Whistleblower complaint

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I Charles Lake am filing this Whistleblower complaint that spans over 4 decades and is on going with the Department of Child Enforcement and Child Support Enforcement in accordance with:

Whistleblower Matters. The provisions of Section 4-61dd of the General Statutes, known as the Whistleblower Act, allow our office to receive complaints from anyone having knowledge of any matter involving corruption, unethical practices, violations of state laws or regulations, mismanagement, gross waste of funds, abuse of authority, or danger to public safety occurring in any state department or agency or quasi-public agency.

The Corruption, Fraud, Abuse of Power and Authority is a danger to Public Safety for all the families coming in contact with these Connecticut Departments.

It puts both Parents and Children in Jeopardy of a Life Time of abuse by these agencies to cover up their Corruption, Fraud, Abuse of Power and Authority.

Here is the Short version of my 42 years where the Department of Child Enforcement and Child Support Enforcement was Corrupt, defrauded my family and used their Abuse of Power and Authority against my family. **This shows a pattern of Corruption and Abuse.**

The two cases are Edna Lake Court Case # DBDFA50287428S and Cynthia Layden Court Case # DBDFA144018720S VS Charles Lake for child support.

This (in 1978) is the First time my Rights were violated as a citizen of Connecticut and the United States and the Rule of Law was violated. **Which means NO Due Process!**

In 1978 my first wife Linda became sick with Encephalitis Meningitis and went into a Coma for months. About 6 months into my wife's illness my mother (Edna Lake) who was babysitting for me at \$100.00 per week decided to take my 2 children and go on Welfare they paid Edna more. I was not allowed an attorney when I was called into court. No Custody Study or Investigation was done before or after taken my children. Please see Attached letter to Governor Lamont for stipulations put on Child Support Payments by myself to Andrew De Grazia State employee from 1978 to 1983. (Note my mother Edna Lake was very abusive to me and I was raised by my Father and Grandmothers until I was able to defend myself)

This is the Second time my Rights were violated as a citizen of Connecticut and the United States and the Rule of Law was violated. Which means NO Due Process Again!

In 1986 I received custody of a daughter (Tiffany) from the State of Connecticut about 1 month before my divorce where the Judge ordered that the State do a Custody Study before I would be the Residential Parent. Please see http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C10 Dissolution%20of%20Marriage.pdf

http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C8_Order_of_Commitment.pdf

I asked Leslie Raider about once a month to do this Custody Study and she refused. So in 1988 when Leslie refused to do the custody study that was Court Ordered I took my children.

<u>Leslie bring me back to court where I was not allowed an attorney and was not allowed to speak.</u>

<u>The 2 children were bring the back to Connecticut and given back to Edna Lake.</u> Which means NO Due Process Again!

In 1992 I was poisoned on the job, unloading Polystyrene food containers from the truck/trailer I was driving. I became Disabled due to this exposure and put on Social Security Disability.

In 1993 The Bureau of Collection of The State of Connecticut sent me a bill for \$336.24 Total owed for my Child Support Please see

http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C53 Edna BackSupport 4 07 1993.pdf

In 1994 I received the first money from the IRS for my tax return since the State of Connecticut garnished my Tax Returns. This meant that my Child Support has been Paid. See IRS returns from 1989 and 1994 Attached.

Between 1992 and 2000 I had 7 strokes too many TIA's or mini strokes to count and was diagnosed with diabetes along with many other health issues including 3 heart attacks from the exposure in 1992.

In 2003 I went to work for Columbia–Greene Community College in Hudson NY part time. This is when the State of Connecticut garnished my wages for a bill that has been PAID. Please see http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C17 CGCC Dec11 2003.pdf

The State used the garnishment documentation that I signed in 1970's or 1980's to do this see http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C34 Garishment.pdf even though this bill was paid in 1994.

In 2006 I received notice to appear to a Fair Hearing about the Child Support in Danbury CT. The examiner tried to intimidate me by screaming at me to pay this bill and I keep screaming the Fu**ing Bill has been paid. It got very intense See

http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C20_Fair_Hearing_03_23_2006.pdf and http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C22_Notice%20of%20Dismissal%20of%20Administrative%20Hearing.pdf

I then spoke to my Congresswoman Gillibrand please see attached complaint I filed in 2020 for explanation Yahoo Mail - Highligthed Case Authorization and Privacy Release form Attached.pdf

In 2008-2009 John Dillon Program Supervisor DSS Bureau of Support Enforcement said he did a independent review please see his letter

http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C25 Book JohnDillonLetter2 27 09.pdf

I did not agree I showed this and other information to legal liaison Benedict McCaffree of then Congressman Murphy's office who told me to try and get this in front of a Judge. Mr. McCaffree also wrote a letter to the Judge see

http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C26 Book NYCongressmanLetter.pdf

