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IS DAYTON-WALTHER AN ATOMIC DUMP SITE?

MAYOR GERLACH TO INVESTIGATE

Special Shawnee Sentinel Staff Report

Information was released at the bi-weekly meeting of the Concerned Citizens Group on June 2, 1997, that the soon to be closed Dayton-Walther Corporation Plant site may contain hazardous nuclear radiation material buried on the Charles Street site in Portsmouth.

Damon Fite stated during the meeting that a former employee of Dayton Walther, along with other citizens from Portsmouth have signed notarized statements that claim that self contained canisters marked as containing radioactive material was seen entering the plant over the last 10 years.

The notarized statements were presented to Portsmouth Mayor Frank Gerlach. According to Fite, the mayor has joined the group's effort to investigate this matter.

Mr. Fite stated that he and others had approached the mayor back in 1989 concerning this matter and were told at that time that the men over at Dayton Walther could lose jobs if this information leaked to the press.

The former plant manager Max Behrer was contacted by the mayor concerning the group's concern. According to Mr. Fite the mayor was told by Mr. Behrer that the canisters in question were being utilized to carry out industrial waste, not nuclear waste. The Dayton Walther plant on Charles Street made brake drums for trucks.

The group is questioning why Dayton Walther has a fenced in area behind the old Schaeffer warehouse by the railroad tracks in Portsmouth that has sensors above ground. This area is clearly marked "private property no trespassing".

A description given to Damon Fite by local truck drivers has led him to believe that more than industrial waste is buried at Dayton-Walther. Mr. Fite claimed that he has talked to the truck drivers who brought in dirt that was used to bury the canisters in question. Mr. Fite was told that there were men in the holes covering the canisters with a rubber like substance and then dirt was dumped on top of the rubber.

The men stated to Mr. Fite that they witnessed men in the holes wearing protective clothing from head to toe. After dumping the dirt the truck drivers claim to have been forced to wash their trucks prior to taking them back on the city streets.

The picture below shows part of a large mound of earth on the north side of the Dayton-Walther Foundry. Photo was taken near 8th and Elm Streets behind the old Schaeffer Super Market Warehouse. The mound appears to be more than an acre in size and is enclosed by a high chain link fence. It is believed that radio-active waste is buried here.



A Shawnee Sentinel Staff Photo taken June 1997

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Take time to stop and enjoy the lovely flowers and plants and feast on the loveliness of the beautiful campus grounds.

Also take time to pick up any trash that a hurried person has let fall to the grounds. Former President Frank Taylor always had time to pick up any trash he saw; this might have come from his military training in 'policing the area'.

We have been blessed with a great crew of maintenance and custodial personnel; their accomplishments are superb. Also we must not forget to give plaudits to their capable director, Dan Young, one of the hardest working men on campus.

However, amidst all these good people and the lovely campus that Providence has blessed us with, there are clouds on the horizon. Look up at the sky and you may see the buzzards circling the campus, drawn by the aroma of the evil corruption of those who would take away the God-given rights of their fellow citizens to protect their own evil deeds from coming to the light of day.

During its short life this newspaper has been defended by President Clive Veri and his assistant, and has been befriended by Dr. Gleason, Mr. Young and many, many others; but Vice-President of Student Affairs Larry Mangus has repeatedly attacked the *Shawnee Sentinel*. He has written letters to advertisers, had his henchman, David Edwards call advertisers, and he has personally called on advertisers to stop them from advertising with the *Shawnee Sentinel*. He has damaged us. He has even attempted to run down, with his auto, our former editor A.C. Bennett. Now Larry has duped the Board of Trustees into passing rules denying students rights to legal counsel and infringing upon the distribution of the *Shawnee Sentinel* on campus. The buzzards are circling ♦♦♦

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John Welton, former bursar, SSU

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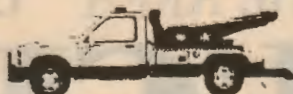
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John Welton told reporters his new trial is slated for Aug. 11, 1997; he is anxious to go to court, and his attorney, Joe Hale, intends to call at least 141 witnesses, including Judge Walter Lytten, Deputy Sheriff/Bailiff Ancil Mark Darby, Sheriff Marti Donini, Attorney Rick Faulkner, Martin Poston, plus SSU Comptroller Joanne Charles, President Clive Veri, Dr. David Gleason, and many others from SSU. Mr. Welton claims that he now has documents that will prove perjury was committed by officers of the Ohio Highway Patrol, by David Creamer, and other SSU personnel. ♦

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* Lieutenant Robert J. Woodford was suspended for three working days from his position as Highway Patrol Lieutenant, effective March 17, 1997, by Mitchell J. Brown, Acting Director of the Highway Patrol.

