investigated sex abuse claims involving CPS students, dating back over a decade. In fact, 520 students had been raped or sexually assaulted while the City and CPS leaders glossed over the abuse. Many students were re-victimized by Chicago Police investigators who questioned and dismissed the victims claims. In one case, a young girl was raped over 40 times by her track coach. In another, a special needs child was sexually assaulted by a school janitor; all with the City and CPS leaders turning a blind eye.

Immediately, Mayor RAHM EMANUEL and Janice Jackson, Chicago Public Schools CEO, attempted to get in front of the crisis. Even Ald. BURKE got involved by establishing a hotline for parents to call if they believed that their children had fallen prey. Meanwhile,

Mayor EMANUEL, issued a statement calling for "immediate accountability" and for ANYONE with suggestions on how the City could 'tighten things up,' to come forward. This was the call to action that I desperately needed!

Now having a sense of renewal, I was even more driven to fight for justice. I began a direct action campaign. I conducted covert site visits to several of KLACZAK's shell corporations. Ultimately, I landed in Lynwood, Illinois at a business owned by KLACZAK called Paw Palace. Paw Palace is situated on a sprawling 20 acre compound with a large pond- this also serves as KLACZAK's primary residence, approximately 1/8 of a mile from an elementary school. Paw Palace's primary business is pet grooming, dog boarding and in home canine training. They are also a Chicagoland leader in police K-9 training.

As I found myself on the grounds of Paw Palace, posing as having an interest in the adoption of one of the many rescue dogs, I was able to walk the grounds with 'Cash,' a 3 y/o mixed mastiff. I took notice of almost every detail on the property, it was upon our return to the adoption center that I witnessed a disturbing sight. Two young boys (guessing 12-14 years of age) exiting Mr. KLACZAK's residence which sits adjacent to the boarding/training center but across from the rescue center where I was now positioned. I asked one of the volunteers who was working the center if those were the owner's children, to which she replied, "No, they probably just went to use the bathroom." Astonished at what I had just witnessed, I knew that I had to intensify my investigation.

On the next day, I returned. This time I wanted to get photos of the house which is situated in front of the pond as well as information on several of the vehicles that were parked near the residence. After about 30 minutes on the property, I departed. The following week, I retained the services of a private investigator in Dayton, Ohio who ran the plates of the vehicles on KLACZAK's property. Within 24 hours of giving him the information, he called and asked, "Who did you piss off?" Seems the FEDS had called him and questioned why he was "snooping around" running those plates. He stated that he was working for a client, to which he was instructed to, "Leave those plates alone." In his 40 plus years of doing investigative work, he stated that, it was the first time he ever got a call from the FEDS concerning a license plate check.

Not having to be Perry Mason, I knew that I was on to something. I returned to Paw Palace two weeks later, this time with another individual. If I was going to catch this predator (Chris Hansen), it was going to take more than just me. Upon our arrival, we went to the office and inquired with the manager if he knew of the property ever being rented out as it would be the perfect place to host a birthday party. We were told that we needed to speak to the owner, who was not present. As we began to depart, the manager said, "Here he comes," as if on cue.

Not believing my eyes, I was about to be face to face with the "Man Behind the Curtain." My nearly 10 year pursuit had come down to this moment. The predator who had eluded many of his victims that had attempted to collect civil judgments by filing bankruptcy multiple times and created shell companies to conceal his identity, was walking our way. Extending his hand, he introduced himself as 'JOHN.' I began by complimenting his impressive property and the great work his volunteers did at the rescue and adoption center. My cohort then chimed in, asking if he would ever consider renting out the property for a birthday party for her "twin nephews" that were turning 14 years old. 'JOHN' paused for a second before asking, how many children did we anticipate, to which she stated 30-40 with a handful of adults chaperoning.

Knowing that this was a risky move as KLACZAK was certain to be on heightened alert considering his status as a predator, I held my breath. Without hesitation, KLACZAK responded, "I'd love to host your nephews party." He provided a Paw Palace business card and instructed us to contact him via company email with the details. In total shock at what had just occurred, I knew that we needed more. Clearly, no one would ever believe that "Mr. OZ" had agreed to host a birthday party on his property for dozens of children.

After a couple of months of "repositioning our strategy," I figured it was time to reconnect with "JOHNNY." Surely he would have forgotten our previous visit and even if he remembered, he would certainly have a change of heart and decline hosting the party. To my surprise, JOHN immediately replied to our email and was eager to provide details as he thought that we had made alternate plans.

JOHN W. KLACZAK confirmed the details in his response email, along with the amount of \$750.00 (no deposit required). In a follow-up conversation, he offered to make it an overnight camping party with a fire pit if the parents wanted to "Enhance the Experience-" should be noted that KLAZACK shares his residence with another convicted sexual predator- STACY M. GORGAS who runs Cleaning Specialist Inc. (CSI) a crime scene cleanup company owned by KLACZAK.

Now we had our "Golden Cookie!" Mr. KLACZAK committing himself over the wire certainly will get the City leaders to take notice now that I had tangible evidence of a predator on the prey.

November 2018, two months before the January mayorial election I decided that it was the right time to visit some former allies from the City's Black Caucus. I had gained their support years prior when the late Alderwoman JoAnn Thompson and Alderman WALTER BURNETT objected to BURKE's unwarranted meddling in our contract. I certainly did not want to catch the Caucus off guard with my sensitive information so close to what was certain to be a historic election (first openly gay African American female front-runner). After all, it was the Caucus along with the late Desiree Tate (a political powerhouse in her own right) who were instrumental in assisting me when I first arrived in the City, having no clue how to navigate the waters of the Windy City.

