

## This is The Story and Ad That A Prominent Monterey County Newspaper Refused To Run

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It will be 16 years this coming April 11th since a law firm out of Fresno, California offered me \$600,000 to settle a lawsuit I had against them.

The case was for malicious prosecution and the evidence I had were tape recorded confessions given by the law firms clients (and co-defendants) waiving their attorney client privilege and blowing the whistle on their own attorneys.

It all started with the law firm filing a bogus lawsuit against me and immediately tying up an escrow of a vineyard I was purchasing in an attempt to extort a real estate commission out of me for \$122,800.00. When I didn't give in, the real estate transaction blew up costing me close to a million and a half dollars in anticipated profits.

I could not find an attorney willing to file a lawsuit against the local prominent law firm alleging that they should have known their case was without any merit and that they were only trying to extort me of money, so I filed the case in pro per (without an attorney).

Even after the confessions were given by their co-defendant clients, the law firm defendants, aided by their malpractice insurance carrier and defense attorney, tried to club me into submission to dismiss my lawsuit against them so that they would not be held accountable.

I also obtained letters between the law firm and their clients where the firm refused the clients order to "drop the lawsuit" against me. Later at the court trial the attorneys said they did not know what the word "dropped" meant. Kind of like not knowing what "is" is.

The attorney told the clients they wanted control over the lawsuit because they had to "break me emotionally or financially" and their own defense counsel joined in the malicious prosecution saying that "he had to keep the heat up" so I would not get them into court. It didn't work. I won the bogus lawsuit they filed against me by what was called a Summary Judgement Motion (kind of like a non contest)

Six years passed and when the \$600,000 offer was given to me on the court house steps, the Judge handling the settlement conference asked to speak with me alone. He told me that it was evident that the law firm was regretful for what they had done and I should accept the money instead of embarrassing them publicly. I disagreed.

The law firm along with their own defense counsel (funded by Traveler's Insurance) had set upon a course of action to destroy my life for the previous 6 years, sending investigators to my home town, trying to subpoena my high school report cards and even my father's death records to mention just a few of the minor irritations. As if my grades at Los Banos Union High School 15 years before had anything to do with their defense.

I told the Judge that the only thing the law firm was regretful of, was being caught and I was sure they didn't single me out. It was an old trick of theirs but they just did it to the wrong guy.

...."The Story Continues" Gene Forte

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