I got the hearing date but when the Judge received the letter from Mr. McCaffree she canceled the hearing see http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C27 Book Winslow1.pdf

In 2015 I contacted Congressman Gibson's office who wrote to U.S. Attorney Daly who was investigating the State of CT. for the same problems I am having, Double Billing and many other Fraudulent acts. See Letter http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C45 Lake LettertoUSACT.pdf

I fill out the complaint form that the U.S. Attorney's office sent me in long hand (I did not make a copy) and sent it in but did not get a response. See

http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C46_USACT_resp_LAKE.pdf

I spoke to Congressman Gibson's office who advised me that seeing I filed the complaint with the U.S. Attorney's office that the State would treat me fairly and to go get served and get a court date. See http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C59_CT_public_corruption.pdf

I called the Department of Child Support division in Danbury CT. and spoke to Mrs. Michelle Lockwood who told me I would have to come into her office to be served and if I did that she would not have me arrested. Mrs. Lockwood also said that I would be able to speak to the judge and have this problem solved.

Mrs. Lockwood honored the first part of what she said but when it came to the hearing she was out for my blood she attacked me even though she told the Judge that the State Lost all the records of my file. I showed the judge the paperwork that I had including my divorce which I gave then multiple times in the past going back to 2009. The Judge ordered an audit of the payment records even though Mrs. Lockwood explained that the State lost all the Records.

Mrs. Lockwood had me speak to Assistant Attorney General Carolyn Mee Wong in the courtroom and then Mrs. Lockwood supervisor Mr. Abele Grillo talked to me because she could not intimidate me.

Assistant Attorney General Carolyn Mee Wong; asked for my paperwork. I handed her the CD of all the paperwork Mrs. Wong handed the Disk back to me telling me that she had no way to access the disk. I asked her for her E-mail address, she said she did not have one. In accessing the Assistant Attorney General employee database I found that her E-mail address is mee.wong@ct.gov .

In July I meet with Assistant Attorney General Carolyn Mee Wong again for about 5 minutes. Mrs. Wong said that there was nothing that could be done about the State not doing the court ordered custody study in 1986. She also said that she had no idea how the state sent me conflicting statements from 2003 to 2014 on both child support accounts and that she had to let Child Support Enforcement Supervisor Abele Grillo explain it to me.

Please see for Conflicting Bills for Child Support Arrearage.

Edna Lake Court Case # DBDFA50287428S

4/7/1993 I received a letter from the Bureau of Collections for \$336.24 http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C53_Edna_BackSupport_4_07_1993.pdf! It does NOT make sense to collect a partial debt, this was the total.

10/4/2003 I received a bill from child support enforcement for a total of \$11,284.45! http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C54_Edna_October04_2003_Important.pdf

12/30/2006 I received a bill from child support enforcement for a total of \$17,908.67! http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C55 EdnaBackSupport 12 30 2006.pdf

8/31/2014 I received a bill from child support enforcement for a total of \$17,100.82! http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C56 ArreargeEdna8 31 2014.pdf

Cynthia Layden Court Case # DBDFA144018720S

1/31/2004 I received a bill from child support enforcement for a total of \$524.01! http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C49 Layden Overdue1 31 2004-1.pdf

7/17/2004 I received a bill from child support enforcement for the same amount of a total of \$524.01 for the second time! http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C50 Layden overdue 7 17 2004.pdf

12/30/2006 I received a bill from child support enforcement for a total of \$4,394.96! http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C51 Layden Overdue12 31 2006-1.pdf

8/2/2014 I received a bill from child support enforcement for a total of \$4,166.81! http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C52_ArreargeCindy8_2_2014.pdf

Supervisor Mr. Grillo said that these Conflicting Bills for Child Support Arrearage could not be shown to the court because he could not verified them because the case history has been lost by the State therefore these State Bills for Child Support Arrearage could not be used.

Supervisor Mr. Grillo told me that nothing could be done about how I was treated in 1978 because that was the way things was done by the State at that time. Mr. Grillo said nothing could be done about 1986 when the State refused to Honor a Court Order to do the Custody Study because time has ran out on the statute of limitation. Supervisor Mr. Grillo said it laughing as he spoke as if he was superior and untouchable.

In 2015 the court, Supervisor Mr. Grillo and Mrs Lockwood coerced and manipulated me with the use of the Public Defender Mr. Carrera. Who was not a Public Defender like in criminal court that frights for your rights to have your case heard fairly. Mr. Carrera could only address the contempt of court charge and the only way Mr. Carrera did that was by threaten me with 2 years in Prison if I did not sign the paperwork so the court garnish my Social Security Disability.

The Stress that this put me through was overwhelming. I had another Heart attack in 2015 and I was weak in the court room because of Thyroid Cancer which was removed in 2016 a 2 year prison sentence would have been a Death Sentence.

