

S. McKnight Open Forum BOS 5/17/14

To Whom It May Concern:

I would highly recommend keeping Lilliput Family Support Services available in our community.

I was disappointed and frankly shocked when I received word that Lilliput Children's Services would no longer be providing services in El Dorado County. The services they provided me personally were beyond measure. We need Lilliput Family Services, please find a way to fund this important program.

When I discovered my eight-year-old niece was living in a garden shed I sought legal custody. The El Dorado Family Court Clerks immediately referred me to Lilliput. I called and scheduled a two-hour appointment. I had no idea how much legal paperwork was involved. We filled out all the paperwork accurately the first time and I was instructed on how to file the documents with the court.

I am an educated woman who recognized my niece needed a healthy safe environment. We were able to get custody of her in November 2014 and save her from another day of homelessness, hunger, or bearing witness to brutal domestic violence. I do not know if I would have been successful on my own, and shudder to think of how things might have played out for my niece.

On June 18, 2015 I was called by El Dorado County Child Protective Services and asked to come pick up my three-year-old nephew. They instructed me to seek full legal guardianship of him right away or he would be placed in foster care. I immediately contacted Lilliput Family Services. They again help me through the arduous process.

Lilliput Family Services makes a very complicated and taxing process doable. While they charge no fee for their services, they are priceless. They provide personal support through the entire affair. Lilliput sends their agent into court to support you and decipher the legal system. These are stressful times for families and I cannot fathom successfully accomplishing these tasks without Lilliput's knowledge, care, and expertise.

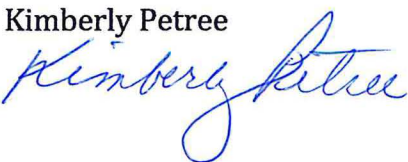
Furthermore, the family support they provide on the regular basis has given me strength to deal with the complications that come with bringing troubled children into the home. Lilliput Family Services provides a monthly support group that enables my family to connect with others that are dealing with similar situations. Lilliput has assisted us in seeking local services to help our "new kids." We have actively participated in their events and activities provided throughout the year.

I cannot imagine how our community will function without Lilliput Family Services. The Family Court's first response to me was have you heard of Lilliput? The burden that will be put on individuals as well as on the court system will be overwhelming. I believe Lilliput Family Services should be of utmost importance in our community. Our community needs to provide support for Lilliput. Children will ultimately pay the price without Lilliput; many will be forced to experience the Foster Care System. Lets prevent that from happening.

Please rethink funding options and support Lilliput Family Services....

Sincerely,

Kimberly Petree



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Have you ever wondered what you would do if you found out that a grandchild or other relative child was in an abusive, drug infested, or just a neglected home? If so, who would you go to for help? Well, there is a program run by Lilliput Children's Services called the Kinship Program. They help people who need to get guardianship papers filed with the court and also give such supportive information regarding how to deal with the school if the child needs an IDP or any other help in school because they are behind due to their parents not taking them to school or being tardy all the time. The people at Lilliput know what resources to direct a person to and will help you all the way. Most of the time, the people who buck up to the situation are seniors on a fixed income, but want the best for their family's children. Lilliput provides grants so that kids can get swimming lessons, tutoring, vision eye therapy paid for by other non-profits, day care for grandparents that need respite time, monthly meetings with information for the grandparents for counseling resources, fun activities for the kids and speakers who inform us about all kinds of different subjects that affect these households.

They have activities for the kids to be involved in which all the kids and grandparents, aunts and uncles attend. This way, the kids can be around other kids that have households that look like theirs. They really enjoy going to BBQ's, Christmas parties, movies, Bounce house & lazer tag all provided by Lilliput. They get to interact with kids just like them. Lilliput, along with other non-profits, provide a Christmas gift shop, so that relatives can come and get gifts for the kids that they really couldn't afford themselves. There are so many advantages to this program that it almost can't be spoken about, and no other agency does what Lilliput does. The Board of Supervisors and DHHS have decided to defund this program effective June 30, 2016. I think this would be a bad move for our county. Lilliput has helped over 300 families and 450 kids since 2008 and it would be a devastating loss for people who are in this situation because there would not be any other place for them to go. DHHS says it needs to establish a unit to search for families of kids in Foster care, but what about the kids who never go into foster care because their relatives step up. If you care about this program, please write letters to DHHS, the Board of Supervisors and any other elected official that might be able to help. Even people that aren't parenting relatives' children, but know of people who are can help us in this effort. Thank You.

