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**Stacia Hylton** Director  
United States Marshals Service  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

**RE: OFFICIAL REPORT OF CRIMES AND ALLEGED MISCONDUCT BY THE U.S. MARSHALS OFFICE IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

Dear Director Hylton,

I am writing you and others in the USMS as a citizen journalist. I can't stress strongly enough how much respect I have for the US Marshals Service so I am writing this report with much sorrow. It is my belief that two judges in Dallas, Texas are bringing dishonor on the good name of the United States Marshals Service, and it is my duty to report this to you.

I have been informed that numerous teams of persons identifying themselves as US marshals in the Northern District of Texas are engaged in what appears to be an illegal persecution of two crime victims. The two victims are Jeff Baron and John Margetis. These individuals have been cooperating with media, including me, reporting on corruption charges made against two judges in the Northern District of Texas — Judge Stacey G.C. Jernigan and W. Royal Furgeson, Jr. For further understanding and background, I have enclosed two complaints that I made to the Chief Judge of the Fifth Circuit outlining the misconduct these judges have been engaged in.

Approximately two months ago, around the time that I and other members of the media began reporting on the misconduct of these judges, teams of individuals representing themselves to be United States Marshals began appearing at the homes of Mr. Baron, Mr. Margetis and numerous personal and

professional acquaintances of Mr. Baron and Mr. Margetis. During this two month period, these teams of marshals have apparently bullied and harassed virtually every personal and professional acquaintance of Mr. Baron and Mr. Margetis, in an apparent attempt to discredit and defame them. The marshals teams have been canvassing the neighborhoods and workplaces of Mr. Baron's mother, father, friends and acquaintances presenting photographs of Mr. Baron and his vehicle, a 1991 Geo, to dozens of families, as though Jeff Baron were a most wanted fugitive. In their invasive interrogations of Mr. Baron's friends, family and acquaintances, the marshals insinuate that Jeff Baron has made a death threat to Judge Jernigan<sup>1</sup>. The marshals' impression is so dramatic that Mr. Baron's father was advised to have no contact with his son because such contact could be considered illegally assisting a fugitive.

The most likely explanation for this retaliatory witch hunt is that the supposed death threat is fabricated by judge Jernigan and/or Judge Furgeson in retaliation for Mr. Baron's cooperation with media, and the exposure of the judges' crimes and misconduct. However, in the improbable event that someone did make a death threat to Judge Jernigan, it certainly was not Mr. Baron or Mr. Margetis. If the judges and marshals had any doubt about this, they would have learned this fact after their approximately one dozen interrogations of Mr. Baron's family, friends and acquaintances.

Director Hylton, it is my belief that judge Furgeson and Judge Jernigan may be illegally coercing U.S. Marshals into breaking the law by intimidating victims and witnesses. After you read my attached report, you will see that Judge Furgeson expressly threatened Mr. Baron's life in a civil contract lawsuit (Judge Furgeson literally threatened Mr. Baron with "death" by use of the combined forces of all branches the U.S. military if Mr. Baron could not comply with an order to pay for renewal fees for Internet domain names). This behavior is clearly unlawful under 18 USC § 1512 - Tampering with a witness, victim, or an informant and 18 USC § 1513 - Retaliating against a witness, victim, or an informant.

The judges in this case undeniably have ulterior motives, which can be gleaned from their statements on the bench and which are explained in my report to the Chief Judge of the 5<sup>th</sup> Cir. For example, Judge Furgeson (while coordinating the case with Judge Jernigan) stated from the bench:

“This is going on and on and on until Mr. Baron has nothing. I mean actually everything is depleted. I gather that Mr. Baron is worth lots of money. But it may be that we sell all the domain names. We may sell all of his stock. We may cash in all of his CD's, and we may seize all of his bank accounts”

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<sup>1</sup> I received an audio recording of one such encounter, available for download at [www.secretjustice.com](http://www.secretjustice.com) --program 405 (Click on the “Click Here” text in the middle of the program )

To date, the marshals' harassing interrogations of Mr. Baron's friends families and acquaintances continues day and night—every day of the week. In fact, a few moments ago, I learned that another team of individuals representing themselves to be U.S. marshals were interrogating John Margetis' family at his brother's home, where the interrogators again refused to identify themselves.

It is crucial that the integrity of the US marshals service be preserved. I find it hard to believe that there such a wide scale persecution and manhunt of Mr. Margetis and Mr. Baron has been occurring in Texas, while concurrently, Mr. Baron and Mr. Margetis had been in the public eye, in Washington D.C., visiting their representatives in Congress and various law enforcement agencies, as witnesses to the crimes committed against themselves.

Since the Marshals do not appear to be acting in accordance with their mandate in this case, it seems plausible that the judges have taken the vast resources seized from Mr. Baron and misappropriated the resources of U.S. marshals, perhaps without the knowledge of senior officers, to unlawfully harass good United States citizens. The financial resources to pay for 20 to 30 teams of marshals to canvass the state of Texas day after day, looking for Mr. Baron, Mr. Margetis and their acquaintances must be staggering.

Director Hylton, I also request that your office set up a time and place at your headquarters where Mr. Baron can appear with a **non-Justice Department lawyer of Mr. Baron's choosing** and speak with your office. Judge Furgeson expressly prohibited Mr. Baron from hiring any lawyer (this is also contained in my report and in the official court record). Therefore, Mr. Baron will need assistance in obtaining legal representation.

I have also copied this letter the individuals listed on the attached

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George McDermott", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George McDermott

P.S. I am also making the attached request to the FOIA compliance officer to assist in my reporting on this matter.

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This request to the FOIA compliance officer is made under Title 5 Part I Chapter 5, Subchapter

More Specifically, I am making this request under 5 U.S.C 522 for the following documents and records, under the Brady amendment and statutes.

1. Any complaints received by USMS and all correspondence in your Dallas, Texas office or Washington DC office regarding John Margetis, Jeff Baron, Royal Furgeson or Stacey Jernigan
2. Complete names, badge numbers, photographs and unit numbers, hope all members of all teams involved in investigating the individuals named in request #1
3. Records identifying the cost associated with the investigation of the individuals identified in request #1, including car allocations, phone and fax communications, vehicle mileage and gas cost. All records, Tolls and maintenance cost, time slips, expense records, and any interstate or out-of-state transportation .
4. A copy of all documents identifying parties who were contacted or questioned concerning the individuals named in request #1 and the substance of those contacts.
5. Documents identifying the names badge numbers and the flight numbers of all marshals, including air marshals observing the individuals identified in request #1, during flights to and from Washington DC to meet with their congressmen and senators. (further illustrated in videos and [secretjustice.com](http://secretjustice.com) 410-412).
6. A copy of all requests from judge William Royal Ferguson and judge Stacy Jernigan, U.S. Bankruptcy Court required under 18 USC 3057 of the United States criminal code to the USMS, the U.S. department of justice, U.S. Attorneys office in Dallas, Texas. This request is

necessary due to claims of bankruptcy fraud, racketeering and extortion by officers of the courts presided by these judges.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Edward McDermott