Here are some Questions that need to be answered!

How is it legal for the State to violate the Rule of Law That was written by that State's legislators as well as Federal Law that State is obligated to up-hold yet, violate them over and over which makes a pattern of Corruption and Abuse?

Violations like taking children without an investigation in 1978, in 1986 violating a Court Order, and never allowing a parent have an Attorney ever, since day one in 1978 throughout; How does a State do these things and then call them self the Constitution State?

How is it that when a State violates the Rule of LAW the person is bound by the Courts Ruling even though the State violated the LAW to get the ruling?

Is it legal for a State to coerce a person by manipulating their rights to have an Attorney even after the person as asked for the Attorney? I always asked for an Attorney!

Why did the State wait until the last child was Emancipated (1/13/1994) and I was Disabled before aggressively pursuing these claims?

What happened to the \$12,000 to \$14,000 that was given to Andrew De Grazia's office that Andrew De Grazia mandated be in CASH?

Did Andrew De Grazia embezzle this money to buy his houses and fund his lifestyle with the money that he acquired in CASH from parents like me?

How many Parents did Andrew De Grazia do this to?

Here are the houses that Andrew De Grazia owned in the most prominent parts of Danbury: 74 W Wooster St, Danbury, CT 06810, 3 Deer Hill Ave, Danbury, CT 06810 and 7 Jeanette Rd, Danbury, CT 06811 he has owned these houses for over 30 years.

Did the State wait to aggressively pursuing these claims to cover-up Andrew De Grazia's crimes?

Why wouldn't Leslie Raider let me file a complaint about Andrew De Grazia?

Why wouldn't Leslie Raider do the 1986 Court Ordered custody Study especially after the State of Connecticut just gave me full custody of a daughter with recommendation of the DCYS investor Janice Quinlan? http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C9_JaniceQuinlan.pdf

In 1988 Leslie Raider told me I could NOT have an Attorney and if I asked the judge for one or showed the documentation from New York Child Abuse showing that children where in a safe place Leslie, would have me arrested for Kidnapping. **This is how the State works with coercing and manipulating a person.** http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C11 PenelopeFromer.pdf

The way I and my family have be treated by the State of Connecticut shows a pattern of Coercing, Manipulating, Defrauding and Violating the Rule of LAW as so to make a Mockery of State and Federal LAW.

Is this any way to show respect for the Connecticut State Constitution or the United States Constitution? How is everyday citizens suppose to respect the Law if the State don't?

To see all of the Court Documentation and other Related Documentation from 1978 to present on this issue, see http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/DBook1WCover-test.htm All papers and letters written in 2019 and 2020 including this one will be add in the next few weeks.

To show that my family has not been singled out here are some articles showing other complaints and violations by the State of Connecticut:

Here is a earlier time line from 1989 to 2003:

http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C36_Timeline_%20Connecticut%20Department%20of%20C hildren%20&%20Families%20Under%20Federal%20Oversight.pdf

CT Task Force Spars With Parents Over Billing Fraud in Family Court -Washington Times, Anne Stevenson, December 26, 2013 •June 2013: CT State Legislature creates family court task force to address

consumer complaints re: GAL oversight, billing fraud. •December 2013: Task force convenes. AFCC members appointed onto task force to "solve" problem they are accused of creating. •Parents request audit of court vendors: -State auditor's report showed significant money, resources missing from family court budget -AFCC affiliated vendor CT Resources Group double billed parents, court, health insurance company for services not performed

Connecticut State Rep. Minnie Gonzalez also lost her fight with Child Services and the DOJ did nothing to protect the rights of parents against this Corrupt State. please read the Conclusion of this article. https://aldianews.com/articles/politics/minnie-gonzalez-takes-judicial-accountability-connecticut/55638

Connecticut courts impose outrageous costs on disabled families:

 $\frac{http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT\%20Book/C80_Connecticut\%20courts\%20impose\%20outrageous\%20costs\%20on\%20disabled\%20families.pdf}{}$

Connecticut Task Force hears accounts of victimization by family court:

http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C81_Connecticut%20Task%20Force%20hears%20accounts%20of%20victimization%20by%20family%20court.pdf

CT task force spars with parents over billing fraud in family court:

http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C83_CT%20task%20force%20spars%20with%20parents%20over%20billing%20fraud%20in%20family%20court.pdf

CT court employees face tough questions over conflicts of interest:

 $\underline{http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT\%20Book/C84}\underline{CTcourtEmployeesFaceToughQuestionsOverConflictsOf}\\Interest.pdf$

Dying for custody (Part 1): DOJ announces investigation into Connecticut court programs:

http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C86_Dying%20for%20custody,%20Part%201_%20DOJ%20to%20investigate%20Connecticut%20court%20programs%20.pdf

US Attorney Deirdre M. Daly: Investigation of corrupt CT courts:

http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C87_US%20Attorney%20Deirdre%20M.%20Daly_%20Investigation%20of%20corrupt%20CT%20courts.pdf

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCE FORMATION OF TASK FORCE TO FIGHT PUBLIC CORRUPTION: http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C88_DOJ-Feb-4-Task-Force-Announcement.pdf

Testimony of Anne Stevenson relevant to the Family Court Task Force Public Hearing on Child Custody on Thursday, January 9, 2014, before the State of Connecticut General Assembly. 51 Pages: http://www.comfortncolor.com/CT%20Book/C89 Testimony%20-%20Stevenson,%20Anne.pdf

So as you can see the State of Connecticut has been violating Parents and Children Rights for a long time.