Armed with clear and convincing evidence of KLACZAK actively violating the terms of his lifetime predator registration of not being in the presence of children (let alone hosting 30-40 children running around his property) is what I needed. With evidence in hand, my first stop was Ald. BURNETT. Ironically, he was meeting with his Ward attorney when I arrived. He carefully began reviewing the handful of sensitive documents that I had provided, including the email from KLACZAK. As he studied the documents, he paused and said, "We have a problem." Seems that JOHN STAMPS had solicited the assistance of Ald. BURNETT in getting the CPO to accept his "Double LATE" bid years prior. BURNETT then asked the question that I had not anticipated... He said, "Have you gone to the FBI with this information?" Caught off guard, I told him no; the FBI was the last place that I would have thought to go to.

Clearly, in deep thought, the Alderman went on to discuss the timing of this information (historic election) as well as the Chicago Police Department PR nightmare in the wake of the killing of Laquan

McDonald and the subsequent cover-up by Mayor RAHM EMANUEL and the Chicago Public School sex abuse crisis. BURNETT stated that he would reach out to ED SISSEL (Corporation Counsel) as well as the 5th Floor and set up a follow-up meeting.

A week after meeting with BURNETT, I was able to connect with Alderwoman CARRIE AUSTIN's office. AUSTIN was the powerful Chairwoman of the City's Budget Committee and had a history of standing up to BURKE. It was apparent that BURNETT had spoken to AUSTIN as I was instructed to forward the sensitive documents over to her via a private email account that was provided to me, prior to securing a meeting. After a couple of weeks had passed, I received confirmation from her chief of staff that she had agreed to meet.

Arriving at the Ward office was like a scene out of the movie, The Godfather. Constituents, business owners, laborers and then me; all cramped in a small lobby. It was clear that it was going to be a long day! Five minutes after my arrival and to my surprise, I hear my name called. As I am ushered into the Alderwoman's office, she greets me with a hug as if we were long lost friends. She appeared very relaxed and well briefed on the subject matter for which I was there for, uttering a familiar phrase, "I hear we have a problem."

As we begin to discuss the sensitive information, I was cut off in mid sentence. The Alderwoman asked; "Have you spoken to anyone outside of the City about this matter?" Not fully understanding the question, I stated that I had met on numerous occasions with the Inspector General's Office, including turning over the dossier that was requested of me. She said; "No. Have you gone to the FBI?" What are the chances of two people asking the same question!? I replied, no but BURNETT asked the same question. She then explained that I had them (City) by the "Short Hairs" and that I needed to be careful who I shared my information with.

Over the next 2.5 hours (there had to be some upset people in the lobby), the Alderwoman gave me some insight into the inner workings of the Machine. First, describing the City's payout to the family of Laquan McDonald (Budget Committee authorized the settlement). She stated that the City was prepared to pay in excess of 20 million had it not been for an eager family who settled for "pennies on the dollar" (5 million dollar settlement). She added that if it were her children or grandchildren; "They'd be paying me 5 million a day!"

I found the Alderwoman's candor to be surprising as this was a conver-

sation that I am certain, few have been privy to.

Then came the bombshell. Alderwoman AUSTIN began to explain that the City was well aware that they were doing business with KLACZAK. The reason that they had not terminated their relationship with the sexual predator was because of the exposure it would give a "certain individual." Assuming she was talking about RAHM EMANUEL and the fact that his office was well aware of my years sounding the whistle, she chuckled and said, RHEE was the 'linchpin.' The Alderwoman went on to explain that the former CPO who oversaw and awarded KLACZAK's contract was now the Commissioner of Aviation. As such, AUSTIN explained that RHEE was the "Gatekeeper" of the 8 BILLION-DOLLAR federally funded Airport Modernization Program. Still not fully tracking where she was going, I asked her how that had anything to do with the Chicago Police Department partnering with a convicted predator. She began to explain in great detail that RHEE, in her capacity of being the Commissioner, was the "Keeper of the BBC." I was totally lost at this point, until she let out a laugh and said, the "Billionaire Boys Club." RHEE was overseeing a slush fund that awarded multi-million dollar contracts to friends and family of the BBC Stakeholders.

Finally, it all came together! The City had been ignoring my pleas to address its relationship with KLACZAK because if his contract was disturbed, it would open up RHEE's malfeasance as the City's Chief Procurement Officer, which would likely call into question hundreds of contracts that she had signed off on; potentially jeopardizing the BBC. The Alderwoman gave a look of approval as I for the first time was able to fully grasp the magnitude of the Machine. With that, AUSTIN closed by saying that she would reach out to Corporation Counsel (former White House Counsel under the Obama Administration) and get back with me.

Now, things had taken on a whole new dynamic, and I was fully aware why I had been blown to the wind. The City was stuck with KLACZAK. After a few weeks had passed, Alderwoman AUSTIN reached out and informed me that her "election was more important" (reason for the delayed response) and that she had spoken to Counsel and it was the City's position that I had pursued civil litigation in the courts and the City had no more to say. Shortly after, I received a similar call from JOE DEAL the Mayor's Chief of Staff informing me that the Mayor's Office did not feel that my concerns warranted a response or any involvement.

