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Re: Request for Open Public Hearing, Request for a Public Corruption Investigation from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the Criminal and Receivership Matters of the Case of Mr. Jerry Cox, and Request an Audit of Federal Grant Funds Issued to the County from the Department of Justice to Insure Compliance

Dear Madame/Sirs,

The National Coalition For Men (NCFM) is a 501(c) (3) educational nonprofit corporation established in 1977 and is the nation's oldest men's human rights organization. Our directors, advisors, liaisons, and members are men *and* women from a wide variety of professions across the globe, including, educators, medical professionals, attorneys and retired law enforcement officers.

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NCFM is committed to the removal of gender-based stereotypes, especially as they adversely impact boys, men, their families, and the women who love them.

For the past several months, NCFM has investigated *People of the State of California vs. Jerry Duane Cox* (Case # 13373), as well as the receivership action against him (Case # 10887).

On September 27, 2016, NCFM sent a certified letter to District Attorney Thomas Cooke, asking him to investigate and prosecute Ms. Ashley Harris for her numerous crimes involved with her false allegations of Mr. Cox, as applicable. We also asked DA Cooke to ask the California Attorney General to recover taxpayer dollars misspent persecuting Mr. Cox because of Ms. Harris's false allegations. To date, Mr. Cooke has not had the courtesy to respond to our letter, nor are we aware of any related investigative efforts initiated or directed by DA Cooke.

The cost to county taxpayers in the bungled investigation of Ms. Harris' bogus sexual assault allegations and resulting criminal persecution of Jerry Cox could easily exceed \$1,000,000.00 (one-million) dollars; and, to reiterate, to our knowledge Harris has not been charged for her criminal acts, all of which is outrageous.

In a recent worker's compensation deposition Ms. Harris disavowed under oath that she had ever been the victim of a prior sexual assault. Therefore, her earlier claims of sexual assault to police and prosecutors against Mr. Cox are necessarily false too.

Worse, DA Cooke failed to timely dismiss charges against Mr. Cox even though he knew or should have known Ms. Harris's allegations were false. DA Cooke's failure to timely dismiss charges facilitated the receivership action and seizure of Mr. Cox's 400+ acre ranch for alleged building and safety code violations.

The timeline of events strongly suggests collusion between county employees, elected officials, and others to unethically, if not illegally, purloin Mr. Cox's substantial ranch and business, including - just before the dismissal of criminal charges against Mr. Cox - giving control of Mr. Cox's property to the California Receivership Group (CRG) ostensibly because of unresolved code violations.

Moreover, Mr. Cox's attorneys, engineers and investigators have been denied access to the property. Additionally, there appear to be serious irregularities in procuring and serving search warrants. For example, the 'inspection warrant' served on Mr. Cox's property, not on Mr. Cox, on October 14, 2016 was sealed by the court, which is bizarre and violates the California Code of Civil Procedure, sections 1822.50.

During a recent authorized visit to the property, Mr. Cox found one of his horses missing, perhaps stolen. A veterinarian had to be called to save an emaciated horse covered with cuts, scratches, and deep infected wounds. His barnyard animals were either missing or in disarray. Those remaining were underfed and ill cared for. A once pristine watering trough was unkempt with putrid water. When Mr. Cox went to his shop for things to help his horses, he noticed the shop was damaged too. He took pictures and videoed the abused animals and property damage, as well as CRG security guards using Mr. Cox's facilities and equipment without his authorization, including children enjoying the use of Mr. Cox's supposedly unsafe buildings. Consequently, Mr. Cox filed reports with the sheriff's department about animal cruelty and neglect and damage to his property, apparently by CRG security personnel.

Even so, after the animal abuse, neglect and destruction of Mr. Cox's property, records show CRG submitted expenses for September for nearly \$70,000, including \$25,000 for security.

All of which smells of collusion and cronyism.

Given the history of corruption in Mariposa County, it should come as no surprise the county may be featured in another ABC News 20/20 expose. Mr. Cox's situation and the county's bungling of it will soon receive even more national attention, including revealing the practices of CRG. We assume the Board of Supervisors wants to be seen as responsible county officials and will fully investigate these issues. Especially since Mr. Cox has numerous avenues of redress for his grievances.

Consequently, we ask that the Board of Supervisors to:

- 1) Hold an open public meeting pursuant to The Ralph M. Brown Act, California Government Code, § 549501 et seq. to explain the county's involvement with Mr. Cox, his bungled prosecution, and the highly curious timing of the receivership action.

- 2) Formally ask the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Public Corruption Unit, to investigate the persecution of Mr. Cox and the pilfering of his real and personal property.
- 3) Formally ask the California Attorney General to investigate Ms. Harris for her criminal behavior and violating the California False Claims Act, to recover costs of her false allegations.
- 4) Formally ask the United States Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General, to conduct an inquiry and audit of all federal grants issued to the County of Mariposa for investigation and prosecution related activities of domestic violence and sexual assault allegations to ensure that the county is acting in compliance with all laws, contractual agreements and without bias or discrimination.

NCFM respectfully requests an official letter acknowledging receipt of this correspondence.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harry Crowl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

President

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