



## Response to Attorney Willie Gary's 'Extortion Plot' Accusation

**Summary:** Attorney Willie Gary has accused those involved in filing and promoting the recent federal lawsuit charging him, his Stuart, Florida based law firm and five present and former partners with racketeering, fraud and legal malpractice of an "extortion plot."

Corporate Campaign, Inc. Director Ray Rogers has challenged Mr. Gary to have lead plaintiff Leonard Rowe, others involved in the case, as well as himself, arrested since extortion is both a federal and state crime.

Mr. Rogers has posted evidence in the form of a judge's order which sheds more light on Mr. Gary's and his law firm's corrupt practices and wants Mr. Gary to explain quotes from the order including; "if... **Willie Gary knew that Harsen had 'their case-closed files, with all that information, ...[Harsen] could find herself in a body bag...'** and "**Willie [Gary] is doing things that no other attorney has thought of doing and, believe me, he has himself covered.**"

Tricia Hoffler, former Gary law partner and now partner in Atlanta law firm Edmond, Lindsey & Hoffler, is a defendant in the Leonard Rowe lawsuit and was a defendant in the lawsuit involving the judge's order and 42 women including Patricia Harsen.

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**New York, NY April 21, 2015:** Statement Issued by [Corporate Campaign Director Ray Rogers](#) in Response to Attorney Willie Gary's Accusation of An "Extortion Plot"

I represent Leonard Rowe, lead plaintiff in a [lawsuit charging](#) Stuart, Florida based attorney Willie Gary, his law firm Gary, Williams, Parenti & Watson and five of the firm's present and former law partners: Lorenzo Williams, Maria Sperando, Sekou Gary and former Atlanta Mayor William Campbell and Tricia Hoffler (now a partner in Atlanta law firm Edmond, Lindsey & Hoffler) with **racketeering, fraud, legal malpractice and unjust enrichment.**

The 62-page complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for The Northern District of Georgia on March 13, 2015.

My firm, Corporate Campaign, Inc., also represents other former Gary clients who have enlisted our help to warn the public how **Gary and some of his colleagues, over the past 20 years, have been involved in defrauding numerous clients out of untold millions of dollars and, in a number of cases, prevented justice for large numbers of racial and gender discrimination victims.**

Mr. Gary's public relations director, Kori Searcy, was quoted in *The Stuart News* 3/19/15 stating that Mr. Rowe's lawsuit is "an extortion plot" resulting from the Gary firm being awarded a large jury settlement against tobacco giant R.J. Reynolds. **Since extortion is a state and federal crime, Mr. Gary should call on the police and FBI to arrest Mr. Rowe and everyone working on his case including myself.**

On February 17, 2015, I sent a letter to Mr. Gary and the other defendants prior to launching [www.TheClientKiller.org](http://www.TheClientKiller.org) which documents the widespread corruption involving Gary et al. [The letter](#) stated:

"We are very careful in our research and investigations as well as the accuracy of information and opinions that we present to the public. We want to give each of

you the opportunity to respond to information on the website before its planned launching in seven days from the date of this letter. Unless you can make a valid case that the information we present as fact on the website is erroneous, nothing on the website will be changed or removed.

“You are all being implicated in a series of allegations of very serious crimes against plaintiff clients....

“You all have a choice to make. You can choose to recognize and correct the errors of the past vis-à-vis those we represent and continue to make lots of money honestly as “Giant Killers” or be disgraced, probably face disbarment, heavy fines and restitution, and many years in prison. Simply put, you can opt for justice or public and professional humiliation.”

If Mr. Gary or any of the other defendants were being unjustly maligned on the website, you can be sure they or their attorneys would have contacted me. Unfortunately for them, **more and more clients victimized by Gary and his firm, are coming forward.**

We recently posted on TheClientKiller.org a judge’s order handed down on November 3, 2004, during the legal malpractice proceedings involving 42 women who claimed Gary swindled \$51.5 million in a gender bias claim they had against Ford Motor Company and Visteon Corporation.

The order described how, after meeting at the office of the Michigan law firm, Rundell & Nolan, which was working with the Gary firm on her case, Patricia Harsen, lead plaintiff in the Ford/Visteon case, inadvertently took a file she thought was hers. When she arrived home and opened the file, she found documents showing how she and the other women had been defrauded by Willie Gary, Tricia Hoffler, Robert Parenti, Sekou Gary, and Gary’s law firm at the time, Gary, Williams, Parenti, Finney, Lewis, Mcmanus, Watson, & Sperando.

In 2002, Debra Nolan of Rundell & Nolan, described in the shocking excerpt below from the judge’s order, joined Gary’s law firm where she is an associate attorney.

[This excerpt](#) can be found **on pages 26-27** of the order:

Neither Defendants nor Plaintiffs settlement agreements advised Plaintiffs of the \$51.5 million payment to Defendants. **Moreover, upon inadvertently discovering the spreadsheet, Plaintiff Harsen immediately informed Curt Rundell, who stated that, if Company A, Company B, or Willie Gary knew that Harsen had "their case[-]closed files, with all that information, ...[Harsen] could find [her]self in a body bag."** After Harsen's husband asked Rundell what the \$51.5 million was for upon handing Rundell the spreadsheet the following day, Rundell replied that "the \$51.5 million was money Willie [Gary] was to receive from ...[Company B] for programs." When questions whether this was legal, Rundell stated that **Willie [Gary] is doing things that no other attorney has thought of doing and[,] believe me, he has himself covered."** (page 26-27 of the Order)

In addition to the \$51.5 million swindle, Gary worked out a \$16 million settlement to “compensate the 42 victims.” He then took \$6 million of that money for “programs” and allotted \$10 million to the 42 women. Of that \$10 million he grabbed a 1/3 contingency fee leaving the women \$6,619,543.11 to divvy up among themselves. Gary's share was more than \$60 million!

After a magistrate judge granted the plaintiffs’ motion to compel discovery, Gary entered into a settlement agreement in July 2005.

Although the terms of that agreement remain confidential, a lot about the case and Gary and his law firm’s corruption became exposed in court documents posted on TheClientKiller.org

**Who are the criminals: Willie Gary et al or Leonard Rowe et al?**

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