The suspension was based on investigative reports by Lieutenant B. E. Charles for violations of Section 4501... of the Highway Patrol Rules and Regulations..., and charges, "to wit: it is charged that between approximately November 8, and November 22, 1996, you allowed a vehicle to be parked at the Portsmouth Patrol Post, knowing full well said vehicle was involved in a pending civil matter. Your actions brought discredit on yourself and the Division."

Lt. Charles' investigation was a result of a Jan. 14, 1997 letter to Highway Patrol Colonel Warren Davies from Attorney Barry W. Littrell of the firm of Gallagher, Bradigan, Gams, Pryor & Littrell, L.L.P. of Columbus who wrote, "Dear Colonel: I am writing on behalf of my client, Terry Turner, to register a formal complaint against Lieutenant Bob Woodford.

We strongly believe that Lieutenant Woodford has been misusing his position on the highway patrol to shield his girlfriend (my client's ex-wife) from criminal charges and to actually assist her in keeping property away from my client that lawfully should have been in his possession.".....

Mr. Turner (an auto dealer) told reporters that his ex-wife took an automobile for a test drive in early August and refused to return the car to him; he attempted to file criminal charges but the Sheriff's officers refused to allow him to file. Terry Turner suspected that Lt. Woodford had asked the Sheriff's officers to keep him from filing charges.

Mr. Turner did not recover his auto until December 13, 1996 when a friend spotted it parked behind the patrol post.

Lt. Woodford admitted calling the Sheriff, but only to ask if he were a suspect in the case. He denied that he had attempted to influence the Sheriff's officers.

Lt. Woodford told the investigator, Lt. Charles, how the auto that Mr. Turner was missing came to be on the patrol lot. He said that the lady who had the car brought it to the patrol post, locked it, kept the keys, called her insurance company to transfer coverage to a new car she had purchased at the Pontiac garage in Portsmouth and then after Lieutenant

Woodford got off duty he took the woman to Portsmouth to pick up her new car. Lt. Woodford was not asked, nor did he say what vehicle he and the woman used to travel from the highway post to the Pontiac agency.

Highway patrol records indicate there were two allegations filed against Lt. Woodford. Number 1 charge was that he had used his position as a highway patrol lieutenant to influence the Scioto County Sheriff's Office investigation of the unauthorized use of a vehicle. The patrol determined this was unfounded.

Allegation Number 2 is that Lt. Woodford assisted Melissa Turner in hiding a vehicle owned

by Terry Turner. The patrol records read, "This allegation is founded. It was not completely substantiated. Lt. Woodford attempted to conceal the location of Terry Turner's vehicle, however the vehicle in question was parked at the parking lot of the Portsmouth Patrol Post for two weeks. Lt. Woodford was aware Mr. Turner wanted the vehicle returned and he was also aware Mr. Turner had contacted the Scioto County Sheriff's Office regarding the return of the vehicle. Having this knowledge, Lt. Woodford made no attempt to inform Mr. Turner of the location of the vehicle nor did he have the vehicle removed from the Post parking lot." *



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REPORTER'S TAPE REVEALS EVIDENCE WAS WITHHELD IN SHAWNEE STATE BURSAR'S TRIAL

The *Shawnee Sentinel* has a tape recording of an interview with former Shawnee State University Vice President of Business Affairs, Dr. David Creamer and Joanne Charles, Shawnee State University Controller which, along with discovered documents, brings into question whether substantial evidence was withheld from the enforcement officers and the court by SSU officials and others in the trial of the former SSU bursar John Welton in March 1994.

During the interview with *Shawnee Sentinel* reporter Wally Leedom in April 1995, David Creamer stated, "The prosecutor was willing to, this was the prosecutors determination, the prosecutor was willing to settle for what he perceived to be an assured case." Dr. Creamer stated, "The auditors developed a report on this. They put together their estimate of what it is that they could document that had been taken. They came in and had to attest to the fact that an amount had been taken and it had been taken by somebody and that somebody was John Welton."

During the Welton trial the prosecution gave a list of 29 days in which funds were allegedly missing. Testimony was given by Doug Smith that John Welton was present on all 29 days while his assistant Vickie Grigson was absent on 11 of the 29 days. From this determination Mr. Grimshaw told the jury that Welton was the only one that could be the thief. But during the interview with reporter Wally Leedom, Joanne Charles, Controller for SSU, claims that the dates used in the audit had been found to be in error in numerous cases. Mrs. Charles claims that she was informed by the bonding company adjuster that numerous dates on the audit were dates that Mr. Welton was absent from work based on records from the personnel office of Shawnee State University. Mrs. Charles stated, "A deposit may be dated a particular date example a deposit for Monday may be for work done on a Friday."