Several months later, one final stop on my "Informational Tour." With just weeks post the April 2, 2019 historic runoff mayoral election (I deliberately waited until after the runoff because of the crowded field of nine), it was time to pay mayor-elect LORI LIGHTFOOT a visit. The former Chicago Police Accountability Task Force President, LIGHTFOOT headed CPD's professional accountability board. LIGHTFOOT is a former federal prosecutor turned high-powered litigator with the firm Mayer Brown LLP. It is this firm that I pay my visit to. (The mayor-elect had a transition office but it was certain to be a "show" with people vying to get on the 5th Floor team).

As a partner with Mayer Brown, mayor-elect LIGHTFOOT had made a name for herself. The Ohio native (Massillon, Ohio), graduated from the University of Chicago School of Law and won the election in an unprecedented landslide (74%) against Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. This visit would not be to see the Lady of the Hour, this visit is to see TYRONE FAHNER, senior partner and LIGHTFOOT mentor (also former Illinois Attorney General). It is my hope to get my sensitive information to the inner circle of the new Administration as it is certain to be a crisis landing on her desk.

Upon my arrival at the office of Mayer Brown, I scanned the directory for Mr. FAHNER. The security officer at the front desk called up to his office, eventually dispatching his assistant (Gail) to come down (people in Chicago get nervous when they get unsolicited visits- billionaire MICHAEL SACKS is a story for later). After quickly scanning the documents, Gail asks if she can make a copy for the "Big Guy" as the documents seem to have gotten her attention. I later follow up with an email to Mr. FAHNER to which I got no response. My work is now complete on the Chicago Tour. I now set my attention to the final piece of this twisted puzzle.

Back in Dayton, Ohio, I find myself searching for what my next move will be. All of my options to sound the whistle on public corruption, seem to be fading. There is nowhere to go next, or was there?! After weeks of feeling hopeless and not knowing where to turn, a light went off. The common denominator between Ald. AUSTIN and Ald. BURNETT was the FBI! I needed to report my muckrake to the federal authorities, they certainly would take notice of my 10 plus years of documented evidence. Plot twist...

On April 10, 2019, I went to the resident office of the FBI in Dayton, Ohio as it was certain that the relationship between the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago FBI would be too close, at least for my initial visit. Upon my arrival, I was greeted by Special Agent ANDREW GRAGAN. SA GRAGAN seemed caught off guard by my unsolicited visit (I am sure most people do not cold call the FBI). I begin explaining that for the past 10 years, I had been sounding the whistle on public corruption taking place in Chicago, Illinois that involved elected officials at the highest level of city government. Having brought over 3000 pages of documented evidence, SA GRAGAN asked if I would be willing to return to the office at a later date, as he "needed to make some calls." Approximately 2 weeks later GRAGAN informed me that he was able to secure a meeting, in which Chicago FBI would travel to Dayton (for an interview) and asked that I return on April 30, 2019 at 0730 hrs with my dossier. Finally, someone to hear my pleas- not just someone, the Federal Bureau of Investigation!

April 30, 2019, would be the day that my life would be forever changed. I arrived at the office of the FBI on Clyo Road at the requested hour. I was greeted by the person that I had come to know as SA GRAGAN. Struggling to carry the banker boxes of evidence, GRAGAN began asking me; "Are you Brian Higgins?" I found this to be odd as we had previously met and had several conversations regarding my upcoming visit. After confirming my identity, GRAGAN asked me; "Do you have any weapons on you?" Now, I may not be the sharpest tool in the tool box but I was thinking for this to be the FBI, they ask some of the most elementary questions at 7:30 in the morning. I play along and reply; "No weapons ANDREW-" in my Dave Chappelle voice. The next thing out of his mouth was shocking. "You are under arrest Mr. Higgins." If not for the fact that my sense of humor was intact, I probably would have been shaken. I calmly asked him; "On what charges ANDREW?" He proceeded to state; "You are being arrested in connection with a 2014 leaking fish tank."

Seems that in a 2014 insurance claim for water damage to my residence (over 250K worth of damage), I spent 25K outside of the repairs to the home. The fact that I could do the repairs for less than what the insurance claim was, is somehow a federal crime.

The damage caused by the 900 gallon saltwater system required several contractors, most of whom I had relationships with as I supported many in business with various projects over the years. One contractor however; MICHAEL MARSHALL (would remind you of a bad used car salesman after Hurricane Ian), I retained on the suggestion of a friend to be the site manager (United Demolition). MARSHALL also had another company (Drywall Wizard) and asked that I give him the drywall work. Unbeknownst to me, MARSHALL was a Confidential Human Source a.k.a. CI working for the FBI. MARSHALL stated that he had some previous issues getting work with the City of Dayton as a contractor. I was asked if I would introduce him to City officials who I thought could help him and his company with public works contracts, which I did. In the end, I had to terminate MARSHALL and his ragtag companies for performing shoddy work on my residence but not before he ran off with over 30K of the insurance proceeds.

I was driven to the Courthouse and arraigned on the charges of mail fraud and wire fraud for spending 25K of the insurance monies outside of the residence. The Governments "theory" is that I did not intend to complete the repairs to the residence and that I was going to "run for the hills." The fact is, I was in litigation with the insurance carrier (Assurant Insurance Co.) for Bad-Faith as they deliberately withheld over 100K in monies needed to complete the repairs. In addition to my arrest, I was rounded up with three other individuals (first round of indictments), all of whom I knew. Two of the individuals were City of Dayton employees (one a City Commissioner and regional bank president) who I introduced to MARSHALL, unaware that he was a Government Informant.

