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RE: 120 Stories in 120 Days, Story 2, a continuation of Story 1

Honorable Senate and Assembly Members,

Story 2

I would like to continue the story of the first visit to my home by Officer Howald and Officer Avilla. In summary, I am a spouse of an offender, who has not committed a crime, and who retains all of my constitutional rights, and well as being a citizen and registered voter of the State of Nevada.

I recall advising Officer Howald and Officer Avilla that I felt there was a great deal of missing documentation in my husband's file such as him being able to consume a reasonable amount of alcohol, even though he rarely drinks. This is clearly stated in the Agreement of Lifetime Supervision that my husband has signed with the Division of Parole and Probation. Officer Howald told me that according to her paperwork my husband was not allowed to drink, Further, she refused to allow my husband to provide his signed copy of the rules that we had in a drawer and was previously provided to him by her regarding life time supervision.

According to my husband, the Officer on a home visit has the ability to call in to the Watch Officer in the Division and request a voice copy of the rules to verify the conditions that they are placed under, in case there is a discrepancy. This was not offered or performed by Officer Howald, as she just continued to intimidate me and my family, and tried to make it seem like we were lying about this condition and the capability of my husband to have an alcoholic beverage.

Officer Howald seemed convinced that my husband had been drinking and demanded that he do a 'pee test' for her before she and Officer Avilla could leave our home. My husband is upfront, open and honest with his Officers about what he has been doing are where he has been, which I have witnessed. He had just answered Officer Howald's questions about where he was and what he had been doing. He explained that he had just returned home from a business meeting that he had been in with his company representative who was staying at the GSR and was in from out of town. My husband had not consumed any alcohol during this meeting, as he had only drunk a coke, and had used the restroom when he returned home, approximately 10 minutes before the

Officers appeared for their visit to our home. However Officer Howald was adamant that he had been drinking, and was attempting to cover up his consumption of alcohol.

This 'pee test' took over an hour and a half to finalize and both the Officer's continually commented that this was unusual in that he couldn't urinate. I do not find this at all unusual and have waited hours for patients to urinate for tests that they have needed in the office. I do not know what kind of medical training Officers of the Division have, but they do not seem to understand how long it takes a bladder to refill after being emptied.

During this time, they continued to detain my husband, my daughter and me in various parts of our home, and would not let us continue with our daily life, where we were attempting to start our dinner, do our laundry and other chores which we were in the process of when they arrived. They made us sit in different rooms where they continued to intimidate and question us.

In addition, I am not sure what the 'pee test' had to do with the concern over my husband's consumption of alcohol since to the best of my knowledge alcohol levels are checked with Breathalyzer and blood serum levels, with blood serum levels being the most accurate. I have never heard of a "pee test" that checks for the consumption of alcohol, and since I am a medical practitioner, I am usually current on the capabilities of the parameters of most standard testing equipment.

I will continue this story of my first and later interactions with these Officers in the following stories, and with an introduction to other concerns that I will present to you. Thank you for your time in reading my stories and I hope you will continue to follow the stories of me, my family and other families of offenders, and the offenders themselves.

Courtesy and respect should be an integral part of any State Officer's repertoire in dealing with an offender or the family members and friends of the offender. In time, I hope to get an answer from you in how these Officers are trained and how they are expected to treat the citizens of the state that they represent who have not been convicted of a crime and who are a registered voter. These are the Officers who interpret your laws, who enforce them in your name, and who represent you to the citizens of the State of Nevada

Sincerely,

A founding member of Nevadans for Civil Liberties