The *Sentinel* has reviewed the dates and testimony of the Welton trial and can confirm that this was true on dates in which Mr. Grimshaw told the jury that Mrs. Vicki Grigson was absent. In fact, Mrs. Grigson was present on many of the dates the prosecution claimed that she was absent based on a review of the absence records for Mrs. Grigson in the personnel office and comparing this to the transactions on the deposits for the 29 days used at Welton's trial.

"We put the evidence out. We presented it to the Highway Patrol, we presented it to the prosecutor,and the jury bought it." said Dr. David Creamer, SSU VP of Business Affairs in a recorded interview with the *Shawnee Sentinel* reporter in April, 1995.

".....and the jury bought it."

.....David Creamer, former vice-president of business affairs at Shawnee State University, now a resident of the State of Alaska.

In April of 1995 SSU student reporter Wally Leedom confronted Mrs. Charles and Dr. Creamer with medical records from Southern Ohio Medical Center for dates of discrepancies on the audit report attributed to John Welton during times that Mr. Welton was incapacitated in intensive care immediately following a major surgery. The reporter questioned how Mr. Welton could have stolen money from SSU when he (Welton) was confined to a hospital in critical condition. Dr. Creamer looked at the medical records and threw them back on the desk and stated, "The only people that have ever had to put evidence of everything they said out on the table is us. (pointing at himself and JoAnne Charles) We are the ones that actually had, we don't sit on the sidelines and say this or that. We put the evidence out. We presented it to the Highway Patrol, we presented it to the prosecutor, the state auditor compiled records we gave them, we presented it to the bonding company, everybody who had to determine that this was credible, or they weren't going to do anything they did, and the jury bought it".

The *Shawnee Sentinel* has been investigating the Welton case since the statements above were made. Since that time the *Sentinel* has found proof that the information that Dr. David Creamer first gave to Clive Veri, President of Shawnee State University, concerning the Welton matter was false. Creamer went to President Veri and told him that Welton stole money from former SSU student Joe Hull on May 18th 1993. This money was allegedly used by David Creamer to set Welton up. But the facts now indicate that and Dr. David Creamer, and possibly others, worked to to create a situation to frame Welton. The *Shawnee Sentinel* uncovered a document labeled "Request for Payment" initiated by JoAnne Charles on June 18th, 1993 and approved by Dr. David Creamer to repay the Shawnee State Development Foundation the \$1851.03 that Welton allegedly stole. The money was paid from a scholarship account and the document states that it is to "reimburse the foundation for a student loan".

This repayment was made without the knowledge of the investigating officers of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The transcript of the testimony at the trial in March 1994 by Doug Smith, Ohio State Auditor, shows that he said he could not say that Mr. Welton stole any money. A news release from the Ohio State Auditor's Office in Columbus by auditor spokesman John Conley stated that no money could be traced directly to Welton but that Welton could be liable for the alleged missing funds because of his position at the university.

Dr. Creamer ended his contract with Shawnee State University and moved to Alaska in December 1995 after the *Shawnee Sentinel* published the full and true audit figures. □

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JULY 1997

By Wally Leedom

(The following article is in response to a tip off by Shawnee State University Vice President of Student Affairs Larry L. Mangus.)

Ron Fischer, director of Southern Ohio Growth Partnership, (SOGP) stated in an interview with the *Shawnee Sentinel*, that there are no secrets concerning the spending of public money by the SOGP, and the SOGP is not a secret society. When asked to see the cancelled checks associated with the three quarter million dollars spent from the Clinton Empowerment Zone money, Mr. Fischer became very secretive.

The Greater Portsmouth Enterprise Community Corporation, (GPEC) received \$2.95 million in federal funds in December 1994, after being designated one of 30 enterprise communities in the nation, according to the March 18th, 1995 *Portsmouth Times* editorial.

GPEC awarded the SOGP \$710,784.00 to fund various programs, as disclosed by a document provided by Ron Fischer.

The programs funded include: Small Business Education Center, \$314,000; Microloan, \$150,000; Youth Entrepreneurship, \$93,138; Minority Contractor Financing, \$100,646; Intermediary Relending Program, \$53,000.

In a taped *Shawnee Sentinel* interview in April 1997, at his Bank One office, Ron Fischer advised that part of the money received from GPEC went to pay the salaries for some SOGP employees. Mr. Fischer, at that time, refused the *Sentinel* access to the publicly paid SOGP employees personnel records.

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E.Z. Money

Empowerment Zone Money Secretly Spent by SOGP



Abandoned shoe factory in downtown Portsmouth is home to the SOGP

Fischer also stated that the SOGP is teaching youth entrepreneurship in area high schools.