Susan Hughes

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David & Laura Friestad
1671 Ronald Loop
Placerville, CA 95667

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
District I-Ron Mikulaco
District II-Shiva Frentzen
District III-Brian Veerkamp
District V-Sue Novasel
District IV-Michael Ranalli
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Sirs;

May 16, 2016

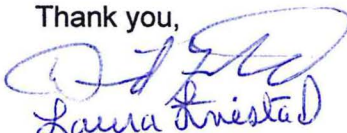
I would like to encourage you to consider reestablishing funding within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the Kinship Program at Lilliput Children's Services. My wife and I were asked to take in our 5-year-old granddaughter at the beginning of July, 2015; and were referred to the kinship program to obtain assistance with the mountains of paperwork required to obtain legal custody of a minor. They have provided much needed guidance regarding the processes, the services available and the paperwork required to take care of our granddaughter.

Karen Russell has met with us more than monthly and was able to clearly lay out the process and procedures required to work our way through the family guardianship system. Her experience and detailed direction and information has been invaluable to us. Karen gave us information on support groups, attended Individual Educational Program (IEP) meetings with us at school, and helped us find counseling services, as well as seminars that dealt with the myriad of problems our granddaughter is facing. She is the one that we could go to with questions and concerns, and has been wonderfully supportive as we have waded through the cumbersome legalities, hearings and issues involved in taking care of our granddaughter.

We have met hundreds of others who have benefitted from this program and would hate to see that many people abandoned when they need the help the most. Having children taken in to families that will love and care for them should be seen as the absolute best program for keeping kids off the streets and out of the legal system later in life, but that takes a monetary investment now, in order to realize the savings later.

We would have been totally lost and overwhelmed by the process and may not have realized how much our granddaughter needed, and what services were available, if we did not have the Kinship Program assisting us. Please reconsider your position and reestablish the funding for the Kinship Program at DHHS.

Thank you,


Laura Friestad
David & Laura Friestad

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M. Lane Open Forum B&S 5/17/16

Melody Lane
P.O. Box 598
Coloma, CA 95613

May 13, 2016

El Dorado County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff John D'Agostini
300 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

NOTICE OF DEFAULT
RE: 3/24/16 Notice & Demand &
4/25/16 Notice of Fault

Dear Sheriff D'Agostini,

I, Melody Lane, hand-delivered to Sheriff John D'Agostini a **NOTICE and DEMAND** on March 24, 2016 at the Garden Valley Fire Department in the presence of 50+ citizens giving the Sheriff thirty (30) days to respond to the **NOTICE and DEMAND**. No response was received.

Therefore on April 25, 2016 I, Melody Lane, sent via Certified Mail to Sheriff D'Agostini a **NOTICE of FAULT and Opportunity to Cure** received by EDSO April 27th giving you an additional fourteen (14) days to respond. Again there was no response.

Therefore be advised by way of this **NOTICE of DEFAULT** on this date May 13, 2016 that the El Dorado County Sheriff John D'Agostini is hereby served Notice.

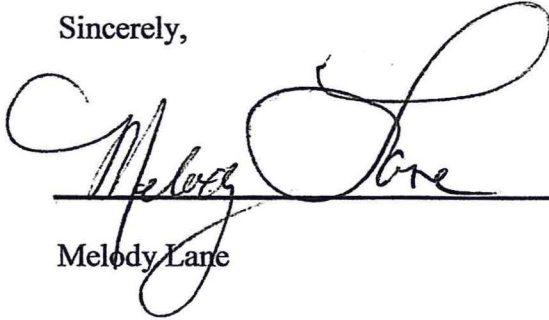
It is appalling that an elected official who professes to be a member of the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (CSPOA) would disrespect his oath of office and professional code of ethics by denying a law-abiding woman a previously APPROVED CCW permit. No logical explanation whatsoever was provided in your letter of March 14, 2016 to appeal the denial for a second time. It is apparent you had no intention of granting the CCW in the first place. Additionally you failed to provide factual evidence substantiating the initial denial. Such retaliatory action only undermines the public's trust in law enforcement by forcing this matter into unnecessary and costly litigation.

