

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Dear Mr. Van Wanggaard,

In the interest of fair disclosure I am writing to inform you that I am publicly supporting John Lehman for the state senate and publicly opposing you.

Sometimes we are rightly judged by the company we keep. You have turned a blind eye to organized crime in Racine County. While sitting on the County Board and also through the office of County Executive you have been politically professionally and personally associated with those who committed fraud and extortion.

Because of your associations with the likes of Bill McReynolds, Dennis Flynn and others you have allowed white collar crime fraud and extortion. In fact you have been the hook-up for organized crime in Racine County. You have been a rubber stamp of dishonesty and I am not afraid to say so publicly. In fact I feel it is my duty to do so.

To give one example among many when a subdivision went in behind my garage and towing business, which I have operated for 50 years, I was told that the subdivision would be worth more if my garage was not there. The County began to harass me.

At one time I was cited and fined \$8,000 for having a "junk car" on my property. The car was one I had picked up and towed for free from the Patrol Station at the request of the local police who had no room to store it.

Michael Best, a criminal attorney, told me that Judge Dennis Flynn (one of your buddies) was sometimes "influenced" prior to a case. In my case, when I refused a shake down, he upped my \$8,000 fine to \$196,000. This absurd amount was so out of balance with the supposed crime that even the lawyers were prompted to ask why such a "malicious penalty" had been given.

At one time I had a truck loaded with more than a thousand dollars worth of bread donated by Brownberry Bakeries. They wanted to donate it to the needy and since I had a truck I had agreed to transport it without charge. Part of it was to be donated to feed inmates and part of it was slated for Louise Hunter and her shelter for the poor. There were high sides on the truck and the bread did not pose any kind of a problem to anyone.

Because it was parked on my property briefly prior to my delivering it I was cited and fined because they said my zoning did not allow me to handle perishable goods. This was akin to fining someone because they had a load of groceries in their car. Once again, you turned a blind eye to the harassment and punishment of someone who was doing charitable work for the good of the residents of Racine County.

Doesn't that ever hurt your conscience? I would hate to leave this earth with the things on my conscience that I know you must have on yours. I may never get the money back that I lost from extortion, fraud, harassment, mail fraud, judicial corruption, and fraudulent prosecution to devalue property but at least I am standing up and telling the truth about it so that others may beware.

In 1987 Arnie Clement made an attempt to extort me. There was a meeting between my wife and me, Sheriff Bob Rohner and County Executive Dennis Kornwolf. At that time the Sheriff and County Executive were honest. Clement was told to back off or be prosecuted.

What a difference a Sheriff can make! When your buddy Bill McReynolds came in as Sheriff he was utterly crooked, and you went along with it. Your close association with Bill McReynolds, easily the worst and most corrupt Sheriff ever to serve anywhere in Wisconsin, is enough by itself to disqualify you for further public service. McReynolds canceled investigations into organized crime in the town of Dover, Racine County and you knew it.

When your friend John Bjelajac threatened me with jail if I did not pay him off I went to you for help, not realizing that Bjelajac was another one of your buddies. Instead of fulfilling the duties of your office you just laughed at me.

No part of the County governance escaped the filth of corruption. Arnold Clement turned the Racine Economic Development into a means of shaking people down and you and the County Board permitted this. The Racine Economic Development Council did not become honest until Julie Anderson came on board.

I have noticed that Judge Flynn was harder on black people than on white people. Do you realize how you have favored the privileged over the ordinary citizens of Racine County? The privileged don't even get investigated while ordinary citizens are subject to fraudulent prosecution and have nowhere to turn.

Perhaps you should stop and think about how many lives you have hurt, not only by allowing the extortion of money but because of the fear, the damage to relationships, the damage to small businesses, and other consequences of your actions - not to mention the bitterness and distrust of local government that I hear constantly from ordinary citizens.

Details, documentation, police reports and the names of those who have committed fraud, extortion and other white-collar crimes in Racine County - and gotten away with it - can be found on my website: [www.deorganizecrimeracinecounty.com](http://www.deorganizecrimeracinecounty.com)

I am also going to post this letter there. You will find Dennis Flynn there listed as a crooked judge along with many other of your friends.

I hope that the voters don't hand you an opportunity to be a corrupt senator and I am doing all I can to warn them not to. A dishonorable man should not hold an honorable job. Lehman has much more integrity.

You are nothing but a hypocrite like the ones described in the Bible as being like white-washed tombs that look good on the outside but "inwardly are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness." (Matthew 23:27.) You continue to bury integrity in the tomb of dishonesty.

I will privately pray and publicly fight for as long as it takes to keep you from doing further damage to the unsuspecting people of Wisconsin.

Truthfully Yours,

Mario Lena