In follow up contacts, the *Sentinel* spoke with several high school administrators and guidance counselors.

Mr. Doug Aeh of South Webster High School denied involvement with SOGP Youth Entrepreneurship program.

Mr. Walker of Portsmouth High School indicated that one man visited PHS once and talked with the kids, other than that, PHS has not been involved with the SOGP Youth Entrepreneurship program.

Mr. Comer of Valley High School denied involvement with the SOGP Youth Entrepreneurship.

John Boggess of Scioto County Vocational School said that they had met with one representative of SOGP one time, and have had no further involvement.

Other area high schools including Clay, Franklin Furnace, Wheelersburg, New Boston, West, Northwest, and East have all indicated that the SOGP does not teach youth entrepreneurship at their respective schools.

The *Shawnee Sentinel* prepared and delivered a request to Ron Fischers Bank One offices on May 6th, 1997. The request asked for "all copies of all invoices, timesheets and copies of all cancelled checks for expenses for this (Youth Entrepreneurship) program."

Mr. Fischers secretary at Bank One advised the *Sentinel* on May 7th, 1997, that Mr. Fischer would no longer take calls from the *Sentinel*. She further advised that there will be no more one on one interviews with the *Shawnee Sentinel*, and Mr. Fischer will not honor the request for cancelled checks.

SOGP board member Andy Glockner was contacted at Glockner Chevrolet and questioned concerning Mr. Fischers secrecy in spending public money.

Mr. Glockner advised the *Sentinel* that Ron Fischer, (SOGP Chairman of the Board and acting director) has no access to the cancelled checks.

Mr. Glockner indicated that GPEC Chairman Bob Walton would have the cancelled checks.

Friday May 9th, 1997, at 10:30 am, Bob Walton was contacted by telephone by the *Sentinel*. Mr. Walton explained that SOGP received money from GPEC by way of monthly draw downs. Furthermore, SOGP was a sub-contractor to GPEC. The contract was that SOGP would spend the money, do the bookkeeping and take care of the auditing for the money they received from GPEC.

Mr. Walton also explained that SOGP would have the cancelled checks in question.

GPEC board member Phil Prater spoke with the *Sentinel* on Thursday May 8th, 1997. Mr. Prater indicated that the GPEC Board would have no knowledge of the day to day operations of the SOGP. Mr. Prater went on to say that it was his understanding that the money given to SOGP was set aside in a lump sum.

In a call to SOGP board member John Kennard, at his office at American Electric Power, the *Shawnee Sentinel* questioned the secrecy in spending the publics money. Mr. Kennard advised the *Sentinel* that it is "none of your business" how the SOGP spends your money.

Mr. Kennard went on to say that he has no comment.

Attempts by the *Sentinel* to communicate with SOGP board members Mr. Burke of OSCO and Mr. Keating of Mitchellace were unsuccessful.

The *Shawnee Sentinel* has contacted the United States Department of Justice in an effort to broaden the investigation into the secret expenditure of federal tax dollars by the SOGP. ☒☒☒

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#1 Dr. Clive Veri
leaves the state for
New York.

#2 Dr. David Creamer
comes back from
Alaska for trial.

#3 Shawnee Sentinel
files civil rights action
on SSU.

#4 Dr. Larry Mangus'
rulings found
unconstitutional.

#5 Portsmouth City
Council indicted for
election fraud.

#6 Sheriff Donini's
secret police force.

#7 All SOGP records
ordered open to the
public.

#8 SOGP Top Dog,
Ron Fischer leaves
the state for
Lexington, Kentucky.

#9 Vern Riffe Center
for the Performing
Arts is a major money
loser. (All four
graduates are
concerned.)

#10 Dr. Daehler
leaves SSU, has
nowhere to go, goes
to the Brewery Pub to
think about it.

The Portsmouth members of the Sister Cities International were also honored by the Mayor and the City of Columbus. The photo below was taken at the City Hall on April 26. Shawnee State University Professor Julia Coll and Portsmouth High School Spanish teacher Rossanna Riley are pictured front row center.



PROFESSOR WELCOMED AT OHIO STATEHOUSE

Shawnee State University Spanish Professor Julia Coll, and other Scioto County residents were warmly welcomed at the Ohio Statehouse on April 26 by August Pust, the Governor's special assistant for multicultural affairs and international relations, for the Third Annual Conference of the Ohio Sister Cities International.

Dr. Coll, the Sister Cities Coordinator for the State of Ohio and Chair of the conference, was accompanied by Leo Blackburn, (a founding member of the local Sister Cities program), Jerry Bruhn, president of the local Sister Cities committee, his wife Alicia Bruhn, Maxine Malone, and Rossanna Riley, member of the Portsmouth Sister Cities group.

