

Don Estep
Intelligence Unit
Jefferson County Sheriffs' Department
February 11, 1997

Mr. Estep:

It has come to my attention that you would like to interview me regarding a number of arrest warrants (so-called) for a Mr. 'Steve Gartin'. As you have not answered your phone, I take the opportunity to send you some background information about my involvement (so-called) in this matter.

As I understand it, Mr. Gartins' only 'threats' have been to seek an investigation from an objective authority and to seek redress of damages from these criminals. He has been forthcoming, has provided documentation, has responded to all interrogatories. In return, he has been subject to false arrest, illegal imprisonment, harassment and threats, Star Chamber proceedings from the judiciary, obstruction of justice, intimidation of his Witnesses by individuals under Color of Authority and more.

The actions of the Jefferson County Judicial/Law Enforcement community have not been objective, professional or responsible. The negligence of your community in the investigation of these matters is inexcuseable and appalling to anyone who depends on an independant view of a given situation. The continuing gullibility of the police, sheriffs' department and city attorneys' office is amazing. The innattention to detail, to reading, to investigation and other due diligence is irresponsible and negligent.

It is certain that a proper investigation will now be done by the FBI and the other Federal agencies. The Title 42 Action has been filed, the preliminary reports made and the documentation provided to law enforcement agencies. The grievance committee of the state supreme court and its' judicial conduct review, the state Attorney Generals' office and the Governors office are all proceeding with actions appropriate to their responsibilities. These are not the actions of a man escaping his responsibilities or evading punishment for his actions. These are the actions of a man wronged by irresponsible negligence and malicious conduct.

Very Truly,
Charles H. Clements

**City Manager Charlie Richardson
City of Aurora, state of Colorado
February 10, 1997**

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Yesterday, Sunday February 9, 1997, at approximately 9 AM, I was again stopped and interrogated by the Aurora Police Department (Officer Saitz) concerning information given to the APD by Greenwood Village Police Department.

While the Officer involved was courteous, professional and civil to both myself and my employer, the basic information given to APD is, at worst, FALSE and at best, misleading. Accosting my employer was not acceptable.

The Greenwood Village City Government is pursuing a course of Obstructing Justice and Harrassment under the Color of Authority, the unlawful intimidation of witnesses against them and other abrogations of Civil and Constitutional Rights. This condition is the subject of reports to the Federal Law Enforcement Authorities and Civil Actions in both State and Federal Court under Title 42, Title 18 and etc.

My involvement (?) has consisted of allowing a poor man to use my electronic facilities to send his legal documents. The Greenwood Village City Government has found the allegations made by the FAXmodem information to be embarrassing and possibly indicating of their criminal culpability and liability.

My relationship with the APD and the Aurora City Government has been positive and forthcoming. I would hate to think that the false and misleading information given to the APD about me would change that posture. I am more than willing to discuss the matter with you and to participate in any investigation of this situation.

I include previous correspondence with the GVPD for your background information.

Very Truly Yours,

Charles H. Clements
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cc: APD, GVPD, US Atty's Office, Fed. Dist. Court (Judge P. Cohen)

copy to City Manager Richardson, Aurora: February 10, 1997

**City Manager Crowell
City of Greenwood Village
January 17, 1997**

Dear Sir:

I enclose the following letter sent by FAXmodem to your Police Chief Waugh as dated. I have received no answers to the most simple of the questions.

I was subjected to public embarrassment, unwarranted intimidation and an arrogance that was even apparent and distasteful to the Aurora Police Dept. Captain that accompanied Dets. Carr and Stadterman during the incident. I have been helpful, forthcoming and courteous to your officers on all occasions of our interactions and there was no reason for this conduct.

I am the Neighborhood Watch Block Captain in my neighborhood, well known and, I hope, respected. I have been very active in the business, arts and civic communities in Aurora since 1960. When the so-called 'crime' is FAXing legal documents to the principal parties to the actions, there is no reason to disturb my family to apprehend the 'fugitive'. If you want to talk to him, call him on the phone and make arrangements- I have nothing to do with it.

There are some very consequential Civil Rights questions inherent in this situation that are already before the Federal District Court. As well, there is the matter of the professional demeanor of your officers while in another county, apparently without the requisite paperwork or authority. The threats and intimidation from your Det. Carr on behalf of Defendants; US West, jailbird Merritt, the other proven perjurers (ask Tech. Scouse), and his failure to diligently and objectively investigate this situation reflects poorly on your department.

I understand that my associates in Lakewood were the recipients of an apology from Det. Carr for his actions at our club. I have not received so much as an acknowledgement of my questions, much less an apology, much less answers to my questions.

(Letter follows)

Copy to City Manager Richardson: February 10, 1997

Chief of Police Rich Waugh
Greenwood Village Police Department

January 7, 1997

Ref: Detective John Carr, GWPD

Subj: Interrogatory by Federal Witness

Sir:

Please provide for me the incident report 3 JAN 97 filed by Detective John Carr of his attempt to serve Arrest Warrants on Steve Douglas, Gartin at my home in Adams County. Also a copy of each Warrant as signed by a judge and upon the oath of an affiant.

