

December 16, 2022

Honorable Judge P.K. Holmes  
Judge Isaac C. Parker Federal Building  
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Honorable Judge Holmes:

I am writing this letter in hopes of bringing your attention to the criminal acts of Former FBI Agent Robert Cessario. It is my understanding that you are the presiding Judge over the sentencing of Cessario that will be held in your courtroom on January 5, 2023.

My experience with Agent Cessario began in late 2015 following the death of my daughter, Jillian Grace Lewis. She died in Texas of a multiple drug overdose. The primary drug was Fentanyl which was determined to be above a lethal level. Jillian had been taken to Texas by a patient of Dr. James M. Hawk of Harrison, Arkansas. Hawk had a long running and storied reputation of overprescribing. Records showed that the patient with Jillian at the time of her death was being prescribed 2000 milligrams of Fentanyl, 5400 milligrams of oxycodone, and 6000 milligrams of morphine monthly by Hawk. This had been going on for over 5 years. Shortly after her death, I began to receive calls and messages from various individuals who wanted to share with me about what was going on with Hawk and Sullivan (the man who took Jillian to Texas). Being concerned, I hired a private investigator and together we began to look into what was going on in Harrison. In December 2015, I was contacted by an individual named Brandon Lee. Brandon was known to me as a pill seeker. Brandon told me that he had heard that I was checking into things going on and that he had been working with Cessario as an informant and that Cessario wanted to meet with me to find out what I knew and to let me know that he was investigating matters of sex trafficking in Carrol and Boone Counties. According to Lee, Cessario had a number of video recordings that he had obtained of girls like Jillian who would give themselves up sexually in exchange for drugs. Admittedly, I believed what he was telling me and became eager to hear what Cessario had to tell me. However, a meeting never came and after a few weeks, Lee advised me that Cessario had accidentally erased the recordings.

Before I go further, allow me to mention that I did have a phone conversation with Cessario in late December 2015. He called me late one evening and wanted to meet me. He was threatening that if I persisted to investigate matters, it would not end well for me. He wanted to meet with me that evening and said he would find me. Honestly, it scared the crap out of me. I mention that incident because I do have phone records that will prove that he did in fact contact me. Additionally, I have phone records that would establish that Lee did in fact have a relationship with Cessario and there were frequent communications. For several months thereafter, we continued to see things that would cause my investigator and I to believe that Cessario, along with a handful of local Law Enforcement Officers had some sort of hand in what was going on with Dr. Hawk. We were able to get the attention of the USAPA office and had multiple meetings and phone conversations with Charlie Kerr, Ken Elser, Bobby Braden, and a few FBI Agents. However, no action (to my knowledge) was ever taken about Cessario or Hawk

or the matter of my daughter's death which has been ruled a homicide. It might be only a coincidence, but the last meeting with USAPA in Western District was just weeks before Cessario was asked to turn over his hard drive for a forensic examination.

I was beginning to give up on hope of ever seeing a legitimate effort to investigate and charge Hawk or Sullivan with any crimes. It was evident that Jill had some sort of relationship with Cessario and she had even told me before her death that she was working with an FBI agent to uncover a ring of drug/sex trafficking in Harrison. Then, in February 2018, as I was preparing to testify in the matter of Jon Woods case, I learned of what Cessario had done. It made perfect sense to me that he was covering up for himself when he destroyed his hard drive. I became angry and frustrated and began trying to make contact with him. Little did I know that by then, he had been suspended. My calls and messages persisted and in July 2018, I was arrested by the Bentonville PD for terroristic threatening. This based solely on a lie filled complaint made by Cessario. There is no evidence of an investigation. A warrant was issued before I was even interviewed. I was told by Resident Supervising Agent Brennon Despain that there was no warrant when he came to interview me at my place of work, no reading of my Miranda Rights when I asked if I should have my attorney present. Subsequently, I was arrested. I lost my career, and significant good standing in my community. All so Cessario could continue to minimize his transgressions.

I assure you that I can provide facts for all I have said. I can also assure you that my arrest was just two days after my FIRST interview with Cloe Pierce with the US Inspector General's office in Dallas concerning what had happened between my daughter and Cessario.

Now, this matter of Cessario and his plea deal is before you for sentencing. I am disappointed that the only charges against Cessario are concerning evidence related to the Woods Case. I suppose that the Attorney General can continue to pick and choose who gets prosecuted for what. I find it Imperative to reach out to you with the hope that you will consider the same as Judge Brooks did in his memorandum from Spring 2018. That being, Cessario fully understood the consequences of his lies and willful destruction of his hard drive when he took it to be

wiped, and then wiped it again. He could not afford for what was on that computer to be found out. What was on the hard drive would cost him his career and his freedom. Now he has made some deal to minimize the sanctions against him. My question to you, your Honor, is this: Is it not reasonable to consider that what he destroyed would have provided for more than the maximum for the crimes he has admitted to? And if that does seem reasonable, why should the people, myself included, be satisfied with any less than the maximum penalties to be imposed on January 5, 2023 when he appears for sentencing?

I pray that you will take the time to consider this writing. I worked tirelessly to see that Dr. Hawk would lose his privilege to prescribe and practice. That was an uphill battle, but it finally happened, due to my work. Over the first 5 years following Jill's death, I wrote 1000's of emails to 100's of recipients in Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Lawmakers, and even Judges. I produced enough evidence and reason to investigate and charge many crimes. However, thanks to the criminal acts of cover up by this FBI Agent, I remain the only person charged with any crimes related to my daughter's death.

"Mercy to the guilty is cruelty to the innocent"

-Adam Smith

I understand that there's nothing you can do about any crimes other than those you preside over, but please consider just punishment on those. An FBI Agent, above all others, should have upheld the very laws he investigates.

With greatest respect

William Witty