In MARSHALL's capacity of an Informant, he forged relationships with the officials that I thought could assist him with city contracts. MARSHALL and these individuals began exchanging money for favors a.k.a. bribes. Now they too found themselves in front of Magistrate Michael Newman facing charges ranging from bribery to theft in office and lying to federal authorities.

The Government coined their dragnet operation, "Demolished Integrity;" a "Widespread Culture of Corruption" dealing with a 40K patio that MARSHALL had built for one of the individuals and 30K in cash recieved by another, both in exchange for public works contracts. United States Attorney BENJAMIN GLASSMAN stated that I was rounded up with the others because my case (manufactured by MICHAEL MARSHALL) stemmed from the same investigation- not public corruption. Side note-

most all contracts that MARSHALL was able to procure for public works were terminated due to his poor performance. Seems that the CI's work was as shoddy as the "Keystone Cops" investigation.

During my arraignment, Magistrate Newman asked how I plead to the charges. After entering my "NOT GUILTY" plea, my counsel (arguably one of the best criminal defense attorneys in Ohio) excitedly said; "I've got great news, 'they' don't even want you (as if I had just won the Showcase Showdown on the Price is Right), you are here because you know where the 'bodies' are!" To this I laugh. I have traveled to the FBI exposing a multi-billion dollar federally funded slush fund, a ghosting scheme (using the identity of the deceased on the black market) and a sexual predator actively preying on children- yet, I am sitting in federal court shackled and arrested for a leaking fish tank. This is laughable if for no other reason, we now know that the Federal Bureau of Investigation could care less about the sexually abused children. They would rather use federal resources (millions spent) pursuing a civil matter, if that, as neither my insurance carrier or mortgage company had filed suit in connection to my 2014 insurance claim.

On August 8, 2019, the Government called a meeting purportedly in an attempt to "resolve" my case. Present were the AUSA BRENT TABACCHI, Ohio BCI BRENT KILPATRICK and FBI SA LANCE KEPPLER. The meeting began by the Government laying out their "theory" of the case. They described it as a "slam dunk," and my bank records show me taking 25K from the insurance proceeds and spending on items outside of my residence. However, TABACCHI had a "path" that would prevent me from going to prison. Mr. TABACCHI extended an olive branch. He proposed that I provide damning information against U.S. Congressman Michael Turner (R) and other elected officials to include Montgomery County Commissioner Debbie Lieberman, Montgomery County Coroner Dr. Kent Harshbarger as well as former Coroner/Crime Laboratory Director Kenneth Betz. In exchange TABACCHI would guarantee probation and ZERO restitution in my criminal case. I declined and the meeting was adjourned. Should be noted that TABACCHI stated that if any information that I would provide had been "outside of the statute of limitations, he had a way of getting around it."

January 21, 2020, another meeting was called by the Government, this meeting was attended by the previous individuals with the addition of FBI SA TYLER FREEMAN from the Chicago FBI. It was apparent

that in their haste to round up African American businessmen and elected officials on April 30, 2019, they neglected to interview me. In fact, the day that I was taken into custody, they had loaded the 3000 pages of evidence that I was requested to turn over, back into my vehicle.

This meeting however, was different than the first as it had the appearance of "housekeeping," to discuss my claims of crimes being committed in Chicago. I was asked if I would testify against the now disgraced Ald. ED BURKE (his meddling in my contract with the City and CPD)- he was indicted for extortion caught on tape in late 2018 related to a 10K shakedown of a Burger King restaurant remodeling permit in his ward. I agreed to testify against BURKE. Additionally, I was asked if I would go undercover and wear a wire on the sexual predator KLAGZAK, to which I declined. At the conclusion of the meeting, counsel and I were asked if we preferred to travel to Chicago for a formal interview or if we wanted Chicago FBI to travel to Ohio. We agreed on going to Chicago (my last Dayton visit was not fruitful) and were told that a meeting would be confirmed within 2 weeks.

December 15, 2020, nearly 11 months after being assured of a meeting (another broken promise), we meet again. This time it was a meeting that I had requested as the Government had operated in bad-faith (I recorded it). This meeting turned out to be as fruitless as all others. It was quickly apparent that TABACCHI was under political pressure to "resolve my case." It began by him scolding me and telling me that I had "NO RIGHT TO MEET WITH ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY," to include the FBI. After pressed as to why we were denied our meeting as promised, Mr. TABACCHI stated that, "WE CAN HAVE OUR REASONS." He added that he had contacted FBI Chicago and that they had no interest in hearing what I had to say. When asked why the FBI would have me on a ruse to travel to their offices on the morning of April 30, 2019, TABACCHI replied, "THE FBI DIDN'T KNOW WHERE YOU LIVED;" at which time I excused myself from the meeting.

December 16, 2020, the next day after wasting my time, I received a call from counsel, informing me that after I departed, they stayed around to "discuss my case" in further detail. They conveyed that the Government wanted to know, what it was that I wanted. Counsel replied, "WE WANT A MEETING WITH CHICAGO FBI TO TALK ABOUT THE CHILDREN." After conversing amongst themselves, TABACCHI now agreed to set up yet another meeting with FBI Chicago. One catch, he wanted me to take a plea deal in my criminal case- a plea

deal of my choice as I was previously provided a copy of the Federal Misdemeanor Code and told to "pick the misdemeanor that was acceptable to me," with expungement within 12 months (great deal if you are guilty). Counsel once again emphasized that until we get our meeting with Chicago FBI, "WE ARE NOT DISCUSSING A FISH TANK."