Sister Cities International, as the world's largest citizen diplomacy network, is one of Governor George Voinovich's favorite programs as it has partnerships in 1,992 cities in 123 countries around the world and promotes lasting friendships and communications through a variety of programs.

The Governor has noted the organization doesn't cost the taxpayers anything and is a great boost to world trade opportunities for the citizens of the State of Ohio.

Participation in the Sister Cities programs is open to all. Interested persons may call Julia Coll at 614-355-2599 or E-mail: JColl@Shawnee.edu. ♦

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Letters to the Shawnee Sentinel Editor

Letters to the editor are welcome. Letters must be signed and verified. Please keep letters under 1,200 words. The editor will attempt to print all letters received.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR FROM MR. ED CIRASO

TO THE CITIZENS OF SCIOTO COUNTY.

First I want you to know that the tapes I told you about in the last issue are now in the hands of your county prosecutor, Lynn Grimshaw. Mr. Grimshaw has only had them a few weeks so we must give him time to do or not to do whatever he is going to do (SOMETHING LIKE THAT).

Mr. Grimshaw's first statement was, "I guess you know you have ruined any investigation we could have done by publicly announcing about these tapes." My reply, "Lynn, you wouldn't have done an investigation anyway, you know it and so do I." Next was this statement, "You obviously didn't want anyone prosecuted or you wouldn't have put anything in *THAT PAPER* about these tapes." My reply, "Prosecuted, let's see, you mean like that circus at Portsmouth Municipal Court. Does that mean you can put on a better show than the Kuhns can?" Mr. Grimshaw then stated that Mr. Darby had contacted him on three occasions checking to see if the tapes had reached his office. I wonder why Mr. Darby would give these tapes a second thought. He said they could not exist. Kind of makes you wonder, doesn't it. Mr. Darby claims no connection with known criminals; however, there are documents in this issue that show a property transfer from Ancil M. Darby to James D. Truman dated the same day Mr. Truman was jailed by the drug task force. This means the actual transaction took place before Mr. Truman's arrest. Kind of makes you wonder, doesn't it? But I'm sure that all of this is just coincidence; for those of you who believe in coincidence.

One thing that really bothered me during this meeting with Mr. Grimshaw was he gave me the feeling I was the only person to suggest, let alone provide a tape into evidence (THAT I DIDN'T MAKE) that may show Mr. Darby has criminal connections. This made me wonder. Mr. Grimshaw has years of prosecuting experience plus all kinds of crime fighting resources at his fingertips yet "THIS PIECE OF CORRUPTION" works on the floor below him and nothing has ever been investigated. Kind of makes you wonder, doesn't it. I believe that Mr. Grimshaw has known enough about Mr. Darby to have done an investigation long ago, but chose to turn his head. What has happened is I have exposed Mr. Darby to the public, now see what happens. There is one thing

I have found out for sure since writing my letters to the editor; MARK DARBY IS THE WORST KEPT SECRET IN SCIOTO COUNTY. Now on with Mr. Darby's abusing of citizens and his position.

I was informed by one of the reporters of the Sentinel that within 48 hours after the last issue was released he received a telephone call from Daniel Days, editor of *The Shawnee Sentinel* at that time. Mr. Days called from California where he was visiting his brother. Mr. Days told the reporter that his mother had called him and told him that Mr. Darby had been to her place of employment and was very angry about CERTAIN ARTICLES in the Sentinel. Mr. Days related to the reporter that Mr. Darby's anger was directed towards him by way of his mother.

It must have scared Mrs. Days because she asked Daniel to step down as editor. Mr. Days did step down out of respect for his mother. Since that incident Mr. Days is no longer a student at Shawnee State, the reason was never made clear to the Sentinel reporter.

Upon hearing this, what immediately came to my mind was Mr. Darby was at Mrs. Days's place of employment which was between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. This would put Mr. Darby there during his employment hours as Chief Probation Officer for the county. Once again it appears that Mr. Darby has abused and intimidated another citizen of Scioto County. So here we have Mr. Darby during his working hours and probably driving a county car using his position to try to save himself. I'm beginning to wonder if maybe all this is in his job description or job duties.

I have been told by several sources that Mr. Darby plans to file a tremendous civil suit against me for slandering his good name. If this is true I say to Mr. Darby, "Thank You." Mr. Darby will find it a little harder pushing me around than he did the paper carrier and his lady friend. Mr. Darby will also lack a city solicitor and city prosecutor to help him cover his tracks.

Let's take this situation one giant step forward. Mr. Darby has worked in and around law enforcement for a number of years as I have. I'm sure Mr. Darby is familiar with polygraph tests. I'm also sure he has very high regard for these tests. So, with this in mind, if I'm the liar I've heard Mr. Darby says I am and he being THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER OF SCIOTO COUNTY and as clean as he says he is I request Mr. Darby to submit to a polygraph.

