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Dear Sir:

I've been thinking a lot about our conversation last week. Obviously I am not confident in the professional performance of the other two men; Don Estep and Gary Clymer, but I have a confidence in yours. When I spoke to Randy Martin and Scott Tuttle, they both spoke of your honesty and integrity and I have confidence in their opinions of you.

I would like to flesh out some of the points with the intent of initiating an investigation of the actions of the Jefferson County justice system and the Colorado Attorney General's Office for Obstruction of Justice, Denial of Due Process of the law, Retaliation against Witnesses, Complainants and Victims of Federal Crimes, Interference with Witnesses, Complainants and Victims of Federal Crimes, Interference with a Political Candidate for Public Office and attendant violations of the law. Particularly, investigation should be made of the actions of Don Estep and Gary Clymer while acting in their official capacities.

Most of this information is stuff that I know to be true; other parts are suppositions as to who is involved and on behalf of what agency- I believe it all to be true and on the basis of that belief make the statements.

This whole thing started, in about 1990, with the violations by the Internal Revenue Service and Spyderco (in the person of Louis Sal Glesser and his Comptroller Robert Simon). Glesser and Simon had needed to account for quite a lot of cash money from the operation of the criminal enterprise stemming from import/customs machinations that we have discussed in our last conversation. They forged some IRS reporting documents (1099's I believe they're called) on about seven of their employees- the most egregious forgery was on the account of Steve Gartin- some \$40,000 in income he never received and for which he was liable for the taxes. He sought to fight the action (using the two now disbarred lawyers, Lyle Robinson and Jim de Rose)- the IRS, in the person of Phil Blondin, U.S. Att'y, removed the case to the Federal Court after Gartin filed cases in Douglas County Colorado and Blondin defaulted on them..

Concomittantly, Gartin was involved in a divorce action with his wife of thirteen years, Tamara. She had decided to leave him after the IRS went into her bank account and confiscated monies. Upon appearing in court on a questionable service of process for a different agenda (a proposed separation turned into a divorce action), he was denied the right to speak to the court or present witnesses or documents (Judge Stuska). The false submissions to the court and to law enforcement agents about Gartin's supposed affiliations with the so-called 'patriot movement' and his supposed racism derive from the perjuries in support of that divorce action. Her lawyer, a friend of Marcus Merritt and a member of the congregation of her fathers' church, Antonio Troy Ciccarelli, has been caught time and time again in submitting falsehoods and misleading information to the court and law enforcement officials. He has been sanctioned and has lost his position with Karsh & Fulton, a prestigious lawfirm, over his malfeasance as an attorney.

Subsequently to that, Gartin filed actions against various members of the judicial/legal system for continuing abrogations of his right to due process and to petition the court for redress of grievances relative to the divorce case and the later restraining orders case.

That's when the actions by Don Estep and the Office of the Attorney General began; to attempt to keep him out of court and unable to complain and witness against their improprieties. Maurice Knaiser is the attorney for Henry Nieto, Russell Stuska, Charles Hoppin, Marilyn Leonard and the others- Gary Clymer seems to be their arm for initiating the SWAT assaults on Gartin, taking his legal paperwork, circumscribing his ability to mount a complaint against them in a court of law or defend himself from the bogus charges they have laid.

The present charge in Arapahoe County is on the basis of a fraudulent fax sent by the complainant, Marcus Merritt, **himself** to the offices of USWest (USWest owes Gartin about \$15K for computer work done for the Legal Office- they would also have to admit that they gave private customer information to him for data management- this was Marcus Merritt, his wife Tamara and his sister-in-law Francine Zehnder).

When Gartin was arrested in Golden, **he** was the one who had called the police about the abduction of his children. Deputy Michael Moler arrested him for not having ID in his swimtrunks and took him to jail where he was held in torture for three days. He then complained to the Federal Court about those actions which exacerbated their intentions to both obstruct his access to the courts and to retaliate against him for his impertinence.

The Zehnder family then perjured themselves, along with Marcus Merritt, to obtain restraining orders against Gartin for sending them legal documents. The restraining orders were then used to criminalize him when he called to speak to his children- Judge Charles Hoppin had said that the restraining orders were not to interfere with his communication with his children, but they pressed them anyway. Ultimately they sent a SWAT team against him for a non-violent 'violation' of the restraining orders- and that assault without a warrant!

This all under the direction of Don Estep, Gary Clymer on behalf of Maury Knaiser and the divorce lawyer Antonio T. Ciccarelli (now sanctioned by the Supreme Court for his false and misleading submissions to the Federal Court to Judge Babcock and other subornation of perjury and misprision of felonies by his clients, the Zehnders).

Gartin went to court for a child support hearing. Judge Marilyn Leonard took perjured testimony from his former brother-in-law, Timothy Zehnder (husband of Francine the USWest Legal Office Manager), formulated an order of child support, backdated it for several months, found him in contempt for not paying it and sent him to jail for six months- all in one day! All without a trial or opportunity to make a defense, without counsel- deliberately impeding his ability to make complaint against her brother judges or their enforcement arm, the JeffCo Sheriff's Office.

During his incarceration, they held his mail to and from the court, refused to take grievances, destroyed his work product and evidence, held him in solitary confinement for five months without cause or justification and tried to have him killed or maimed by selected inmates at the facility.

It's all in the record. It's all documented in his cases- they were not able to destroy the record at the Clerk's office itself, and the information is there for anyone to read, analyze and derive the information from.

This is a broad series of Federal crimes to which I have been witness and Gartin has been victim. It is certainly a combined effort of the Colorado Attorney General's Office (as the defenders of the various Government employees) and the JeffCo legal system. They have acted and failed to act; they have misused the color of their authority and caused grievous damage to both Gartin and the perception of the integrity of their system of justice and law enforcement.

The egregious and unconscionable misuse of the color of authority to deny a citizen access to the Federal Court, to destroy evidence and concoct falsehoods, the misuse of a specialized reaction force on three occasions, the overt attempts to have him killed or maimed, the improper imprisonment and malfeasance by the judiciary, the harassment and destruction of his professional career and personal reputation has been to cover their own misdeeds and criminality and to retaliate against him for his complaints.

You will find this information in the notes of the Special Agent that interviewed me, in the notes from your conversation with Gartin in the company of Randy Martin and Scott Tuttle, in the documentation in the case records- it is all there for anyone to read and analyze.

Gartin has been pleading for his day in court for five years and more. He has been pleading for an honest law enforcement official to just take a look at what has happened and to take action about it. He has never committed any crime; there is no violence, no criminality. He is the victim of a misuse of the color of authority by a gang of cronies in a closely held county on behalf of influential civilians and political movers and shakers.

I am available for further interview on any of the allegations I've made here- I believe them to be true and will give my oath on it.

I wish you well and hope for your health and prosperity-

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