August 28, 2012

Thomas E. Perez, Asst. Attorney General Office of Civil Rights
Criminal Division
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P.O. Box 66108
Washington, DC 20535-6018

Re: Criminal Complaint against SPD Officer Alan Edwards for Official Misconduct (18 U.S.C. § 241, 18 U.S.C. § 242)

Dear Mr. Perez:

I just learned that my original letter and complaint was not delivered. Lam sending a copy of my originals.

Since I wrote this initial letter I have learned that the Sheriff of Spokane County, Ozzie Kenzovich, is seeking the review of the Spokane County Prosecutor's Office to charge me with *making false statements to a public servant*. I believe this action is a direct threat; meant to intimidate me and was done under the color of authority – 18 USC 242.

This case stems from an internal affairs complaint made against SO Det. Doug Marske by my client involving Brady related issues. The SO largely ignored my client's complaint. I pursued on behalf of my client her original complaint. In my opinion this threat of bringing a criminal charge against me has a very chilling effect on citizens who would otherwise attempt to hold members of the LE community accountable. There was no MATERIAL misstatement of fact that was not immediately corrected when brought to my attention nor was any miscommunication on my part ever INTENTIONAL.

Based on my professional experience, training and education I believed that there was information of potential police misconduct and or abuse that warranted investigation. This was lead info that needed to be verified by the Sheriff's Office in doing an INVESTIGATION. The Citizens of this County should not be at their own peril for failing to dot their "i's" or "t's" in bringing such lead info to the Sheriff.

There is now another case where the veracity of Det. Marske is now in question. Det. Marske has an incidental role in the Otto Zehm case. AUSA Tim Durkin of DOJ's trial team is aware of this information.

I would normally give great credibility to and defer to law enforcement and deputy prosecutors' statements from my own experience. HOWEVER based upon my own firsthand knowledge of the local culture and behavior of our criminal justice system, I CAN NO LONGER do this.

There are too many cases where local system professionals have crossed the line. Either they have committed unethical, unprofessional and or criminal actions to either gain convictions and or aided in concealing police misconduct and abuse. They have done this with impunity because there is little fear of retribution and or sanction.

We are a nation, ... "of laws, not of men" (John Adams)

NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW - not even the law enforcers.

copy of Original Ob. 28.7. Sincerely, Ronald J. Wright