Now within less than 24 hours, the Government had done yet another pivot. First, Chicago FBI had NO INTEREST in discussing sexually abused children, now they agree to meet with me. TABACCHI offering a quid pro quo to report high crimes in exchange for a plea, reeked of duplicity- as if my name was DAN.

December 17, 2020. the next day, the offer had been resended. Mr. TABACCHI filed a superseding indictment, charging me with witness tampering and witness retaliation for filing a timely civil suit against the Informant MARSHALL et al. that stole over 30K of the insurance proceeds. The superseding indictment is just another example of prosecutorial misconduct/vindictiveness on the part of BRENT TABACCHI.

May 2021, an exasperated legal team had come up with a "new strategy." They wanted me to participate in a game of "trickery" on the the Honorable Thomas M. Rose. Seems that they had coordinated efforts with the Government to request a Competency Evaluation of my mental state. This would require a formal hearing in open court. The AUSA and counsel however, would need my assistance to convince the Judge to send me away for a psychological evaluation to take place within the Bureau of Prison- up to 45 days with a goal of obtaining a "non-competent" diagnosis. This all in an attempt for a mistrial.

On May 21, 2021, counsel contacted me to "pregame" the upcoming Hearing. Not believing that my own defense team was going to intentionally "Hoodwink and Bamboozle" the Court, I recorded our conversation (one of many). It was in this conversation that counsel thanked me for following their advice and "ALWAYS DOING THE THINGS THAT THEY ASKED OF ME." They just needed me to do one last thing. They needed me to assist them in convincing the judge to send me away, arguing that I suffered from a "mental defect" that would require an in treatment mental evaluation. I was advised to be prepared to be taken into immediate custody of the U.S. Marshals and likely be shipped to Butner, North Carolina (BOP medical facility).

On May 24, 2021, standing before the Honorable Judge Rose, I was asked if I understood the proceedings, to which I affirmed. At this point, counsel and the Government began to argue that they had

"grave concerns" for my mental state and questioned if I had the ability to assist them in my defense. They specifically cited my desire to discuss things that were not apart of my criminal case i.e. the children. Counsel went on the record to say that I was "fixated" on crimes being committed in Chicago, Illinois dealing with former Mayor RAHM EMANUEL et al., related to a "contract dispute and child molestation." TABACCHI concurred with defense counsel that I continue to raise issues that are "irrelevant" to my case (fish tank).

The Honorable Thomas M. Rose asked that I "Cooperate with the Court" as he was going to place me in immediate custody for up to 45 days. He further stated that the Court also shared the same concerns as counsel and the Government. Additionally, he stated that if I came back deemed to be competent, the Court would get my case back on schedule as this evaluation was going to delay our insurance experts Daubert Hearing (expert testimony, no crime was committed).

After spending a total of 68 days in the magical BOP (Summer Cross Country Tour) that took me from two county jails, a federal holding facility in Oklahoma, City OK and finally to downtown Chicago. Yes, the Windy City, where it all began- Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC) Chicago. There I spent several weeks in solitary confinement ("Covid 19 protocol"), finally meeting with Dr. Jason Dana, Chief of Psychology who was tasked with determining my "sanity." Dr. Dana spent approximately 3 hours in multiple interview sessions, discussing my childhood and adolescent upbringing- (did I kill small animals as a child). In addition, I was asked to pair various shapes and sizes i.e. squares vs triangles vs circles, to which I was declaired to be competent and was immediately released from custody after 23 days of additional incarceration (Court ordered maximum of 45 days in BOP custody).

For the next several months, my legal team did very little in the way of representation/trial prep. In fact, the tension was so intense that one of my attorney's refused to give me eye contact and the other slipped up and disclosed that they had contacted their malpractice carrier, putting them on notice of a potential claim. It seems that our attorney/client relationship had erroded now that I was "fully woke," and on to the games and deception that they had displayed in open court. Having nothing to lose, I thought that

I would try a little experiment. Let's call it, "Operation Pass the Potato." How many Government officials, A.K.A. "GMEN" (coined by J. Edgar Hoover) can I pass over knowledge of high crimes and abuse against children before someone acknowledges my pleas. For the record, my bet was none.

I begin with my representatives from Ohio, U.S. Sen(s) ROB PORTMAN and SHERROD BROWN, followed by AUSA BRENT TABACCHI's target- U.S. Rep MICHAEL TURNER. All were provided courtesy copies of the dossier, to which none elected to acknowledge receipt. I was currently batting 1000. Next up, let's hit I-95 to Washington, certainly there will be someone that wants to save the children. I start with COREY ELLIS, at the time Chief of Staff to FBI Director CHRISTOPHER WRAY, (now United States Attorney for South Carolina). He certainly would take interest as the gatekeeper for the Director. After all, it was WRAY who was quoted, "It is jarring to me. It is totally inconsistent with what we train our people on and totally inconsistent from what I see from the hundreds of agents that work these cases everyday." (Reference to the handling of the USA Gymnastics sex abuse allegations by the Indianapolis FBI office). Mr. ELLIS appears to be a smart guy, graduate of Brown University followed by the University of Memphis School of Law. As expected, crickets; ZERO interest in the children from 950 Pennsylvania Avenue (DOJ Headquarters).