Mr. Darby and I both know that thousands of criminal cases have been dismissed due to polygraphs, we also know that thousands have been prosecuted because of them. This test could be conducted by the Ohio State Patrol.

Mr. Darby can have his attorney there, I will have my attorney there. We will invite Mr. Grimshaw also. Mr. Darby could submit to a drug screen prior to the test so he can not be accused of using some drug to beat or make the test inconclusive. I would like Mr. Darby to answer only two questions.

1. Since becoming chief probation officer and court bailiff to Judge Walter Lytten have you engaged in any activity or relationship that has compromised your position?

2. Since becoming chief probation officer and court bailiff to Judge Walter Lytten have you consumed or taken part in the sale of cocaine, morphine or marijuana?

Now being the high caliber individual that Mr. Darby is (IN HIS OWN EYES) I'm sure he would have NO FEAR of answering those questions. He can then show the world what a liar I am and then SUE-THE-HELL-OUT-OF-ME.

In closing I must bring out a set of facts that further proves that the criminal trial of Mr. Darby was rigged, yes I said rigged. Let's go over how it ended and why.

The defense came up with some ancient city ordinance that stated "Handbills could not be distributed within the city limits." The defense made a motion to dismiss on the grounds that The Shawnee Sentinel was a handbill and not a newspaper. Judge Capper recessed and took their motion to his chambers. He returned in a short while and, "Case Dismissed Due To Lack Of Evidence." The lack of evidence was that the Shawnee Sentinel was now declared a handbill by Judge Capper. We now know that it is illegal for The Shawnee Sentinel to be distributed in the Portsmouth city limits, RIGHT!!! A very strange thing has happened. The Shawnee Sentinel has distributed another issue of its "HANDBILL" all over Scioto County including Portsmouth, The Portsmouth City Building where 'THE TRIAL' took place and The Scioto County Court House. Not a single person distributing the paper was told to stop, nor has anyone been charged for committing this heinous crime. CITIZENS OF SCIOTO COUNTY, THIS SHOULD REALLY MAKE YOU WONDER, "WHAT IS GOING ON?"

Ed Ciraso

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Records from the Scioto County Sheriff's Office indicate that Mr. Truman was booked in at the jail at 1:31 p.m. and released at 1:52 p.m. on the same day of his arrest; he was charged with two counts of drug abuse.

SCIOTO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
Identification & Incarceration Record
04/04/97

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I.D. Number: 97000263

Name: TRUMAN, DONALD, JAMES
Race: W SEX: M DOB: 03/22/53
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EYE: BLU BLD: MED
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Records at the Scioto County Auditor's Office indicate that real property at 2006 6th Street, Portsmouth, Ohio was sold by Ancil Mark Darby to James Donald Truman of 2109 Sixth Street for \$3,000 on the same date, March 21, 1997. (Mr. Darby is bailiff for Common Pleas Court Judge Walter Lytten and is also a deputy for Sheriff Marty Donini.)

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Name on Tax Duplicates Ancil Mark Darby Tax Duplicate Year 96

Acct. or Permanent Parcel No. 22-1307 Map Book Page

Description: Best R/S AN ☐ Platted ☐ Unplatted

AUDITOR'S COMMENTS
☐ Split ☐ New Plat ☐ New Improvements ☐ Partial Value
☐ CAUV ☐ Building Removed ☐ Other

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1. Grantor's Name Ancil Mark Darby

2. Grantee's Name James Donald Truman

3. Address of Property 2006 6th St. Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

4. Tax Billing Address 2109 6th St. Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

5. Are there buildings on the land? ☐ NO ☒ YES If yes check type:
☐ 1, 2 or 3 Family Dwgs. ☐ Condominium ☐ Apartment No. of Units
☐ Manufactured (mobile) home ☐ Farm Buildings ☐ Other

6. If land is vacant, what is intended use?
a. Conditions of Sale (Check all that apply): ☐ Grantor is a Relative ☐ Part Interest Transferred ☐ Land Contract
☐ Trade ☐ Life Estate ☐ Leased Fee ☐ Leasehold ☐ Mineral Rights Reserved ☐ GR
☐ Grantor is Mortgagee ☐ Other

7. a) New Mortgage Amount (if any) \$3,000
b) Balance Assumed (if any) \$0
c) Cash (if any) \$0
d) Total Consideration (Add Lines 7a, 7b and 7c) \$3,000
e) Portion, if any, of total consideration paid for items other than real property \$0
f) Consideration for real property on which fee is to be paid (if none, \$0)
g) Name of Mortgagee James Donald Truman
h) Type of Mortgage ☐ Conv. ☐ FHA ☐ VA ☐ Other

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I DECLARE UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THIS STATEMENT HAS BEEN EXAMINED BY ME AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF IT IS A TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE STATEMENT.

