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Dear Attorney General Caldwell:

I am writing this letter to request an internal investigation of the Louisiana Attorney General's Office regarding an action taken by one of its employees on April 12, 2011. The incident severely impacted my long-held belief of the Attorney General's Office as being one worthy of the utmost respect and praise for its efforts to protect and serve the citizens of Louisiana as the State's chief consumer watchdog and law enforcement agency. Prior to the incident of April 12, 2011, my interactions and relations with the Attorney General's Office, which included suburb guidance from Ms. Emalie Boyce regarding Louisiana's Open Meetings Laws (Title 42), were comforting, reassuring, and informative.

As a brief background, on three occasions (late March, 2011; April 6, 2011; and April 8, 2011), I called Ms. Karen Kennedy, Executive Director of the Arthritis Association of Louisiana, to request permission to utilize the Boardroom located at 5222 Summa Court (a location shared by several small nonprofits and three small Louisiana Boards and Commissions) for the purpose of filming very brief video clips to promote the then-upcoming Glen Oaks Class of 1981 30-Year Reunion and to provide brief explanations on topics related to real estate auctions. Ms. Kennedy graciously granted my three requests.

Although the events that transpired soon after Friday, April 8, 2011 are being ascertained via discovery on multiple lawsuits I have filed pro-se regarding the matter, one aspect has emerged fairly clearly.

The EBRP Sheriff was dispatched to the Louisiana Auctioneer's Licensing Board (LALB) after a complaint filed by Ms. Sandy Edmonds pertaining to the Boardroom visits. That dispatch took place on Monday, April 11, 2011. The EBRP Deputy, after visiting the LALB and Ms. Kennedy, then came to my home for a two-minute visit in which he relayed, "You're not to go back over there unless you're either invited (for the record, I was on the prior three occasions), or you're attending a public meeting."

Had no further activity transpired, I would not be submitting this letter requesting an internal investigation of the Attorney General's Office; however, Ms. Anna Dow, the LALB's outside legal counsel, apparently decided that such a brief visit from the EBRP Sheriff would not suffice (for reasons only she can answer). As a result, as evidenced by the enclosed affidavit filed in connection with one of three lawsuits I've filed pertaining to the incident, stated that she "advised the Louisiana Attorney General's Office Civil Section of Mr. Burns' actions

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and indicated she thought Mr. Burns was exhibiting “*stalking behavior*” toward Board employees and herself and was a possible security risk. An attorney in the civil section to whom Affiant reports advised that the Board may want to file a report with the Office of State Police since it is a State Board and Mr. Burns was left alone in the conference room of the building.” Ms. Dow made this absurd speculation notwithstanding the following pertinent facts:

- She knew that neither she, Ms. Edmonds, nor any Board Member would be present at the facility,
- She supplied the Attorney General’s Office with **NOTHING** further to buttress her absurd statement (e.g. emails I would have sent her or Board Members indicating staling-like behavior, telephone calls I would have made to her or Board Members exhibiting stalking-like behavior, instances in which I would have driven by her residents or any of those of Board Members). For the record, no such instances of any of the preceding corroborations exist!
- She failed to cite a **single** incident in which I encountered either Ms. Dow or a Board Member outside of #1) a Board Meeting, #2) a Court proceeding in which the LALB had been named Defendant, or #3) a continuing education session back when the LALB required such (i.e. 2009 and before).
- Neither Ms. Dow nor Ms. Edmonds nor **anyone** else made any effort whatsoever to contact me and inquire as to the nature of my filming activities!

My request for an internal investigation of the Louisiana Attorney General’s Office stems from the fact that, as evidenced by Ms. Dow’s enclosed affidavit, some unidentified employee of the Attorney General’s Office, having **nothing** to corroborate Ms. Dow’s “stalking” allegation (nor apparently even bothering to find out the fact I’d requested and been granted permission for my visits from someone having the same conference room utilization rights as any State Board or Commission), recommended that she contact the Louisiana State Police Terrorism Unit. As a result of that Attorney General employee recommendation, on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, two plain-clothes Louisiana State Troopers from Louisiana State Police’s Terrorism Unit, one of whom was Trooper Bart Morris, visited my home for about 30-40 minutes. During that time, Trooper Morris and his partner even viewed the videos which had been already filmed, uploaded to You Tube, and embedded into pages on my company website (www.AuctionSellsFast.com) and/or the GOHS 1981 30-year reunion website (www.auctioneer-la.org/gohs1981.htm) for the world to see (where they remain to this very day!).

Trooper Morris and his partner departed graciously and all-but apologized for the colossal waste of their time and resources but not before Trooper Morris expressed shock and dismay that I’d called Ms. Kennedy and requested (and been granted) permission to film the clips. Apparently, this little minor detail was conveniently left out, or perhaps not even known, at the time the call was made to Trooper Morris and his partner. Nevertheless, my 81-year-old mother, with whom I’ve lived all of my life, was visibly shaken and upset by the whole episode.



Thus, my call for an internal investigation of the Louisiana Attorney General's Office centers around how a lawyer working for the Louisiana Attorney General's Office could have made such a suggestion to Ms. Dow given what little information she relayed and the fact that he/she made no inquiry whatsoever for further evidence of Ms. Dow's claim.

Stalking is a **very, very** serious allegation to make against anyone, and I respectfully request that the Louisiana Attorney General's Office conduct an internal investigation regarding why a lawyer whom it employs was permitted to make a recommendation of filing a report with the Louisiana State Police Terrorism Unit given the absolute dearth of relevant corroborating evidence that existed at the time the recommendation was made and the fact that such an observation should have been obvious to the lawyer employed by the Attorney General's Office. I also respectfully ask that I be advised regarding the outcome of any such internal investigation since, as I mentioned at the outset of this letter, the action severely adversely impacted my perception of what I still consider to be a stellar law-enforcement agency and protector of consumer rights notwithstanding the incident relayed within this letter.

I appreciate the time you have spent reading this letter, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Cc: Ted Griggs, Advocate business reporter
Dale Brown, former legendary LSU basketball coach

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Robert Edwin Burns'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue ink color.

Robert Edwin Burns

behalf of the board, unless authorization is specifically granted to her by the chairman and/or other members of the LALB. Ms. Edmonds is not a member of either board and serves as an employee subject to dismissal by members of the boards she serves. Moreover, Ms. Edmonds does not have a vote on either Board, nor does she have the right to add an agenda to any Board meeting.

VI.

On April 11, 2011, Affiant advised the Louisiana Attorney General's Office Civil Section of Mr. Burns' actions and indicated she thought Mr. Burns was exhibiting "stalking behavior" toward Board employees and herself and was a possible security risk. An attorney in the civil section to whom Affiant reports advised that the board may want to file a report with the Office of State Police since it is a state Board and Mr. Burns was left alone in the conference room of the building. Ms. Dow concurred with the suggestion and then discussed this course of action with Mr. Comer, who also concurred with the suggestion. Mr. Comer then instructed Ms. Edmonds to place a call to the Office of State Police.

VII.

Affiant further states that, on or about August 1, 2011, Mr. Robert Burns mailed the attached threatening letter to all Interior Design Board members, wherein he implies that punitive action will be taken by him against any Board member who concurs in Ms. Edmonds' characterization and position in regard to Mr. Burns' actions before the Interior Design Board and the LALB and Ms. Edmonds' comments about the decision of the LALB to retain a security guard because of safety concerns noted by Board members.



ANNA DOW

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED
BEFORE ME, NOTARY PUBLIC
THIS 8th DAY OF September 2011.

(SIGNED):
(PRINT NAME):


NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary I.D. or Bar Roll Number:

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