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DOJ Behind Jailing Whistleblower Jim Jones in June Using Criminally Obtained Divorce Decree

Using the very same 2011 Decree of Divorce as the basis for a tax case that began in 2012, the DOJ is now once again behind the liberal divorce lawyer and ex-wife who "criminally obtained" the Decree between 2003 and 2012 in jailing Jones. After 12 years, Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge Michael Fleenor gave Jim Jones 7 days to pay \$50,000 and begin paying \$5,000 a month to his ex-wife, who embezzled \$7 million with the help of her lawyer and IRS agents during the same timeframe, or face 12 months in jail.

Jones had six divorce lawyers quit his case without saying a word about the crimes and asked Fleenor for a fraud hearing on the Decree the same day, but his request was not allowed.

After conducting his own two-day divorce hearing in September 2010, Judge Charles Smith advised Jones in October 2011 to appeal the Decree if he did not agree with his opinion. Judge Smith walked Jones through his letter opinion with John Huntington, Esq., in chambers, explaining his dilemma regarding the lack of proof about marital assets. The fact is there was no marital estate, yet the court awarded his wife a \$1.4 million judgment against a fictitious car collection her lawyer told her to make up and real estate Jones did not own and had never owned. Before the ink was dry, Huntington gave the decree to the IRS, who used it as the basis for a criminal tax case. Their own agent had been fired from the divorce in 2007.

Jones's appellate lawyer, Charles Powers of Richmond, abruptly quit a few weeks before the opening brief was due after reviewing the file, proclaiming the divorce was a "criminal matter and cannot be involved," leaving the Court of Appeals without the brief, explanation, or any report against Huntington.

During the June 7 hearing, Jones was without a lawyer and told Fleenor he could not comply with the order and that this matter was related to the tax case under appeal. Jones also mentioned he was a witness against Huntington and his ex-wife in the tax case, stating, "When you sift through all the allegations in the tax case, at the bottom you find these two," referring to Huntington and Karen Jones. When Karen Jones testified in November's tax case, she lied under oath again about Falling Branch Properties, LLC, and a car collection her lawyer told her to make up.

The \$1.4 million judgment in the Decree was appealed on May 18, 2012, due to revelations from that time from Powers, lawyer number seven. Before Jones could finish the process by paying his \$500 appeal bond, he was jailed by Huntington for child support during that trip to the courthouse to pay the bond. No payments were due, as Huntington had not posted anything to Jones's credits in his own fabricated worksheets. In fact, Jones had overpaid \$195,556 by then when accounting for the errors in the Decree that his six lawyers quit over. This was all based on several structured frauds dating back to 2003 and does not include the fact that Karen Jones made four times his paycheck nor embezzled from his family for years.

The appeal was dismissed because no opening brief was filed. Jones was unaware that 35 of his 39 exhibits in his record at the Montgomery Courthouse were lost by the time the file reached the Court of Appeals in Richmond, as noted by their Clerk in April 2012 upon returning the file. Jones objected to the \$1.4 million judgment in five pages of errors at a time when the DOJ did not present anything in November. Jones showed Fleenor those for Huntington did not.

The DOJ also drew the pay discrepancy out of Karen Jones in November, lying once again. Her November 17, 2023, press release, not distributed until recently, describes the real facts. Jones had to address these questions to IRS Criminal Agent Karen Deer, who appeared at a Juvenile and Domestic Court hearing on December 11, 2012, at Huntington's invitation.

Deer told Judge Robert Viar that Jones was a "target" in a criminal investigation. Deer summoned Jones and all witnesses that day, which was not publicized. When Jones went to see Deer on the last day of 2012, he was confronted with the Decree data, which he explained, letting her know her boss was part of that ruse and had been fired from the divorce. Deer did get to hear from Jones's five witnesses on the 11th and again on April 15, 2013, which explained all the frauds. His CPA was one, as well as a car owner whose pictures found their way into his wife's

divorce book for court. He purchased it in 1967 in Salem and never sold it. All of this was Huntington's idea, later confirmed by Deer's boss, Walter C. Jones, until he was fired. All of this was moot, as Jones had been permanently disabled by 2008.

Deer was conveniently absent in November.

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After Jones noted the frauds in the 2012 appeal, that was the end of the property judgment matters until now. The U.S., however, has them "stuck on their shoe," so to speak. The entire U.S. case is constructed on these frauds and ruses. Huntington was trying to pry the lid off the matter in November in this June 7 case, which has been "top secret" ever since. Jones had been a U.S. witness against Huntington and his wife since 2012. Jones had a court reporter on June 7 and appealed the matter to the Virginia Court of Appeals. He was previously advised and now ordered not to have contact with them, creating quite the dilemma. More importantly, he has been waiting on the November trial transcript of Karen Jones, which is now filed with his appeal.

These cases in Montgomery County are under CL06-5230000, CL06-523-01, and Court of Appeals CAV 112524, where Jones has filed several supporting affidavits as part of the appeal regarding his current jail sentence. His Divorce Decree is "pretty erroneous."

