

5/24/2009

James Goodman

Schuylkill County District Attorney
Schuylkill County Courthouse
401 North 2nd Street
Pottsville, PA 18237

Dear Mr. Goodman,

I am requesting that your office investigate the office of Thomas Callaghan, District Mining Manager and the Pottsville District Mining Office.

I allege that Thomas Callaghan; Richard J. Lamkie, Chief Explosives and Safety; Richard Parsons and Dennis Whitaker, Esq. are guilty of government corruption, fraud and conspiracy to obstruct justice in connection with this investigation.

Enclosed is a brief description of the series of events that led to this complaint:

- ❖ On January 31, 2003 my home was illegally blasted during a state mandated sewer installation. There were two blasts done on that day less than fifteen feet away from my foundation by Marks Contracting LTD.
- ❖ My family reported this crime to the Pottsville District Mining Office on January 31, 2003. DEP suspended blasting on that day and started an investigation. The investigation was led by Richard J. Lamkie, Chief Explosives and Safety; Richard Parsons and Dennis Whitaker, Esq.
- ❖ For the first six months of that investigation DEP claimed that they were investigating our damage claims. The contractor, Marks Contracting LTD lied and denied blasting on that day. DEP never investigated anything and lied to my family.
- ❖ Months after January 31, 2003 Marks' finally admitted to blasting on that day but to only one of the two blasting sites. They also refused to release the raw blast roll for January 31, 2003. Immediately after that blast I had witnessed what was on that raw blast roll in the seismograph. I reported this several times to DEP.
- ❖ The attorneys' representing Marks finally released the missing raw blast roll to DEP and I immediately requested a copy of that seismograph roll. DEP agreed but refused to surrender my copy until the investigation was complete.
- ❖ Years went by and DEP refused to turn over this raw blast roll while trying to alienate themselves from my family. Finally I discovered the RTKL and tried for years to recover this raw blast roll record that I was promised years ago.
- ❖ DEP and the office of Thomas Callaghan, P.G. made a mockery of this old RTKL; refusing to answer for months while forcing me to write his office time after time; this turned into a part time job for me.

- ❖ Out of frustration I sent a letter demanding that I be contacted while highlighting the parts previously ignored my Mr. Callaghan in red. In April 5, 2007 I was advised that his office did not have the record; over four years after I first requested this raw roll blast record.
- ❖ Realizing that the PA DEP lied once again to me I resubmitted that original request wanting to make sure that DEP did in fact lie to me and that no one outside of his office had this record.
- ❖ Thanks to the new RTKL within months I have a signed affidavit from Thomas Callaghan, P.G. stating that "...such records do not exist within our agency".
- ❖ This has had a devastating effect on my family. We have been forced to live in a partially remolded home that was frozen in time because of this corrupt investigation for over six years.

Recently the McAdoo Sewer Authority has won a court order through default to force me into digging up the ground where this illegal activity occurred.

I notified the court of this before judgment was rendered but must have failed to file my motion correctly because this fact was ignored. I am forbidden to contact the McAdoo Borough Solicitor.

I am requesting that your office postpone this court order, if possible to grant my family enough time to collect the evidence that is only recently been released by the PA DEP.

Sincerely,

Steven Dreyer

Enclosures

cc: John Hanger, Secretary, PA DEP
David G. Argall, 29th State Senatorial District
Robin M. Hittie, Chief Counsel State Ethics Commission
Terry Mutchler, Office of Open Records