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Mr. Dean Flippo
Mr. Terry Spitz
District Attorneys Office
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FAXED ONLY

Re: Obvious Conflict Of Interest

Dear Mr. Dean Flippo & Mr. Terry Spitz:

I write this letter to bring your attention to and document in writing what a "reasonable person" would certainly consider a blatant conflict of interest you both would have conducting any investigation of "ticket fixing" which is another form of "trial fixing" by Commissioner Richard Rutledge who I also refer to as *Don Juan de Marina*.

I, in the Marina Small Claims court, sued you both, and despite my Challenge for Cause Against Commissioner Rutledge, he then proceeded to grant you a verdict in your favor without a hearing.

In that same case file, it will show that you signed for a certified service mailing of the complaint five days prior to it being mailed to you by the court, and a check was issued, *not so coincidentally*, on the same day you were sued, by the Monterey Auditors Office for *only* the amount that I had sued you for. My damages however, were greater since I had incurred the cost of the filing of the complaint and the service of the complaint on you by certified mailing by the Marina Court.

The complaint I filed required a hearing and trial as prescribed by law, anything short of that was a "fixed ruling" by Commissioner Rutledge at my expense, and for your direct personal benefit without a hearing. Please respond to me in writing within 10 days explaining as to how and why there would be no conflict of interest in the two of you now investigating Commissioner "Don Juan de Marina" Rutledge, when in fact there is evidence of your own fixing of a ruling with Commissioner Rutledge?

A copy of this letter is being sent to Attorney General Bill Lockyer, County Counsel Hogan, Presiding Judge Stephan Sillman, Mr. Leon Panetta, Chief Justice Ronald George, the Monterey Herald, The Salinas Californian and other media.

By copy of this letter to these individuals, I am requesting that they also request an answer from you and if in a position of responsibility conduct an investigation. If they do not, then I assert that they are complicit and implicated in helping to cover up another matter for the benefit of the Monterey Public officials gone haywire.

Sincerely,


Gene Forte

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