

From: arodjrlaw@aol.com,
To: rhonda.fogleman@la.gov,
Subject: Fwd: Post-Katrina Corruption
Date: Tue, Feb 3, 2015 5:21 pm

Ms. Fogleman: Thank you for speaking with me this afternoon. What follows is an E-mail which I want Colonel Edmondson (or whoever will be addressing my complaint of PREJURY against Troop "F" Trooper John Nelson) to become familiar with, particularly the "links" to the video productions by Professor Carl and Shirley Bernofsky, which pit my testimony (which can be deemed to have been "under penalty of perjury") against the recent (1/21/15) deposition testimony of the LIAR and PERJURER, Trooper Nelson. I also gave a sworn statement to Investigators employed by the Louisiana Department of Justice in the Livingston Building in Baton Rouge on October 14, 2005, which I can send you and the Colonel, should the Colonel encounter any trouble getting the transcript directly from Attorney General Caldwell. Since there is an obvious "continuing cover-up" regarding the CRIMES that have been committed against me by State actors, which continue to this day, please inform the Colonel that "the Rule of Continuing Offenses" is applicable to my case, meaning that the time(s) for prosecuting the multiple criminal offenses committed against me have not yet prescribed. All I need is for an HONEST law enforcement officer (Is THAT a non sequitur?) to look hard at my case. Let me know if you or the Colonel needs me to further explain the following E-mail or the links to the video productions. Thank you, Ashton O'Dwyer, 1205 St. Charles Ave., Apt. 210, New Orleans, La. 70130, telephone no. (504) 812-9185.

-----Original Message-----

From: Sbernof <Sbernof@aol.com>
To: kyleisbarnett <kyleisbarnett@gmail.com>
Cc: arodjrlaw <arodjrlaw@aol.com>; tulanelink <tulanelink@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Feb 3, 2015 4:48 pm
Subject: Post-Katrina Corruption

Dear Mr. Kyle Barnett,

I'd like to tell you about one of the most despicable tales that Hurricane Katrina ever spawned in New Orleans. It's a story that begins with a well-publicized interview that first appeared on CNN and which evolved into issues that federal and state governmental entities (judicial and law enforcement) have succeeded in suppressing for ten years, continuing to this day, despite efforts to get justice.

I am a retired, New Orleans teacher, and my husband, Carl, is a retired biochemistry professor from Tulane University. Because nothing was being done to address the remarkable injustice that involved collusion at the highest echelons, we produced a series of amateur videos that cast light on the plight of former New Orleans attorney Ashton R. O'Dwyer, Jr., who became a political target post-Katrina after he spoke out publicly about the ineptitude and failure of the Louisiana and federal governments to protect the people of the city during and after the hurricane. Although not a perfect person, O'Dwyer's story is one that should be told.

O'Dwyer had also filed the first Katrina class-action lawsuit, which he wrote out by hand and personally delivered to the federal district court, then in Baton Rouge. It named as defendants the local, state and federal agencies and individuals who were responsible for the failures associated with the storm. He was subsequently abducted from his home, falsely arrested and then brutalized at Camp Amtrak (Greyhound Bus Station), the temporary prison set up in New Orleans when the existing prison had to be evacuated. His Katrina "lead" case was then disregarded by the court and replaced by another that was more acceptable to it. What followed has been an ongoing vendetta against him in which local, state and federal government agencies, judges, law enforcement and others have been complicit.

Prior to Katrina, O'Dwyer had been a highly respected maritime lawyer who rarely lost a case. Now, he is still battling in the courts to keep from being permanently disbarred in Louisiana. He had been suspended from practicing in the federal courts and has lost every legal action he had filed, none of

which were allowed to go to a jury. The loss of his livelihood and the cost of court assessments against him have forced him into bankruptcy.

Not long ago, he survived another attempt to "put him away" when he was falsely accused of threatening members of the bankruptcy court. He was arrested and subjected to 34 days of solitary confinement pending a decision in that case. When that case finally came up for consideration, the judges from the Eastern District of Louisiana all recused themselves. A judge from the Western District of Louisiana was brought in to preside over that case, and he dismissed the charges against O'Dwyer, who was then set free. The U.S. government appealed, but the appellate court affirmed the lower court's decision.

Post-Katrina, O'Dwyer resigned from his law firm; nevertheless, Lemle & Kelleher, LLP (now disbanded) later officially fired him for refusing to meet their terms which involved giving up his civil rights as a citizen. You will see that there was more to this action than the stated reason of the firm's embarrassment at his speaking out.

So now he remains physically injured from his maltreatment by law enforcement, disbarred by the federal court, ostracized by his friends and legal colleagues, bankrupt, his St. Charles St. home sold at great loss by the bankruptcy court, and subsisting on his Social Security check. Yet, he is still courageously fighting the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board of the Louisiana Supreme Court, which is attempting to complete its task of destroying O'Dwyer by stripping him of his license to practice law.

The national and Louisiana media have turned a blind eye to O'Dwyer's situation. Not only were his civil rights violently abused, but he had to be silenced. Many sitting judges as well as members of the justice department, district attorney's office, law enforcement, and members of the bar have been complicit in his maltreatment.

I realize that your time is limited. If you can, I suggest that you view the videos that show O'Dwyer's plight. Part IIB below is the longest (almost 40 minutes), but best shows the intricate web of actors who closely interacted to bring about the ongoing abuse of O'Dwyer's civil rights. Kindly consider viewing any or all of the following:

"U.S. Citizen, Ashton R. O'Dwyer, Jr. Part I: Abducted, Brutalized, Tortured, & Falsely Imprisoned" at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tt1gUNKBMQ>

"U.S. Citizen, Ashton R. O'Dwyer, Jr. Part IIA: Conspiracy and Betrayal" at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cR69g-bDLC8>

"U.S. Citizen, Ashton R. O'Dwyer, Jr. Part IIB: Conspiracy and Complicity" at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLYZL6GbwEI>

My husband and I have attempted to portray the growing police presence with which O'Dwyer, in part, was involved during Hurricane Katrina, in the video, "Police State Comes to New Orleans" at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5DgKZioXLM>. See also a related essay with the same title at: http://www.tulanelink.com/stories/o%27dwyer_10a.htm

An essay regarding the Federal government's criminal complaint for which O'Dwyer was placed in solitary confinement (later dismissed by the lower and appellate courts), is "The Malicious Prosecution of Ashton R. O'Dwyer, Jr.", which can be seen at: http://www.tulanelink.com/stories/o%27dwyer_11a.htm.

One of several media interviews with O'Dwyer that appeared post-Katrina was: CNN Live Today, Dan Simon CNN Correspondent, September 9, 2005.

Ashton O'Dwyer himself is in the best position to speak to all of the issues raised above and would surely be ready to provide documentation and any additional information you might want. He can be contacted at: arodjrlaw@aol.com or (504) 812-9185 in New Orleans.

Shirley Bernofsky

2/15/22, 10:20 AM

Fwd: Post-Katrina Corruption

Post-Katrina, Shreveport, Louisiana
(318) 869-3871