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Mayor Dennis M. Clough
City Of Westlake
27700 Hilliard Blvd
Westlake, OH 44145

COPY TO: Law Department
 Westlake City Council
 Police Department

RE: Repeated False statements made to the Westlake Police by
Westlake Resident Mark Bennett

Dear Mayor Clough,

Westlake resident and fired federal prosecutor Mark Bennett, along with his wife Rebecca Bennett, have both repeatedly made materially false statements to your police department in an effort to have American citizens arrested and prosecuted for discussing Mr. Bennett's disbarment proceedings and firing from the US Department of Justice for serious misconduct. We have previously informed your Law Department about these materially false statements – which have gone on for several years -- but no city official has taken any action.

Since Mr. Bennett is under a suspended suspension from the practice of law, we are writing to you to ask you to (a) Report the false statements by Bennett to the Ohio Supreme Court Disciplinary Counsel for further review; and (b) Make a criminal referral to an independent prosecutorial authority to determine whether or not Bennett's false statements constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code Under Ohio Revised Code (2921.13) (making false statements to the police or any government representatives or officials is).

Documents confirming these false statements to law enforcement by both Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, along with letters to city officials, have been uploaded to the Evidence Locker of JusticeForDawn.com and are summarized below.

Summary of Mark Bennett's False Statements

Mark Bennett was fired after an investigation by the Justice Department's Inspector General, then admitted to his wrongdoing in an affidavit during disciplinary proceedings in the Ohio Supreme Court, where Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Sharron Kennedy deemed suspending Bennett from practicing law "necessary to protect the public," Disciplinary Counsel v. Bennett, Opinion No. 2023-Ohio-4752 and Inspector General Report No. 21-055. Additionally, the Department of Justice blamed Bennett for lying, Viola v. Department of Justice, 15-cv-242, WD Pa, and the Pasela family is seeking answers from Mr. Bennett concerning his written statements that he was aware of a series of illegal voice recordings Dawn was ordered to make before her death.

Bennett has repeatedly – and over several years – lied in writing to the Westlake police by making statements that contradicted his own court filings and his own admissions during the disbarment proceedings.

- Bennett repeatedly lied about Dawn Pasela to your police department, stating he had “no involvement” with her, despite his own written statements that he worked with Dawn, and was aware she was making illegal voice recordings of defendant trial preparations.
- Bennett stated that the allegations of misconduct against him were “false” and Viola should be prosecuted for harassment, even though he admitted them via sworn affidavits in his disbarment proceedings.
- Bennett admitted he was fired during his disbarment proceedings but asked the Westlake police to arrest Tony Viola for stating he was fired in a television interview.
- Bennett falsely claimed Tony Viola was paying for yard signs and T shirts, when such was not the case.

On January 23, 2025, Bennett contacted Westlake police and stated that Viola placed a yard sign on or near Mallard Circle, when such is not the case. Viola was not in/ around Westlake in January and February of this year and never purchased any yard signs.

More details and documents are available on the www.JusticeForDawn.com website.

Summary of Rebecca Bennet's False Statements

Licensed attorney Rebecca Bennett also filed a materially false police report, and made numerous untruthful statements, including claiming that Mr. Bennett was “not involved” with a subsequent trial of Anthony Viola, when transcripts confirm Mr. Bennett was present. As an attorney, Rebecca Bennett should know that information provide to law enforcement should be based on personal knowledge, not “talking points” of her husband Mark. In addition, Ms. Bennett falsely claims that Viola controls website content on Seeking Justice and Uncovered.com, when such is not the case. Ms. Bennett also misled the city by citing cases where judicial rulings against Viola were made, without disclosing that all rulings were called into question by subsequent admissions that the Justice Department and FBI made false statements about evidence, and that Yale Law School was appointed to assist Viola, and that Attorney Kim Corral represents Viola.

Mike Maloney's Conflict of Interest

As licensed attorneys, your law department has a legal obligation is to report Bennett's false statements to the Ohio Supreme Court's office of Disciplinary Counsel, but has failed to do so because of a conflict of interest. Law Director Mike Maloney is unable to properly address this matter because of his close friendship with Prosecutor Dan Kasaris and Mr. Bennett. In addition, through his representation of Matt Fairfield, he has first-hand knowledge of an illicit affair between Senior Assistant Ohio Attorney General Dan Kasaris and government witness Kathryn Clover, whose perjured testimony was presented by Mark Bennett, please see CR-10-543012-A, Ohio vs. Matthew Fairfield. Mr. Fairfield has instructed Mr. Maloney to report the affair between Kasaris and Clover to the Ohio Supreme Court, but Maloney failed to do so, and Mr. Maloney also prevented Mr. Fairfield from testifying at Viola's second criminal trial.

Attorney Kim Corral's Advice

Mark Bennett has threatened to sue or prosecute content creators who are examining the suspicious death of Dawn Pasela. Attorney Kim Corral represents Viola and the Pasela family and determined that Bennett is a public figure for first amendment purposes and that his actions are inappropriate, especially since Bennett continues to publish press releases on his website that mention Viola. Given the foregoing, if Mr. Bennett believes any statement made about him is false, **the proper remedy is for Mr. Bennett to file a Civil Suit, not lie to the police in an attempt to have individuals arrested under false pretenses.** However, Bennett does not want to open himself up for depositions and discovery, and a third party complaint naming his wife, so he has used false information

to enlist your police department to arrest and prosecute Tony Viola and others supporting the Justice for Dawn Pasela cause.

We have informed Mr. Bennett that until he withdraws his false statements in USA v. Viola 08-cr-506 concerning voice recordings made by Dawn Pasela, his false statements about the existence of a conflict of interest waiver, and moves to withdraw Kathryn clover's perjured trial testimony, which Bennett himself stated was false, USA v. Clover 10-cr-75, ND Ohio, our public awareness campaign will continue. Legal counsel has confirmed our actions are lawful and appropriate, and are ongoing and will continue.

Conclusion

As the mayor of Westlake, you have the authority to resolve this matter by referring false statements made by Mr. Bennett to the appropriate governmental agencies and to end his improper waste of municipal resources and law enforcement time. We ask you to now utilize this authority, which we believe is appropriate under the law and in the interests of justice.

The signatories below would be happy to meet with you or your colleagues to further discuss this matter. Thank you for reviewing this submission,

Respectfully Submitted,

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