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RE: REQUEST FOR GRAND JURY

Dear Sheriff Knezovich:

It has been almost nine months since I filed a First Degree Manslaughter complaint with you and Chief Kirkpatrick. Since that time I have written you two letters, September 11, 2007 and November 20, 2007. In each of these letters I have asked you specific questions, which you have ignored. On December 20, 2007, you wrote me a letter assuring me that FBI Agent Harrill is actively investigating my complaint. You also advised me that Agent Harrill made it clear that he was extending an invitation for me to contact him. On December 27, 2007, I wrote agent Harrill a letter (attached) and advised him of your request for me to contact him. I certified this letter and I have a signed confirmation that it was received. That was over three months ago and I still haven't heard from Agent Harrill. To the best of my knowledge, notwithstanding your assurances to me, Harrill has not contacted any of the numerous witnesses involving the First Degree Manslaughter complaint I filed or produced any type of related work product. As you know, evidence and witnesses are perishable and statutes of limitations expire.

On January 11, 2008, and January 15, 2008, I wrote Chief Kirkpatrick letters (attached) concerning my complaint. On January 14, 2008, the chief responded to my first letter with a curt, dismissive, e-mail (attached) stating, as fact, information that was not correct, i.e.: "Government corruption is the primary jurisdiction of the FBI," That statement, as Chief Kirkpatrick should know, is inaccurate (see RCW chapter 10.27; City of Spokane Municipal Code Chapter 3.01 Article VII Section 3.01.720 Section A and Section C of that same code; RCW 42.20.100 and RCW 42.20.100). The municipal government of Spokane has, by statute, the primary responsibility for all crimes committed within its jurisdiction, the FBI can participate with them as appropriate, but government corruption or any other violation of the Revised Code of Washington in the city of Spokane is not the primary jurisdiction of the FBI.

Chief Kirkpatrick also stated: "I did not consult with the City Attorney, or anyone for that matter. I simply picked up the phone, I called Special Agent Harrill, I reviewed the nature of your complaint with him over the phone. Agent Harrill agreed to take the case and he picked up the packet the same day. Therefore, this case belongs to the FBI." Contrary to her statement, I clearly remember you advising me she had talked my complaint over with you prior to giving it to the FBI. The fact that the chief states she did not contact her legal counsel or you, as your name was also on my complaint, does not make her appear to be very responsible. Considering her position as the police chief of Washington State's second largest city, it would seem logical for her to have sought council with both you and her legal department prior to her hasty and controversial decision.

Sheriff, the chief's swift and careless action, if true, can only be considered reckless and irresponsible. Especially, when you consider the seriousness of my complaint. Also, contradictory to what you told me, but according to what she stated to me in her e-mail, did she not talk this over with you before she called Agent Harrill? It seems she should have contacted you, as my complaint was to both of you.

The chief ended her e-mail advising me she was not going to respond to further inquiries. That statement contradicts her promise of transparency to the community when she was applying for her position as our police chief. It also suggests a strong breach of ethics.

I am enclosing a copy of a March 13, 2008, letter captioned: "INFORMATION AND REQUEST FOR GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION" that I sent to Mayor Verner. At this time, I strongly request that you carefully study that information and request, and contact Mayor Verner with a request from you that she follow the Revised Code of Washington as it applies to the mandate for public corruption. Please copy me with this request for my records.

The information contained in my March 13, 2008, "Information and Request for Grand Jury Investigation" letter clearly covers my concerns and the importance of calling for a grand jury. Because of the mishandling to date of the investigation of the April 8, 2006, death of Jo Ellen Savage in the River Park Square parking garage, anything other than a grand jury investigation would now be suspect and not in the best interest of equal justice for all. This conclusion is based on the following reasons: 1) The suspicious circumstances surrounding Chief Kirkpatrick's rejection of the core remedy for public corruption in Washington State (RCW Chapter 10.27) and her failure to follow the mandates of her office, 2) The FBI's complicity and inaction, which appears to further expand the scope of government corruption, 3) Evidence that Spokane's public corruption caused Ms. Savage's death, 4) The abundant and solid evidence of public corruption surrounding the crux of my complaint, 5) The abundant and strong probable cause to believe the crime of First Degree Manslaughter, a class A felony, was committed and was and is currently being covered-up by public officials, and 6) The straightforward provisions of the law, which the chief clearly ignored.