On to the next- I need to "Land the Big Tuna," in the words of Alderman EDWARD BURKE. How could I get to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue?" I figured the new Administration that ran on transparency and accountability would be the answer to addressing my concerns. I began by studying the cabinet. We had the DOJ and the FBI who gave ZERO F's, not much higher than that. Wait a minute, my attention immediately went to the "Man of the Hour," RAHM EMANUEL. After all, he was the one that coined, "Never allow a good crisis to go to waste, it's the opportunity to do the big things you never thought possible and make them possible." I needed to reach the Chief of Staff, as I heard rumblings of "46" appointing RAHM EMANUEL a.k.a. "RAMBO" the Ambassador to Japan. If this is accurate, I predict his appointment to be the shortest ambassadorship an administration has had as he is certain to be recalled to Washington to answer some questions- "What did you know, when did you know it and what did you do?" I turned my attention to RONALD KLAIN, a former high-powered attorney and Chief

of Staff to Vice President Biden, now returning to the White House for an encore as Chief of Staff to "46."

Mr. KLAIN, husband to Monica Medina, co-founder of Our Daily Planet, an environmental news platform; certainly the family man (father of 3) would take notice of crimes against children as this was the next stop on our "Hot Potato Tour." For several weeks, I hit roadblocks. The White House can be a tricky place to navigate, especially when you are dishing out Hot Potatoes. I attempted once again to penetrate the WH Switchboard (humorous story for later), to no avail. Knowing that KLAIN was once a prominent D.C. attorney, I turned my attention to the D.C. Bar Association. Bingo, the needle in the haystack. Seems that Mr. KLAIN was registered online with the Bar who listed his personal email address in its directory. KLAIN had a AOL.COM email (a tyrannosaurus rex by today's standards) but made sense as he previously worked for Case Holdings (Steve Case, founder of AOL).

Potato in hand, I sent Mr. KLAIN a personal note informing him of a potential crisis that was certain to be of national interest if not handled appropriately. I emphasized that it was not my intent to harm or embarrass the incoming Administration; however, a number of DOJ AND FBI officials had put them in peril, namely BRENT TABACCHI. After a couple of weeks of no response, I reached out to Mr. KLAIN for a second time. Certainly he was busy solving some world crisis, he probably had just overlooked my note. To my surprise, it seemed that I may have spooked the Chief of Staff. KLAIN had changed his email account. Unfortunately for him, he attached a forwarding message, directing anyone attempting to contact him via email to use his "new" GMAIL.COM account. Seems the Potato was a bit too hot for the West Wing power broker.

Now the table was set. There is no one in Government that can claim to be "uninformed" (most political puppets like to hide behind the cover of their underlings). Every level of Government had a seat at this uncomfortable table. Just one final stop on this roller coaster, my TRIAL.

Out of the "Gang of 7" (6 African American and 1 wealthy white guy), I was the lone one standing in the way of the Government closing the door on their failed 'dud' operation. The "Big Whale" out of the group was STEVE RAUCH, a self-proclaimed "Hillbilly with money" (his words, not mine) paid millions of dollars in "compensat-

ory gifts" in brown paper bags to elected officials over the decades to gain favor for his demolition business. In fact, a year prior to his federal indictment, RAUCH beat a highly publicized state case for illegal dumping that involved the U.S. EPA. Seems that RAUCH should change his name to TEFLON. RAUCH was charged by TABACCHI for mail fraud, conspiracy to commit mail fraud and aiding and abetting. Facing decades in prison, RAUCH had one trick up his sleeve. Mr. 'TEFLON' retained the services of Taft-Stettinius & Hollister LLP., to represent him- ALL CHARGES DROPPED! Not only did RAUCH give the Government the middle finger, his enterprise was ordered to pay a measly \$15,000.00 fine, rubbing TABACCHI's nose in his doo-doo of a case.

On January 5, 2022, in the Walter H. Rice Courthouse, I sat for my final pretrial. We were set to conclude the Witch Hunt in 5 days but not before doing a little housekeeping. The Honorable Thomas M. Rose wanted to confirm that all parties were ready to proceed with the January 10, 2022 trial. I was given the opportunity to address the Court and communicate my concerns with proceeding with counsel as there had been little to no trial prep- case was never anticipated to go to trial by counsel (former or current) nor the Government. There was lack of material witnesses being called (NONE) and probably most troubling, I had never been asked by counsel for my side of the Governments flawed theory (scheme to defraud Assurant Insurance Co). This is laughable on its face as I was the one pursuing a Bad-Faith Claim against Assurant for dishonesty in administrating the claim.

Counsel then had an opportunity to address the Court. Appropriately, they conceded that the attorney/client relationship had eroded and they in fact did not feel comfortable moving forward with the trial as scheduled. Next up; the Court asked the Government if they were prepared to proceed with the trial, to which Mr. TABACCHI proudly boasted, "The Government is ready to proceed, you Honor." Now this is a 180 pivot from previous hearings where I was asked on multiple occasions to take continuances to delay the proceedings as former counsel and TABACCHI attempted to let my case "cool down." (Previous counsel and TABACCHI had made a pact that my case would never see trial)- my case was 100% politically motivated and had garnered enormous media coverage due to the "Culture of Corruption." TABACCHI accused counsel and myself of attempting an "11th hour delay" and argued that the trial should proceed. With that, Judge Rose orders that the trial would commence on January 10, 2022 at 9:00 am.