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Note: A public official has a fiduciary toward the public...and if he/she deliberately conceals material information from them, he/she is guilty of fraud. U.S. v. Throckmorton, 98 US 61. Also See 18 USC 1001, 18 USC 1343, 18 USC 241 & 242.

Therefore be Noticed as of this date May 13, 2016 that Sheriff John D'Agostini has by way of this **NOTICE of DEFAULT** by Law defaulted within the time requirements so stated in this notice and all previous notices.

Sincerely,



Melody Lane

5/13/16

Date: May 13, 2016

CC: D.A. Vern Pierson
CSPOA, Sheriff Richard Mack
DOJ, Law Enforcement Division
EDC Board of Supervisors, Dist. #1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

Attachments: Notice & Demand – dated March 24, 2016
Notice of Fault – dated April 25, 2016

In the county of El Dorado

On this 13th day of May, 2016, before me a Notary Public, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Melody Lane, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that she executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial seal.

Notary Public R. J. HENSLEY Expires MAY 15 2016
SEE ATTACHED THE CALIFORNIA NOTARY FORM

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of El Dorado

On May 13 2016 before me, R. J. HENSLEY - Notary Public
(insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared Melody Lane
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/~~she~~/they executed the same in his/~~her~~/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/~~her~~/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature R. J. Hensley (Seal)



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Melody Lane
P.O. Box 500
Placerville, CA 95613

April 25, 2016

El Dorado County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff John D'Agostini
300 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

NOTICE OF FAULT

Dear Sheriff D'Agostini,

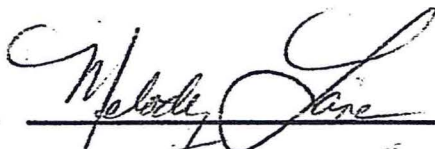
I, Melody Lane, personally served a Notice and Demand dated March 24, 2016, giving you thirty (30) days to respond to the Notice and Demand.

As of this date, April 25, 2016 no response has been received from the El Dorado County Sheriff regarding said Notice and Demand. Therefore be advised by way of this Notice of Fault that Sheriff John D'Agostini is hereby served notice.

It is extremely disturbing to the citizens of El Dorado County that the Sheriff and County Counsel are taking such an extremely blatant disregard for both state and federal laws regarding the circumstances involving my Carry Concealed Weapon permit thus undermining the public's trust in law enforcement.

Therefore as of this date April 25, 2016 Sheriff John D'Agostini has by law and way of this NOTICE of FAULT fourteen (14) days in which to respond to this Notice.

Sincerely,



Melody Lane

4/25/16

Date

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Melody Lane
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March 24, 2016

El Dorado County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff John D'Agostini
300 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Denial of 2/23/16 CCW Appeal

NOTICE and DEMAND

Dear Sheriff D'Agostini,

Due to threats and concerns for my personal safety I was strongly urged by friends to apply for a Carry Concealed Weapon permit (CCW). I scheduled my initial appointment with EDSO for my CCW on August 10, 2015. At that time I was told it would take 6-8 weeks to complete the entire Permit process.

The appointment for my CCW interview wasn't scheduled until **January 7, 2016**. It was during the interview with Detective Sean Fitzgerald that I discovered my background check had been held at EDSO since **October 21, 2015**.

I was grilled for one full hour about specific incidents stemming from formal CITIZEN COMPLAINTS I'D FILED FOR EDSO MISCONDUCT, all of which had been submitted to both the District Attorney and the Grand Jury for investigation.

Detective Fitzgerald also questioned the validity of my answers on the CCW application strongly suggesting I'd committed perjury. Upon conclusion of the interview I assured him all my statements were truthful and all the facts surrounding the officer misconduct complaints could be substantiated with photos, videos, audios and detailed documentation. After examining my weapon Detective Fitzgerald said he'd submit his interview report and I'd receive a letter in the mail within the next two weeks regarding the status of my CCW permit.

