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March 2, 2015

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Attn: Joan Jones
Johns Creek City Clerk

Attn: Richard Carothers
Johns Creek City Attorney

Attn: Mike Bodker
Johns Creek Mayor

VIA EMAIL: nnewcom@travelers.com

Attn: Nancy Newcom
Travelers Insurance Representative

Dear Ms. Jones, Mr. Carothers, Mr. Bodker, and Ms. Newcom:

I am writing to you on behalf of my clients, the African-American family of Leonard Rowe, Regina Rowe and Diamond Rowe, with respect to proceeding with their complaint against the City of Johns Creek Police Department over the Department's involvement in violating the Fourth Amendment Rights of Mr. Rowe and his family on April 9, 2014.

In accordance with Georgia law, as you know, the City of Johns Creek has received an *Ante Litem* Notice on behalf of Mr. Rowe; his wife, Regina Rowe and his daughter, Diamond Rowe.

It is unfortunate that the Johns Creek Police Department allowed itself to be duped into violating the law and terrorizing the Rowe family.

A home and property owner in Johns Creek for the past nine years, Mr. Rowe and his family have been well-respected, exemplary residents. Neither Mr. Rowe nor, I'm sure, the business and political leaders of Johns Creek want the City to become a center of media controversy in a case that involves serious violations of civil and constitutional rights and other issues.

The 4/9/14 Johns Creek "Incident/Investigation Report" filed by Johns Creek Reporting Officer J. F. Marshall, a Caucasian, falsely stated: "On 04-09-14 I was dispatched to 1006 Bent Tree Lane [Bay Tree Lane] to assist U.S. Marshals in serving a warrant on Leonard Rowe. Deputy U.S. Marshal Cosby made contact with Mr. Rowe at the front door and took him into custody without incident. Mr. Rowe was transported by the U.S. Marshals."

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According to the report, Mr. Marshall was accompanied by four other Caucasian Johns Creek police officers who assisted 20-25 U.S. Marshals, all but one of whom was Caucasian.

It has been verified that, in violation of the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution, no warrant was ever issued for the arrest of Mr. Rowe.

The incident and further injustices done to Mr. Rowe and the long-lasting trauma inflicted on his family are described on the recently launched website, TheClientKiller.org on the menu items, "Leonard Rowe's Story" and "Leonard Rowe's Statement."

Excerpt from "Leonard Rowe's Story":

http://theclientkiller.org/rowe_story.php

At about 6:15 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, Leonard Rowe, a 62-year-old black man was startled by a loud bang on the front door of his home in Johns Creek, Georgia, a suburb of Atlanta where he lives with his wife and 24-year old daughter. Living in a safe, gated community, he decided to open the door although dressed only in his under shorts. Perhaps, he thought, there was an emergency and a neighbor needed help.

Instead he was confronted by 20-25 U.S. marshals, along with half a dozen city policemen, standing around his door and on his lawn with high-powered assault weapons drawn and pointed at him. Without a warrant, they arrested him and placed his hands and legs in chains.

Hearing the commotion, his wife and daughter awakened. Dressed only in their underclothes, guns were pointed at them and loud vocal demands were shouted for them to come out with their hands up. The U.S. Marshals then proceeded to enter their home.

Soon Leonard found himself locked up in the Robert A. Deyton Detention Center until his release about four months later on his 63rd birthday on August 1st. The terror of this incident will live with Leonard and his family for the rest of their lives.

Excerpt from Leonard Rowe's Statement:

http://theclientkiller.org/rowe_statement.php

I, Leonard Rowe write this piece in hope of conveying to all citizens the importance of standing up against anyone including our federal government when they choose to flout the law and violate your constitutional and civil rights.

On April 9, 2014 I awakened, as I do every morning at 6 o'clock a.m., to make coffee. At approximately 6:15 a.m., a loud bang occurred at my front door. Due to it still being dark, I could not see who or what was outside. Having nothing on but my undershorts and considering that I lived in a gated and very safe neighborhood, I made the decision to open the door. When I did so, there stood 20-25 U.S. Marshals, along with half a dozen city policemen standing all around my door and on my lawn with high powered assault weapons drawn and pointed at me.

*They presented no warrant or indictment. **They pulled me out of my home, undressed for all of my neighbors to see, and put my hands and legs in chains. By this time, my wife and daughter had awakened. Guns were also pointed at them with loud vocal demands for them to come out with their hands up, while also dressed in their underclothes.** The U.S. Marshals then proceeded to enter my home.*

In total disregard of the fourth amendment of the constitution, which clearly states, "to remove a person or any item from their home you must first present a warrant," I was arrested without a warrant, kidnapped from my home and then thrown in jail where I remained for almost four months without a bond.

Remember, this was all being done without a search warrant, without an arrest warrant, and without being indicted for committing any crime. I had not broken any laws. It was perfectly clear that the constitutional and civil rights of myself, as well as my family, were being grossly violated.

It would seem to be in the best interest of everyone involved in Johns Creek to resolve the "Rowe Case" without media attention and a costly and highly visible court case and trial. With that goal in mind, I will try to reach Ms. Newcom this week to try to amicably resolve this matter between Mr. Rowe, his family and the City of Johns Creek.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ray Rogers
Director