January 10, 2022, "All Rise" were the words from Liz Penske, Clerk for the Honorable Judge Thomas M. Rose (reminiscent of an umpire calling the start of Opening Day at Great American Ballpark- "Play Ball"). Thinking to myself, this should be interesting (I knew that I had less than a 2% chance of prevailing as "The House Always Wins"). This case however, did not require Clarence Darrow. The only way that TABACCHI would be victorious was if he "scuffs the ball and uses a corked bat." His case and theory had more holes than a slice of handcut swiss cheese on a ruben from Katzinger's Deli in German Village.

January 13, 2022, three days into my trial, I was informed by a dear friend that he and his 'lady' had tested positive for Covid. This was only relevant because leading up to the trial, I had spent time with them socially, including dinner just two days prior. Out of an abundance of caution, I informed counsel that there was a chance that I may have been exposed (I sat between my counsel at the same table during trial). Unaware of the consequences of this disclosure, Judge Rose ordered the closure of the Court until I could be tested, resulting in a day of delay. I tested negative. As the trial resumed the following day, Mr. TABACCHI requested that I be sequestered (house arrest with GPS tracking) for the remainder of the trial, to "ensure that there would not be another delay." The Court granted the Government's request.

As the trial resumed, it was abundantly apparent that I was down 5-0 in the bottom of the ninth with 2 outs. This was all but a done deal. The best I could hope for was a box of Cracker Jacks and a Dave Parker bobble-head as a parting gift. The Government had pulled out all of its tricks- false testimony, manufactured evidence, witness perjury and the kitchen sink.

The Government however, made a unique move. TABACCHI elected not to call FBI SA LANCE KEPPLER to the stand. Remember, it was KEPPLER that was the case agent of the biggest FBI operation in Dayton's famed history. In fact, it was KEPPLER who presented the case to the Grand Jury (they say that you can indict a ham sandwich) to get the indictment of the Gang of 7. Instead, TABACCHI called BCI Task Force agent BRENT KILPATRICK to the stand. Seemed the Government was careful not to have the FBI on the stand committing perjury; instead, they threw KILPATRICK under the bus (smart move) as the Government was under water with a house full of scandal.

KILPATRICK did not fail. He went down the perjurious rabbit hole, giving false testimony, while getting caught up in perjury, but not before handing over the "Golden Cookie." KILPATRICK gave what I predict will be the nail in TABACCHI's case on appeal- this really is the "Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight" (a 1971 comedy).

January 20, 2022, the magical words- GUILTY! I have been found guilty on 5 out of 7 counts. As one juror departed the court, she muttered the words, "I'm sorry." Now for most people, this would be a moment of anguish and sorrow. For me, this is a cummulation of an experiment. Let's call it an Experiment of the [INJUSTICE] system.

My case began as something out of Laurel and Hardy. An FBI led investigation by a sketchy Confidential Informant that the Government put into business (United Demolition) to bait City of Dayton officials into getting public service contracts, in exchange for the, "brown paper sack." In the end, the Government allowed the Confidential Human Source(s) to pocket tens of thousands of tax payer dollars. The ringleader, MICHAEL MARSHALL had duped many unassuming individuals in both United Demolition and his ragtag Drywall Wizard. MARSHALL et al., not only stole from the public and private sector, he entrapped many to go down rabbit holes that they may not have even considered, let alone masterminded. Unfortunately, all took plea deals with the Government- some even became Informants themselves.

At any rate, my experiment is going as planned. Justice is not "blind" as we have been taught to believe in 5th grade civics class. I predict an autopsy of this case, will be studied by many, for years to come- this is truly a Miscarriage of Justice at the highest level.

May 25, 2022, in a packed courtroom (mostly Government workers within the building that rarely see a high profile 'Heater Case' go trial), are present to witness my fate, as this is sentencing day. I have been advised that I need to be prepared to be taken into immediate custody (like the board game Monopoly- Go to jail, go directly to jail, do not pass go, do not collect \$200), not being afforded the customary ability to settle my affairs and self surrender to a BOP facility- it appears that my latest writing (exposing the Code of Silence) has chafed some tails, including the Honorable Thomas M. Rose. In addition, Mr. TABACCHI has once again moved the goal post. A day before my sentencing, the Government has asked the Court to impose restitution (previously no restitution was ordered) in the amount of \$84,613.04 to Mr. Cooper LLC (formally NationStar

Mortgage). Seems that Mr. TABACCHI has pulled this amount out of his Department of Justice issued toolbox- it was originally 25K that the Government claimed I had "diverted."

Prior to Judge Rose imposing my sentence, he afforded me the opportunity to address the Court. I began by giving my thanks to the Court and the many people that made this moment possible (like an Oscar acceptance speech) i.e. FBI, Ohio BCI, Liz Penske, the Court reporter and most of all, Assistant United States Attorney BRENT G. TABACCHI. Without Mr. TABACCHI, I would have never had the opportunity to experience the Justice System at its finest.

As I stood before Judge Rose, he began to reprimand me for not "showing remorse" for my actions and that he feared that I may become a repeat offender, as I was a "danger to the community." Rose then imposed the maximum (Pretrial Services recommendation of 36 months) and ordered that I be taken into immediate custody of the United States Marshal Service. Ough, remember the GPS monitor that was placed on me three days into my trial. It was finally removed 132 days later and replaced with shackles and leg irons- I am now officially a convicted felon- game 2 shutout loss 1-0 (down 2 games of a 5 game series). The best screenwriter could not make this up!