DATE 3-21-97 SIGNATURE OF GRANTEE OR REPRESENTATIVE [Signature]

RECEIPT FOR PAYMENT OF CONVEYANCE FEE

conveyance fee required by section 318.54 (F) (3) R.C. and, if applicable, the fee required by Chapter 322 R.C. in the total amount of \$3,000 has been paid by [Signature]

by the SCIOTO County Auditor.

DATE 3-21-97 SP DAVID GREEN COUNTY AUDITOR

MAN ARRESTED FOR DRUG ABUSE PAYS \$3,000 TO DEPUTY SHERIFF / BAILIFF FOR REAL ESTATE ON SAME DAY HE WAS ARRESTED

DRUG CHARGES DISMISSED SIX DAYS LATER

Shawnee Sentinel Staff Report

Forty-four year old Donnie Truman of 2109 Sixth Street, Portsmouth, was arrested at about 8:30 a.m. on Friday the 21st of March, 1997 by officers from the Southern Ohio Law Enforcement Drug Task Force, according to a front page article and photograph by Martin Poston, reporter for the *Daily Times*, which appeared on March 22, 1997. The article by Mr. Poston indicated that Police Lieutenant Charles Horner had told him (Poston) that some of the information leading to the arrest of Mr. Truman had been acquired following the arrest of John Randy Callihan in Warren County, Ohio on March 14, 1997.

According to official documents Mr. Truman purchased, for \$3,000, on the same day of his arrest, real property at 2006 Sixth Street, from Mr. Mark Darby, a deputy sheriff and bailiff; six days later all charges were dismissed against Mr. Truman. (2006 Sixth Street appears to be a vacant lot) Mr. Truman was represented in court by John W. Thatcher; Mr. Mark Kuhn was attorney for the state. Document copies are shown on this page.

Below is copy of document from Clerk of Portsmouth Municipal Court

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Defendant: Truman Donald J Soc. Sec. #: [REDACTED] DOB: 03-22-53.
Atty: JT Thatcher, John W N. Pros.: MK Kuhn, Mark
Violate Code: 2925.11 Desc: DRUG ABUSE Degree F5, Net Fine:

Hearing Date: 03-27-97. Time: 11:00AM Type P Cont From: 03/25/97.
Warrant Date: [REDACTED] Type: [REDACTED] Returned?
Summon Date: [REDACTED] How?: [REDACTED] Returned?
Convict Date: 03-27-97. Plea: DISMISSED Bond Amt: [REDACTED] SURETY
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Happy Hour **CLOCK** Ladies Nite
4 - 6 PM Mon - Thur 9TH & FINDLAY ST PORTSMOUTH, OH Tuesday 6 - 11 PM

My name is Dr. Joseph Varacalli. I am employed by the Portsmouth City Schools. I have been requested by John Welton to provide this affidavit concerning a conversation I participated in at John Welton's home. This conversation was between myself, John Welton and Rick Faulkner.

To the best of my recollection, it was around the middle to the end of April, 1995, when I decided to stop by and visit John Welton at his home. This occurred during a lunch break from work. I wanted to stop and see how John and his family were doing since his release from prison. I have known John and his brother for eighteen years.

During our conversation, maybe 5 to 10 minutes into it, Rick Faulkner arrived. I asked Rick if he wanted me to leave. He said, "No, sit still." We carried on a casual conversation at first but then the conversation was focused on a letter that John had written to a local newspaper. Rick appeared aggravated with John and made the following statement to John: "I know you want to prove to the whole world what we know, but you have to do it my way." Rick then stated, "John wants to prove to everyone all the lies told on him but he didn't understand it would take time." That comment intrigued me and led me to interject the following question to Rick. "What do you mean that lies were told on John?" Rick responded that he had available proof that John did not steal money from Shawnee State University.

This was very confusing to me because I was aware that John had come back and stated that he lied and stole, so I asked the next question to John. "Why the hell did you come back here and say you stole money and lied if you could prove you didn't do it?" John stated, "Joe, Grimshaw was threatening Mike with charges that were lies unless I came back and read that statement. If you don't believe me ask my lawyer right there." So, I asked Rick if it was true and he said, "he just told you the truth". John then instructed Rick to tell me the whole story. It was very detailed and I will summarize what I remember.