In Conclusion:

In my case the State was not giving Custody of my children to my wife my wife because she was incapacitated due to a illness.

The State without confirming the allegations with an investigation gave my children to a grandmother (my mother that was not) who was looking to profit from having the children with help from Andrew De Grazia who was the Connecticut Child enforcement officer at the time and a relative of my mother Edna Lake by marriage.

This violated my Inalienable rights that are protected by the US Constitution.

What gives the State of Connecticut the Right to violate Federal and State Laws that give Parents the rights to raise their children. According to Supervisor Abele Grillo "that was the way it was done in 1978, 1986 and 1988" yet, it violates All of these Constitutional Rights to be a Parent dating back to 1952!

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO BE A PARENT CASE LAWS

• The Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment requires that severance in the parent-child relationship caused by the state occur only with rigorous protections for individual liberty interests at stake. The parent-child relationship is a liberty interest protected by the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment.

746 f 2d 1205, 1242-45; US Ct. App 7th Cir WI (1985)

•May v. Anderson (73 S. Ct. 840 1952)

The United States Supreme Court noted that a parent's right to "the companionship, care, custody and management of his or her children" is an interest "far more precious" than any property right. 345 US 528, 533; 73 S. Ct. 840, 843 (1952)

Carson v. Elrod

• No bond is more precious and none should be more zealously protected by the law as the bond between parent and child. 411 F Supp 645, 649; DC E.D. VA (1976)

Doe v. Irwin (US. D. C. of Michigan 1985)

• The rights of parents to the care, custody and nurture of their children is of such character that it cannot be denied without violating those fundamental principles of liberty and justice which lie at the base of all our civil and political institutions, and such right is a fundamental right protected by this amendment (First) and Amendments 5, 9, and 14.

Doe et al, v. Heck et al (7th Cir. Ct. App. 2003)

• The practice of "no prior consent" interview of a child, will ordinarily constitute a "clear violation" of the constitutional rights of parents under the 4th and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The investigative interview of a child constitutes a "search and seizure" and, when conducted on private property without "consent, a warrant, probable cause, or exigent circumstances (imminent danger)," such an interview is an unreasonable search and seizure in violation of the rights of the parent, child, and, possibly of the private property.

Elrod v. Burns (96 S. Ct. 1976)

• Loss of First Amendment Freedoms, for even minimal periods of time, unquestionably constitutes irreparable injury. Though First Amendment rights are not absolute, they may be curtailed only by interests of vital importance, the burden of proving which rests on their government.

Franz v. U.S.

• A parent's right to the preservation of his relationship with his child derives from the fact that the parent's achievement of a rich and rewarding life is likely to depend significantly on his ability to participate in the rearing of his children. A child's corresponding right to protection from interference in the relationship derives from the psychic importance to him of being raised by a loving, responsible, reliable adult. 707 F 2d 582, 595-599; US Ct App (1983)

Griswold v. Connecticut

• The Constitution also protects "the individual interest in avoiding disclosure of personal matters" Federal Courts (and State Courts), under Griswold can protect, under the "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness" phrase of the Declaration of Independence, the right of a man to enjoy the mutual care, company, love and affection of his children, and this cannot be taken away from him without due process of law. There is a family right to privacy, which the state cannot invade or it becomes actionable for civil rights damages. 381 US 479, (1965)

Gross v. State of Illinois

• State Judges, as well as federal, have the responsibility to respect and protect persons from violations of federal constitutional rights. 312 F 2d 257; (1963)

In the Interest of Cooper (Kansas 1980)

• Parent's interest in custody of their children is a liberty interest which has received considerable constitutional protection; a parent who is deprived of custody of his or her child, even though temporarily, suffers thereby grievous loss and such loss deserves extensive due process protection.

I Charles Lake respectfully submit this Whistleblower Complaint under the Whistleblower Act The provisions of Section 4-61dd of the General Statutes, against the State of Connecticut's Department of Child Enforcement and Child Support Enforcement.

For the Corruption, Fraud, Abuse of Power and Authority that is a danger to Public Safety for all the families coming in contact with these Connecticut Departments and has been for decades.

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