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## **Press Release**

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### **Lifeline Ambulance CEO Jim Jones is in jail for civil contempt**

Lifeline Ambulance CEO Jim Jones is in jail for civil contempt related to a criminally obtained \$1.4 million judgment from his divorce. This judgment was based on fabricated claims about real estate and a car collection, orchestrated by his ex-wife and her divorce lawyer with help from an IRS agent.

From 2003 to 2011, Jim faced a long and difficult divorce process. Seven lawyers quit over five years without informing the judge. His wife's lawyer directed her to make false claims during three years of divorce planning, from 2003 to 2007. Jim had no legal representation during his two-day divorce hearing in September 2010, as no lawyer was willing to help after reviewing the case file. He was advised to appeal by the trial court a year later.

A year later, Jim hired lawyer #7 for the appeal, but within two weeks, that lawyer quit, stating, *"This is a criminal matter, and I can't be involved."* This occurred just three weeks before the opening brief was due in the Court of Appeals for Virginia. The lawyer did not notify the Court of Appeals or the trial judge about the crimes, despite being required to do so under court rules and the rules of professional conduct. All the lawyers involved were obligated to report the wife's lawyer to the trial judge and the State Bar, but none mentioned a word to Jim; they abandoned him and ran. He currently sits in jail for civil contempt related to crimes committed by his ex-wife and her divorce lawyer with the help of the IRS. They hired an IRS official in 2005 to help embezzle from Lifeline and his separate estate during the divorce, fabricating assets to obtain a \$1.4 million judgment that caused seven lawyers to quit his divorce case without reporting the crimes. This situation stems from the actions of his ex-wife, her divorce lawyer, and an IRS agent from 2003 to 2011.

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