Rick said that Lynn Grimshaw had called him in his office in late August of 1994 and told him that if Mike Welton continued to try to prove John's innocence that Grimshaw would use his position as prosecutor to seek an indictment of obstruction of justice against Mike Welton. He told me that he had shared the information with John, Mike and John's family and that knowing what he knew about how political this case was, that he took the threat very serious. Serious enough that he informed the judge of the case. But according to Rick, the judge didn't seem to believe him. The judge's response after being told was, "if Welton comes back here for trial and loses I'll guarantee he will get the maximum sentence allowed by law". Rick told me that he shared this with John and his family.

Rick then told me about how just before John was to be paroled in September of 1994, that Grimshaw had made a phone call to get John's parole revoked. He said it was at that point that he felt that for John's safety and the safety of his family he advised that John come back here and confess. Rick told me that he was the one that typed the statement read by John in court, not John, and that the words I stole, I lied and I'm sorry, were ordered written in by Lynn Grimshaw after John had been brought back to Scioto County for the hearing and that if John did not write those words, that Grimshaw would do as he said, and that Mike Welton may have been charged with a bogus, trumped up charge. After John wrote the words, Rick said that Grimshaw gave his word that no more threats of charges would be made.

Other things were discussed but I feel that this basically covers the most important areas of that conversation. I was a participant in this conversation for approximately 30 minutes and then left to go back to work. Later that week, Mike Welton confirmed to me that the threats Rick told me about were true.

What I have stated above is what transpired.

Sincerely,

Joseph Varacalli, Ph.D.
Joseph Varacalli, PH.D.

Joseph Varacalli, after being first duly cautioned, swore to the best of his ability that the statements set forth in this affidavit are true.

Joseph Varacalli
Joseph Varacalli

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this 27 day of October, 1995.

James G. Humphrey
Notary Public



JAMES G. HUMPHREY
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 9-28-99

WELTON MYSTERY CONTINUES SECRET TAPE RECORDINGS MAY SUPPORT BURSAR

A special investigative report by the Shawnee Sentinel Staff -

Shawnee State University Bursar John Welton's family was allegedly being threatened by a local law official prior to Mr. Welton's confession in Scioto County Common Pleas Court in January 1995.

At that time (Jan. 1995) Mr. Welton was a state prisoner, serving a one year sentence for alleged theft while bursar at SSU and had been returned to Scioto County Common Pleas Court to face additional charges filed after his conviction in March, 1994.

The court has been provided an affidavit by a witness who swears he was present during a discussion with Mr. John Welton and his attorney Rick Faulkner in April of 1995 at which time Mr. Faulkner confirmed to this individual that threats were made against Mr. Welton's family.

The Shawnee Sentinel has a copy of the affidavit from the Welton court file. The affiant was Portsmouth City School Principal Dr. Joseph Varacalli and the document was filed with the court by John Welton along with a motion for a new trial in October 1995.

Why the hell did you come back here and say you stole money and lied if you could prove you didn't do it?Joseph Varacalli, Ph.D.

The affidavit by Dr. Varacalli may be supported by a secret tape recording; there is information that a tape recording may exist that includes a discussion between Mr. Welton and Attorney Rick Faulkner discussing the alleged threats made by Lynn Grimshaw, Scioto County Prosecutor.

When contacted at his home Mr. Welton told reporters that they should contact his attorney, Joseph Hale, for any comments about this issue, and any other issues that surround his court cases.

Attorney Joseph Hale refused to confirm or deny the existence of tape(s) in the Welton case. Mr. Hale stated, "It's always been my policy to not discuss pending cases in the press and that's still my policy."

Despite numerous calls to the office of Attorney Rick Faulkner reporters have been unable to communicate with Mr. Faulkner and he has not returned their many calls to his office.

"When the people of Scioto County see this new information it will become crystal clear why Grimshaw threatened me, and my family,"
.....Mike Welton, math instructor

Mike Welton, brother of John Welton, confirmed to the Shawnee Sentinel that he was told by Attorney Rick Faulkner of threats being made against him (Mike Welton) by Mr. Lynn Grimshaw beginning in August of 1994. Mike Welton stated that he began receiving threats after he purchased a full copy of the Ohio State Auditors Report in his brother's case.

"Ever since I bought the audit Grimshaw has been upset with me. He knows; and I know that what is contained in the full audit proves that my brother was sent to prison for something that did not happen, and when the people of Scioto County see this new information it will become crystal clear why Grimshaw threatened me, and my family," stated Mike Welton.

When asked about the alleged tapes, Mike Welton stated, "Faulkner knows what he told me, John, and our family. I don't believe he will need his memory refreshed about what he told John in April or what he told me in his office concerning Mr. Grimshaw's threats toward me and my family. Ever since my brother's release from prison he has been known to carry a tape recorder with him at all times to protect himself."

On the left is a copy of the affidavit by Dr. Joseph Varacalli. ♦ ♦ ♦