Although in my letter to Mayor Verner I quoted six mandates that apply to her actions and inactions, the following two are especially important:

1) Under the Revised Code of Washington, there is a specific remedy and jurisdiction for government corruption. That remedy is contained in RCW Chapter 10.27 – Grand Juries – Criminal Investigations. This statute was enacted "on behalf of the people of Washington for the purpose of combating crime and corruption." That statute provides: "A grand jury shall be summoned by the court, where the public interest so demands, whenever in its opinion there is sufficient evidence of criminal activity or corruption within the county or whenever so requested by a public attorney, corporation council or city attorney upon showing of good cause." Why, when Chief Kirkpatrick made her initial determination that my complaint involved government corruption, did she fail to apply this statute? This suggest two things, either the chief is not familiar with the laws she is responsible to enforce, or she lacks the moral courage to take on the Cowles family – a family described by the Internal Revenue Service as having a particular relationship with the City of Spokane wherein the Cowles can control or influence the city's activities.

2) According to the City of Spokane Municipal Code, Chapter 3.01, "Administrative and Executive Organization" Article VII. Uniformed Public Safety Section, 3.01.720 Police, Section A: "The police department is the primary law enforcement agency of the city with investigative, arrest and incidental powers over violations of federal, state and municipal laws, both criminal and traffic." The crux of this Municipal Code specifically contradicts Chief Kirkpatrick's statement that: "Government corruption is the primary jurisdiction

of the FBI.” Shouldn’t the chief be required to know and follow the laws she is sworn to obey and uphold? Sheriff, the solution to confronting my complaint and addressing this past and ongoing breach of the public’s trust by public officials is exceptionally clear-cut, up-front, non-political and honorable. Just follow the law that was intended for these circumstances – the grand jury. That statute cannot be clearer in its specific intent and application to the circumstances of my First Degree Manslaughter complaint and past and subsequent evidence of public corruption.

As an aside, I would note the flattering press the chief has been receiving since she rat-holed my complaint to the FBI. This suggests a pay-off to the chief for not commencing the appropriate manslaughter investigation into Ms. Savage’s death. It hardly needs saying that the primary suspects in the Savage death are members of the Cowles family, owners of both the newspaper that has been so complimentary of the chief and the garage where Ms. Savage died. Chief Kirkpatrick was even touted by columnist Doug Clark (who has a history of consistently bashing police), as becoming the best police chief in the history of Spokane. What heroic action or great accomplishment has the chief accomplished above or beyond Spokane’s 37 former police chiefs? As a historian who has been researching the history of the Spokane Police Department for the last 12 years, I know the record shows that Chief Kirkpatrick does not come close to deserving that extraordinary praise. I consider Clark’s column nothing less than one more reward from the Cowles family for not investigating Clark’s employers concerning Ms. Savage’s death.

Do you remember when Mayor Talbott and three council members tried to expose the RPS fraud? They were all sued by the Cowleses, and Talbott was publicly branded in the *Spokesman-Review* as a “civic terrorist.” It turned out all these lawsuits were dropped and the RPS dealings were, in fact, fraudulent, as evidence contained in both the RPS securities fraud proceedings (See “Fraudville, USA” at <www.camasmagazine.com> and IRS findings revealed. This fraud is illuminated especially well in the evidence presented in the Internal Revenue Service’s June 22, 2004, 27-page report on the RPS bonds, which on page 17 states: “It is clear from the facts of this case, the developer had, and continues to have, a particular relationship with the City of Spokane and the Issuer/Foundation such that it was in a position to control or influence its activities.”

Sheriff, I know you agree with me that the most dangerous attainment of organized crime is the ability to control government. Accordingly, I urge you to carefully study the IRS report referenced above. (See “The Casino Was Rigged” at www.camasmagazine.com). I think you will see that the IRS effectively concluded that Spokane was under the control of a family whose conduct rose to the level of organized crime in the RPS matter. When I supported you in your campaign to become Spokane’s sheriff it was because I believed in your intelligence, integrity, courage and especially your moral courage. I urge you not to let misplaced loyalty to Chief Kirkpatrick, or your unwillingness to confront the Cowles family’s use of its media to further its criminal ends, damage your honor or interfere with your duty to the public.

If there has ever been a moment in your law enforcement career that begged for your most earnest soul-searching, this must be it. If you don’t truthfully examine your conscience on this matter and do the right thing, I believe it will haunt you for the rest of your life.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding my complaint or this request. In closing, I reiterate my request that you contact Mayor Verner immediately with your professional recommendation that she initiate a grand jury investigation into the death of Jo Savage without additional loss of time.

Sincerely,

Tony Bamonte