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RE: Hawaii Federal Court | US Attorney

Attorney General
Hon. Jeff Sessions

Good morning,

Please excuse the use of numerous emails as its not easy to locate emails and also not easy to verify them. I found the above three and will begin with these.

My name is Jim Benish, I am a retired police investigator. I attempted to contact someone of authority within the Attorney General's Office via phone numbers on the DOJ web site, but apparently my only option was the comment line. I'm hopeful that when you read what this is about, you might agree that the comment line would not be appropriate.

I was an early supporter of President Trump and was pleased when he was elected for numerous reasons, one of them would be a change of the DOJ guard. The story I have to tell is a long one and began way back in 1993 when I was investigating a cold case murder. After retirement I was directly made aware of new evidence and witnesses that took the cold case I was investigating from Colorado to Hawaii. I won't get into all of the details, if your interested I can provide more later.

As I mentioned when I was investigating the 1984 Colorado murder case of 7 yr old Tracey Neef in 1993 there were two suspects identified. One of them was convicted of the murder of 4 yr old Lacey Woolsey Ruff in 1993 in Hawaii. The same year I retired. The convicted's brother was the sole witness used to convict his brother. I wrote a book about my earlier work on the Colorado case and in 2012 was contacted by two female witnesses who resided in Oregon. One of these females said that her boyfriend had confessed his involvement in the murder of Lacey Ruff in Hawaii. I compiled all of the information and tried to hand it over to the Kauai Police Department as I felt that there were two culpable persons and the case should be re-opened. To make a long long story short I got no co-operation from the Police Department or the Prosecutors office. In 2012 I submitted an FOI request to the Hawaii court and police department for access to the old police reports and the court records. After receiving as much of this information that they would release I realized that there may have been some misconduct by not only the Police Department but the Court and the Prosecutor during the the investigation of the murder of 4yr old Lacey Ruff. I could not understand why they would not address the new allegations that came from the two women in Oregon, nor why they fought so hard to keep me from getting information on a case that they claimed was closed.

I interviewed witnesses that had never been interviewed by police, I contacted family members and before long other people began to contact me about unrelated cases wherein there were allegations of corruption within almost all of the Courts in Hawaii. Several of the witnesses had contacted the Hawaii branch of the FBI who also turned a blind eye to their allegations.

When I had heard and documented all of these complaints it was clear to me that these allegations were profoundly greater than the murder of a 4 year old child and involved money

laundering, possible other murders, and spanned not only Hawaii, but Arizona and California, and involved some very large financial institutions..

I published some of the information I was getting from victims on a web site and that resulted in even more victims coming forward. This blog action also resulted and preempted the contact of the Kauai Prosecutor who contacted me about the information I had. The prosecutor informed me that he had a "cold case" task force and that they would be contacting me. They did, and I provided them with the information I had. Within a short time after that the father of little Lacey Ruff contacted me and said that he had been threatened by one of the Kauai Prosecutors investigators and warned him should he have further communication with me..

It was soon my belief that the corruption within the court system was to such an extent that the alleged defendants operated in HI with impunity.

I was concerned about trying to get the Kauai State Attorney General's office involved because the wife of one of the Attorney General investigators was an alleged defendant in fraud. And since the FBI already had been formally notified of these allegations without an investigation of any kind it was my belief that a Federal Grand Jury would be the appropriate action to take.

In mid December 2015 I presented a pro se affidavit to Kauai Federal Judge John Michael Seabright asking for a Federal Grand Jury investigation involving approximately 60 defendants and enterprises and an array of Federal violations, the main ones being Murder and violations of the RICO ACT. Within a week or so I received a letter from Seabright's clerk stating they could not accept my affidavit and if I didn't retrieve the documents the court would destroy them. I subsequently telephoned Seabright's clerk and asked her on what authority she thought she could destroy the documents. I didn't get a satisfactory response to my question.. I sent Judge Seabright a direct email, as I am doing with you. I didn't get a response from him but on January 18th, 2016 I received a voice phone message that my affidavit had been processed and given to the sitting Federal Grand Jury. A done deal right?

Of particular interest to you Mr. Sessions are the recent revelations.

A few weeks ago I was contacted by an elderly woman who had obtained my contact information from one of the victims listed in my affidavit to Judge Seabright. This woman was alleging fraud by one of the same defendants listed in my affidavit. By the way since January 18th 2016 there has been no indication that there has actually been any investigation following the alleged notification of Federal Violations to the Grand Jury such as witness and victim interviews. I contacted Seabright's clerks and notified them of my additional victim and asked if there was a contact within the Justice Department where I could forward the victim's contact information. I was instructed to contact the US Attorney's office. On that same day, I was contacted by an unsolicited FBI agent who wanted the Grand Jury documentation information or the Pace file number. I could not provide a Pace number because there was no case under my name or any of the victims names listed in the data base. I recontacted the agent and she told me that they had no information on such an investigation and that she would check into it further. She emailed me a day or so later and said that she thought there was in fact some sort of notification but had no details. I asked her if I could get a copy of the court docs sent to to the US Attorney or the FBI that notified them of the Grand Jury investigation and have had no contact from her since. I sent an email to Seabright's clerk again and asked for their Pace file number, and the judges transmittal to the Grand Jury and what kind of Grand Jury my affidavit was given

to. She emailed me back and said there were no court documents from the court to the Grand Jury.

I have since filed formal FOI document requests to the US Attorney's office, the FBI and Judge Seabright's office requesting any and all documents in their possession that would indicate that my affidavit request for a Grand Jury was in fact processed and that the Jury does in fact have an investigative agency working on the case.

Mr. Sessions I don't think I need to say any more about this for you to comprehend what might have happened in reference to this Grand Jury request. Amendment V of our constitution gives instruction to Judges re Grand Juries. I also think you will agree that if my suspicions are correct there may be some very serious violations of Supreme Court Rules, a hat full of Federal RICO violations, and who knows what else. The rooster will roost either within the Kauai Federal US Attorney's office or Seabright's Court. I have not spent the past few years working on this on and off without accumulating and saving all the documentation, phone recordings, emails etc; It's almost impossible to imagine that a Federal Judge's clerk would admit to me in writing that any court document was not processed especially an affidavit after numerous emails and telephone conversations to the contrary.

Mr. Sessions, I am not asking or suggesting that you intervene in this, at this time as I am not finished. What I do next will depend on the three responses I get to my formal FOI request for documents. I suspect that your US Attorney in HI is aware of what is going on but I have had no contact up to this point. Judge John Michael Seabright is the head Federal Judge of the District of Hawaii and was appointed by President Bush and is, as I understand it, the supervising judge over all the other Federal Judges in Hawaii. If you would like a copy of my affidavit contact me at this email address.

I should point out that since there are allegations of suspicious deaths to include an actual murder in my affidavit, I'm moderately cautious about my own safety and that of my family. I reside in Mexico. I am a full blown US Citizen, a retired police detective and served my country in the US Army and I happen to be the same age as you. At this point I'm sure there are people who would no doubt like it if I disappeared. And so I have covered my bases. I am available most of the time at this email address or 619-591-8801 or Mx. 52-669-223-4867. Both ring into my cell.

Thank you

Jim Benish