

Dear Mr. Pressman;

March 13th, 2017

My name is Robert A. Gibbs. Please give your full attention to this letter as it relates to numerous Federal Civil rights actions I will be soon pursuing against the County under 42 U.S.C. §1983. I will be very direct with you Mr. Pressman; please do not discount what I say without serious thought. I am not a frivolous man and this letter is sent in good faith as fair warning, while there is still time for the County to take evasive action. Mr. Pressman, while it is the clear jurisdiction of the District Attorney to decide who is charged with a crime, it is the responsibility of the County attorney to minimize liability to the County. This responsibility should not end at the District Attorney's door and if actions taken by the Sheriff's and/or D.A. are very soon to blow up in the County's face. I thought you might want to know. Actions like false arrest (that complicate prior false arrests), civil harassment, invasion of privacy, illegal wiretap, malicious prosecution, retaliation, Constitutional violations etc. etc. These are but a few of the grounds for federal action I have. Mr. Pressman, I am sure people have threatened to sue the County before and I am sure you are not concerned... yet. Mr. Pressman, not taking me seriously would be a huge mistake. I have no law degree, in fact, I never even went to college, but Mr. Pressman I do have one talent: I know how to defend myself against false arrest in the federal courts. Just because your D.A. is comfortable that there have been no improprieties in my case does not mean they are not dead wrong. It is very easy to become blind to your liabilities when you are rarely challenged and even then only challenged by your inferiors. Mr. Pressman, such an attitude can leave you very off-balance and extremely vulnerable to attack by someone with more than simple, casual knowledge of the law. Quite simply, Mr. Pressman, Shasta County has had rule of the roost for a very long time and it is used to prosecuting people who do not know how to fight back. Mr. Pressman, I know how to fight back.

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Mr. Pressman, I will be honest with you. I'm going to Sue the County no matter what evasive actions you take now. I have suffered defamation of character, 18 months incarceration in this haunted house you call a jail, a very vicious and invidious prosecution (read: dog-pile - witch-hunt), alienation of affection from my daughter, loss of property (from numerous burglaries occurring to my home while I have been unjustly incarcerated), denial of meaningful bail, abuse and neglect in the Jail etc. etc. etc. etc.

Mr. Pressman, this letter is to inform you that in addition to the hundreds of thousands and quite possibly millions of Dollars I will soon be seeking from the County, I will also seek \$250,000⁰⁰ for each felony conviction I am forced to suffer unduly as well as \$250,000⁰⁰ for every strike and \$250,000⁰⁰ for any commitment (no matter how short) to state prison. These costs you can add to the tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands you are currently spending to incarcerate and prosecute me, Mr. Pressman, this witch-hunt is becoming prohibitively expensive and were not even talking about the political fall-out. Mr. Pressman, make no mistake, the D.A.'s' chances before a Jury are poor at best. They have been counting on a plea agreement this entire time. While they believe they have good cases against me, they are simply under-estimating how disgusted a Jury will be at what the Sheriff and D.A. have done in my case. Entrapment, Over-charge, rush to Judgment, dishonesty, mis-application of the law etc. They are severely over-playing their hand here, Mr. Pressman. Someone with more brains than balls should suggest to them that perhaps now is a good time to walk away. You keep doubling down, Mr. Pressman, and sooner or later everyone gets burned. They think they are doing their job? of course they do, but Mr. Pressman, it's not their job to waste a cool million (or more) to persecute a man who is probably guilty of no more than a misdemeanor or two. The administration of Justice

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must be very expensive in your county (if my case is any example). Mr. Pressman, I have offered Stephanie Bridgett an easy way out: reassign Dep. D.A. Ben Hanna so a meaningful negotiation can begin or simply offer me a slightly better plea offer than what is on the table now. My main objection is strikes and a prison sentence. The County simply doesn't deserve it. I am in jail because the sheriffs were incompetent and overzealous and the D.A. has had their head in the sand. Do you think they want to admit that the sheriffs have played them as tools this entire time? This is what happens when a D.A. does not vet the charges before bringing them. This is what happens when a D.A. cares more about winning than truth. If this County insists upon going out on a limb, I may feel compelled to cut through that limb. As it stands now, the county is probably looking at suits against the sheriffs, the D.A., the Jail, the Superior Court, the Conflict defender, C.F.M.G. etc. Do we really need to go into overtime? A wise man once said: A wise man is good, good too is a man willing to listen to wise counsel, but he who is neither wise himself, nor willing to listen to wise counsel can find that litigation is costly. My best advice, Mr. Pressman, is that we all put on our big-boy pants and find a meaningful resolution to this legalistic mess. I will meet Stephanie Bridgett halfway but she had better start negotiating in good faith. Maybe you could remind her that compromise makes the world go 'round.

Sincerely,
Robert A. Gibbs