



May 24, 2010:

On Tuesday, May 18, 2010, I testified before the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice in favor of HB 1439 by Rep. Baldone which would criminalize the practice of utilizing skills, cappers, etc., to artificially inflate an auction bid (the practice is presently illegal but is deemed only a misdemeanor with a capped fine of \$500).

Upon my exit from Committee Room 6 at approximately 11:00 a.m., I was confronted by approximately 10 auctioneers, two of whom chose to be quite vocal with me regarding my testimony (those confronting me were in opposition to the bill). By far the most aggressive of those auctioneers in terms of confrontation was Rep. John E. Guinn.

Upon confronting me, Rep. Guinn stated, "You're nothing but a sack of shit and you can go straight to hell." I responded to Rep. Guinn that he was conducting himself in a most unprofessional manner. He then got within an inch of my face and inquired "How so?" I responded that he'd just referred to me as a "sack of s-h-i-t [spelled out]," to which he began waiving his hands in the air and openly saying, "Ohhhhhh. I used the word 'shit.' I used the word 'shit.'"

Rep. Guinn then relayed to me I had no idea what it was like to have walked in "his shoes." He then relayed, in a most angry tone, "Let me tell you something. You're all up here Mr. high and mighty with your FBI investigations. You've never had to walk in my shoes. You've never had to go into an auction and know you HAD to get the bid up to put clothes on your kids' backs. Well, I HAVE, and hell yes, I've run up the bid! But I know YOU'VE never been there. You've never walked in my shoes, but I can tell you one thing, your day is coming!"

During Rep. Guinn's tirade, he at one point put his right index finger on my left shoulder in making his point that I had never walked in "his shoes." When combined with the fact he had approximately 10 like-minded auctioneers surrounding him, the environment was one of EXTREME hostility. I told Rep. Guinn that I bid him a good day and proceeded on past the gathering of auctioneers staring at me and exited the building and made my way to my vehicle for my return trip home.

As a result of the above incident, I wish to file formal assault and battery charges against Rep. John E. Guinn.

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