Jim Jones is a Whistleblower in other U.S. cases dating back to 2008 that reach very far and high in Washington, D.C. He confidentially reported a "Ruse of the Century" within the government, where he was a DOJ contractor until 2012, to the appropriate authorities. He waits for the day he can tell that story in U.S. District Court in Roanoke, as he was investigating the U.S. throughout his tax trial and afterward until May, now in possession of real facts.

At Jones's sentencing in May, United States District Court Chief Judge Michael F. Urbanski wondered to himself, "Something went on in 2008," as he discussed matters with lawyers and a recent tyranny case out of New Mexico by one of his college classmates. Jones's Federal Public Defender, Benjamin Schiffelbein, and Randy Cargill advised Jones against saying anything, YET the DOJ demanded that Jones not bring up the fact in trial that the U.S. had put him out of business in May 2008 nor ever paid Lifeline for its services.

Jones did testify in November that the U.S. put 4,032 other Virginia healthcare providers out of business in 2008. He did not mention that the U.S. then sued providers over fictitious overpayments, the IRS immediately levied them within days, told them they had to re-enroll all over again with Medicare, and that an IRS Revenue Officer lied to them when she came out to visit after six months of waiting for a return call. Not mentioned was that she took \$330,000 when she came to Lifeline and never posted it. The IRS National Tax Advocate was testifying to Congress in 2008-2009 about Jones's saga from a nationwide dilemma, and every detail in her reports he experienced was inaccurate.

A November U.S. witness, a notary from Sint Maarten, testified at trial that Jones did not own any apartment there. The U.S. touched upon a 2011 official request but did not disclose it at trial, where they specifically asked about Jones and an apartment, and the Sint Maarten authority confirmed on December 7, 2011, that Jones did not own such an apartment. Not disclosed was that Jones was already a witness against all but one of the U.S. witnesses in November long before the trial.

Jones's U.S. case was immediately appealed.

Jones had to balance his defense with Judge Michael Fleenor regarding his order not to have witness contact or discuss the case. Fleenor, a former Democratic Commonwealth Attorney from Pulaski until a few years ago, was new to this matter. The law for criminal contempt is seven days to pay, but in the civil world, it is set a date six months in the future to comply, then come back to explain why someone cannot comply with an order. The fact is the Civil Rights Division of the DOJ issued a series of "Dear Colleague" letters in 2016, 2020, and 2021 warning state courts to stop using incarceration in civil cases as an option for coercion, as it is unconstitutional. This was the underlying cause of the Ferguson, Missouri, riots. Debtors' prisons were long ago eliminated.

The fact is Judge Fleenor was supposed to appoint Jones a lawyer, conduct a financial survey, determine if he could comply with an order, and hold a fraud case under SS 8.01-428 (A)(B)(D). One would think Karen Jones would have mentioned an apartment in her divorce, but none is. In fact, in never-before-seen 2008 interrogatories, she denied any knowledge of such. In her three years of divorce planning with Huntington, none was ever mentioned. Jones immediately noticed the court for a fraud hearing on April 15, 2024, and came prepared to expose all on June 7.

Fleenor was not allowing a collateral attack that day. Jones filed a Motion for Reconsideration, which he has not heard about before reporting to jail.

Huntington and Fleenor skipped over SS 20-107.3(K)(1) regarding setting a date certain to transfer any jointly owned property or payment of a monetary award and went to (K)(2), which punishes as contempt of court any willful failure to pay or comply. There was never any jointly owned property in this marriage; it was a fraud on the court. Their entire \$1.4 million judgment is based on a huge crime, as Jones is told by his lawyers after the appeal and into 2019.

Why Huntington waited 12 years to complain is the real question. After the June 7 hearing, Jones had his paperwork in a few hours on a Friday afternoon, expedited via email, including the order, a few letters from Huntington, a Disposition Notice to Report to Jail on June 14 unless \$50,000 is paid beforehand, and a new bill from Huntington. In the new \$3,349 bill dated June 7 are details about his conferences with Francesca Bartolomey at the DOJ beginning on March 19. On March 21, Huntington filed the Notice and Motion for the hearing. They visited again on May 15, which he itemized. There was a hearing to reopen the matter on April 15 and set a date of June 7.

Now we know the answer: instead of using the IRS as he did from 2005 to 2013, now he has conspired with the DOJ to further the cause against Jones. Judge Fleenor may or may not be aware but skipping over all the DOJ Civil Rights Division guidance and (K)(1) raises some serious questions. These people will stop at nothing to follow through with their agenda.

All of this is a new meaning to aiding and abetting, DOJ style. This is an almost 19-year-old conspiracy with the IRS and 15-year-old one involving the BIG complaint. The tax fact is there was no tax withheld and not sent, anything else is a bald face lie. Lifeline was targeted, ambushed, not paid, and put out of business in 2008. Our news archive has more on the history. Six Affidavits at the courthouse and Virginia Court of Appeals explain the Decree and errors in marital versus separate versus fictitious property.

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