Approximately two hours after my appointment with Detective Fitzgerald I receive a phone message from Deputy Gillespie stating my CCW permit had been **APPROVED** and I was instructed to schedule an appointment with Records to pick up my permit. The appointment for my APPROVED CCW PERMIT wasn't scheduled for five weeks on February 16th at 11:20 AM.

However on February 12th I received a certified letter in the mail from EDSO stating my CCW was **DENIED** and that I had 30 days to appeal that decision. *There was no justification whatsoever for that denial.* (See Exhibit A)

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During the February 23, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting I personally handed my CCW Appeal to Sheriff D'Agostini seated in the audience. The entire CCW Appeal package was submitted to the Clerk of the Board during Open Forum to enter into the public record along with my 2-page prepared public statement. However the 2-page statement was not included in the documents posted to Legistar until March 16, 2016 after I'd made several inquiries about why it disappeared to Supervisor Ranalli, County Counsel and the Clerk of the Board.

On March 21st (my birthday) I received another certified letter from Sheriff D'Agostini stating that the denial of my CCW would be upheld "*based upon the facts gathered during the application process*" and an appeal to that decision could be made in writing within 30 days of receipt of the letter. Again, there is no factual justification whatsoever for the denial which appears to be retaliatory in nature. (See Exhibit B)

Therefore it is only reasonable to deduce I am being harassed, slandered, and retaliated against for filing Citizen Complaints for EDSO misconduct.

NOTICE

In depriving me of the right to personal protection Sheriff D'Agostini has placed me in harm's way and unjustly impugned my good name and character.

I, Melody Lane, put Sheriff D'Agostini on NOTICE for violations of Federal Laws as follows:

- Obstruction of Justice (18 U.S. Code Chapter 73)
- Abuse of the Public's Trust in Law Enforcement
- Violation of Constitutional Oath of Office
- Retaliation, harassment & discrimination against a senior citizen
- Failure to investigate Citizen Complaints filed against EDSO personnel for misconduct
- Falsification of records (18 U.S. Code § 1519)
- Conspiracy Against Rights (Title 18 USC § 241)
- Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law (Title 18 USC § 242)
- Unjust Enrichment/RICO (18 U.S.C. §§ 1961-1968)
- Denial of my civil rights and personal protection

DEMAND

The burden of proof is hereby placed upon the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office to provide substantiation for the reversal of my 1/7/16 APPROVED CCW permit. I, Melody Lane, demand that Sheriff John D'Agostini provide a detailed response to the following specifically:

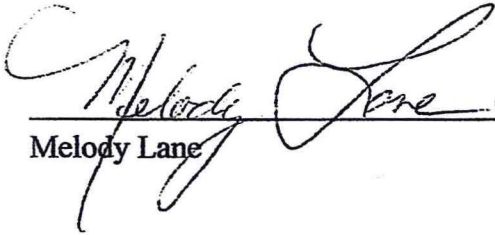
1. Legal justification for Sheriff D'Agostini to refuse meeting requests to resolve issues within his jurisdiction
2. Legal grounds and/or justification for denial of my right to communicate electronically with EDSO regarding open case files #EG15-5698 & EG15-5793, public safety, threats to my personal safety and the security of my private property

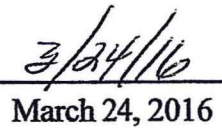
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3. Immediate restoration of my ability to correspond electronically with EDSO staff
4. Justification why my CCW background check was held by EDSO since October 21, 2015
5. Provide a **certified copy** of Detective Sean Fitzgerald's report regarding my 1/7/16 CCW interview
6. Explanation of exactly what transpired after the 1/7/16 APPROVAL of my CCW that would cause EDSO to issue a certified letter received 2/12/16 indicating my CCW was DENIED

I, Melody Lane, give El Dorado County Sheriff D'Agostini THIRTY (30) DAYS from the date of receipt of this NOTICE and DEMAND to respond in detail to all of the above DEMANDS.

Respectfully,


Melody Lane


March 24, 2016

Enclosures:

1. Exhibit A – 2/12/16 CCW Denial
2. Exhibit B – 3/21/16 CCW Appeal denial

CC: District Supervisors #1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
District Attorney Vern Pierson
Department of Justice
CSPOA, Sheriff Richard Mack

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