My chief concerns are with Det. Carrs' seeming obstruction of justice, witness intimidation, failure to perform to the minimum standards as a law enforcement professional.

1. Who was the Aurora Police Officer who accompanied Carr and Stadterman?
2. Was he shown a copy of the Warrant?
3. Did he make a photocopy (or other copy) of the Warrant or note the identifying numbers in the presence of Det. Carr or Det. Stadterman?
4. Upon whose oath was the information stating my address as a possible site for Mr. Gartin? On the record: Mr. Gartin has never spent a night at my property. He has visited the property perhaps ten times in the twenty years I've known him. He has never delivered documents to me for faxing. I do not own a teleFAX machine, nor do I 'format' telefaxes, nor do I advise Mr. Gartin about legal matters. I have no legal education, I have never filed a case, I have never entered a Court as a principal without an attorney.
5. Why has Detective Carr threatened me to Mr. Gartin? Have I committed a crime? If so, what crime might that be? Is the act of Witnessing a crime?
6. I have identified myself to Det. Carr as a Witness in a Federal District Court Case. Why does he continue to 'warn' me of some sort of 'bad trouble' from my testimony? I feel that my testimony will bring retribution of some sort from him. Why is he taking sides in a situation he is being paid to investigate objectively?

7. The complainant, Markus Bernard Merritt, has been caught in several lies by your own police department,(I specifically think of Technician Scouse). He just got out of your own jail for similar charges as he now makes from the whole cloth. Why have the charges as made by Mr. Gartin, and corroborated by others, not been investigated by Det. Carr?

8. He characterized the premises as 'not a labor dispute' when a casual reading of the material shows that the situation derives from three labor disputes; Spyderco, USWest, Golden Recreation Center. Why has he failed to give this situation the slightest diligence of reading the background?

9. USWest is a Defendant in actions to which Mr. Gartin is Plaintiff. Why has that information been unknown to Det. Carr? It is a matter of Public Record. Their 'security concerns' are a fantasy to serve their own ends. Why has Det. Carr failed to investigate their self interest in the incarceration of Mr. Gartin?

10. Markus Merritt is Defendant to cases in which the Gartin Children are Plaintiff, including applications for restraining orders from physical abuse. He is responsible for bruises made in abuse that were videotaped. He sleeps in the same bed with the six year old boy to keep him from running away from the abuse. Your Det. Carrs' actions are in aid of sequestering two Federal Witnesses/Plaintiffs from giving information in Court. The children were detained from Court in the Golden incident because their testimony would be exculpatory. Why is that situation not investigated? Merritts' credibility is in serious question.

11. Det. Carr has found it necessary to speak of Mr. Gartin using some very inflammatory rhetoric; 'coward', 'afraid to face his responsibilities', 'hiding behind FAXes', 'crazy', 'whacko', etc. Mr. Gartin is well known to your Lt. Fisher as a man of great integrity, great honour, deep spirituality and of unquestioned courage and sense of responsibility. He has that reputation internationally. When did Det. Carr do enough background research to come to those ugly conclusions? Does the color of his authority cover malicious statements like that? Is it a professional demeanor?

12. Why did Det. Carr not have Mr. Gartins' pager number? Tamara and Markus and the children and the Zehnders and the extended Family Zehnder and the Lawfirm all had it. Why were they keeping material information from Det. Carr?

13. A casual reading of the official record of the Court in the various actions shows gross material perjury by the Complainants and their Lawfirm. Why has Det. Carr failed to familiarize himself with this material? Why has he

failed to compare their perjury to the Court with the perjury to the Greenwood Police Dept.

A Title 42 action, the KKK law, has been filed in Federal District Court before Hon. Patricia Cohen, it is being investigated by Dep U. S. Att'y James R. Allison. The information has been filed with the Grievance Committee of the Colorado state Supreme Court. As I understand it, your officer, John Carr, has been added to that criminal information as a Defendant for the obstruction of justice, denial of Civil Rights under Color of Authority, aiding a criminal conspiracy under color of authority, etc

The question before the U.S. Supreme Court today (US v. Lanier) is a newstory that Det. Carr would do well to research in my humble opinion as a layman. Infractions of Title 42 have very real consequences. All Steve Gartin is asking for is an investigation by competent law enforcement authorities. He has never been interviewed by police, never charged without proving innocence, never had chance at legal counsel, never had a chance to confront accusers.

I would respectfully remind you of an old Texas Ranger credo; "You can't stop a man who knows he's right and just keeps on coming." Mr. Gartin is, in my non-professional but considered opinion; not crazy, not obsessed, not culpable, not lying. I have been witness to much of this history by eye as well as constructively; he is telling you the truth.

Very Respectfully,
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