So, an update since my conviction 129 days ago... I have had some monumental victories (in the words of the late Vin Scully- "We have a lot of baseball left"). First, I am in a place that can only be described as breathtaking. There are 360 degree mountain views, where the air is pure and clean. I am currently training to become a certified service dog trainer through CARES, Inc., an organization that places therapy dogs for schools, hospitals, children with medical issues along with veterans with severe PTSD and brain injuries. Additionally, the University of Michigan School of Law (Appellate Litigation Clinic) has picked up my appeal before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Clinic has identified significant issues in the trial court proceedings and has assembled a team of 3rd year law students along with faculty attorneys to work my appeal.

On a somber note, I filed a complaint against my dear friend and former attorney Anthony Cicero. It was Cicero and TABACCHI who conspired (chain conspiracy) to get me to "sit idle" while they figured a way to either get my case dismissed or to convince me to take a plea deal (more of the latter) as my case was politically polarized and motivated. In fact, it was Cicero who represented me in

the Bad-Faith against Assurant Insurance Co. and failed to disclose the conflict of interest- Cicero was a material witness to the Governments flawed theory (scheme to defraud). It was Cicero and TABACCHI who were trying to find a way to "quietly resolve" my case. In the end, Cicero represented me for 11 months before I made the difficult decision to terminate his representation. The Ohio Disciplinary Counsel of the Supreme Court is investigating my claims against Cicero, aware that he will be given (should be) an opportunity to respond to my claim. I am confident that the extensive record of Mr. Cicero's involvement in the 2014 Bad-Faith Claim will be evident that Cicero had a duty to recuse himself from my criminal case.

Finally, citizen journalist and community activist David Esrati (the only journalist that covered the trial from cover to cover) has been entrenched in his own legal battle. Seems that Mr. Esrati has pinched a nerve with the Government when he unearthed the FBI and TABACCHI covering up grand jury testimony of crimes being committed by former Mayor of Dayton NAN WHALEY while she was in office. (Must be noted that WHALEY is the 2022 Democratic Nomoniee for Govenor of Ohio).

Mr. Esrati filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Justice requesting the grand jury transcript. Under rare circumstances are grand jury testimonies released; however, it appears as though Esrati has found case law stating that elected officials who commit crimes while in office are not protected from grand jury secrecy. To date, Esrati has filed suit in federal court against the DOJ and FBI to obtain the transcript; showing WHALEY accepting bribes from STEVE RAUCH- this is the same grand jury that was seated for the Gang of 7.

Since Esrati's federal suit, his case has been transferred to 4 separate federal judges. It appears that Esrati is dishing out his own Hot Potatoes as the DOJ is desperate to conceal the truth behind WHALEY's crimes before the November 8, 2022 Ohio Gunernatorial election, duping the Ohio voters in a key midterm election. Full disclosure, David Esrati and I have been friends for nearly 20 years and are both former United States Army Paratroopers. Esrati is also running against TABACCHI's main target- MICHAEL TURNER in the 2022 race for U.S. House of Representatives.

Recently U.S. Attorney General MERRICK GARLAND has defended the DOJ by saying that his office, "Follows the facts wherever they lead." GARLAND also stated in response to the USA Gymnastics debacle (FBI investigation) that, "The FBI has revised its procedures and

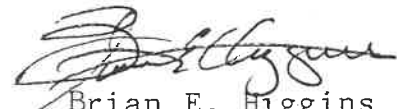
the Deputy Attorney General has issued a memoranda to the field so whenever U.S. Attorney's Office or federal law enforcement decides not to follow-up (investigate sex abuse claims), that they immediately advise the state and local law enforcement, so they can continue to investigate suspected crimes." To date, after sounding the whistle for well over a decade, I have been denied even a meeting with the "janitor." The Federal Bureau of Investigation Director CHRISTOPHER WRAY summed it up when he said, "No one is above the law." Does this hold true for Senior Assistant United States Attorney BRENT G. TABACCHI et al.? That is correct, Mr. TABACCHI was given a promotion after securing my conviction. Perhaps TABACCHI gets the same pass that former Dayton City Mayor NAN WHALEY received after accepting hundreds of thousands of dollars from demolition contractors- the blessing of the AUSA to run for Governor of the State of Ohio in the 2022 election after committing documented crimes.

Post my conviction, I have reached out to officials in Illinois, requesting that Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul revisit my 2017 Qui Tam suit, that his predecessor LISA MADIGAN wrongfully dismissed. In addition, I have requested that Cook County States Attorney Kim Foxx, open up an investigation into ALTHEA TAYLOR, of Taylor Made Industries. Ms. TAYLOR wrote the proposal that JOHN W. KLACZAK used to induce the City of Chicago in obtaining the fraudulent contract with the Chicago Police Department.

Fully aware of the gravity of the alligations that I am levying against high ranking Government officials, I created a website which contains the dossier of the cover-up by DOJ and FBI officials. This site also hosts numerous audio recordings of Government officials dismissing my concerns of a convicted sexual predator, actively preying on children. In the words of the late John Lewis, "Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble." As a Politically Punished Prisoner, I will continue to endeavor to get into, "Good Trouble," being the voice for the children who find themselves, the victims of sexual abuse.

It is for the above reasons, I am requesting a full Congressional Hearing(s) into the Code of Silence.

Respectfully,


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