

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO "FIRST, DO NO HARM"

Or,
Fun and Games at Newport E/R
A Recent Experience of Ed Johnston

I went to the Emergency Room in Newport hospital about 3:50 p.m. , on tuesday, June 7th, 2007 . After I went into intake, they asked me about drugs and alcohol, and also if anyone is threatening my life and what problems I'm having at home. This seemed weird, unnecessary and inappropriate to me and it only got weirder and LIFE threating for me.

I told the nurse it none of her business what happens in my personal life. She went on telling me that she was there to help me. This certainly does not seem true, given the events that followed. She again asked me if I have any problems at home. I said I have my protection at home and that I take care of my own problems. She knew or should have known I have an extensive E/R record there and that my Medical record shows 9-12 blown discs, 3-4 in spinal cord; two spinal surgeries with screws and an implanted metal plate that holds my head on; lung and trachea disease; high blood pressure (I have been told by doctors my heart could explode).

She replied that she didn't want to hear that I have weapons at home or at all. That may have been true, but she opened the door with her question, and, actually,(My 1st admenment) she had no right to ask me about my home life because I was there for chronic pain not any sort of domestic abuse. Asking or alluding to that subject sets me on my guard, after my long history in which state agencies Local elected and Public officals worked to damage and eventually destroy my personal family life.

At 4:07 p.m. , all of a sudden the Newport police chief and one police detective and two more Newport police officer's, plus two to three Lincoln county sheriff's officers showed up. I then was told I had a gun on me in the hospital. This was madness, and not on my part. No one in their right mind would do such a thing, and I was there because I was(Still am) in extreme pain and wanted help. I was, nonetheless, searched. I had NO GUN on me. This violated my civil rights, based on my being falsely accused again.

As the officers talked to me, there was a rookie who was going to search me. I refused him and asked Tony, a Detective, to be the one to search me, instead. I know him to be honest with the community. I had to be wary because I know it is possible to have something planted on me. Officer Jerry Howell (spelling?) was also there. He was the offer that in 2005 arrested me for going to a public meeting, that I went to tape for Senator Gary George. Howell stated, "yes Ed I know you have guns in your car." For one thing, that was all but saying I did not have any guns on me. For another, like every American Born two are more generations, it is my leagel right to possess firearms under the US and Oregon Constitutions.

My blood pressure was so high by then I was having chest pains. I was denied medical review for my chest pains by The nurse who falsly claimed I had a Firearm. The other nurse told me at the time she would re-check my blood pressure before I left. But she did not. I still am having chest pains because of this experience. She work to get me out of the ER.As I wrote something on the DISCHARGE papers to reflect what happen(I am writing this on Friday June 8, 2007 .)

Dr. Michael Fraser, who finally saw me, is a good doctor, I have had good relations as his ER patient

for years.

By the end of it all, I was detained for about 10-14 min by police. Then I went into an examination room where the doctor examined me. That detention was almost certainly illegal and unconstitutional, based on no statement of mine, an unreasonable and groundless fear (if even that) of the nurse, and, perhaps, on an attempt at some weird sort of entrapment by the nurse.

I was out of there about 4: 55 p.m.

Shortly after that, I realized that everyone with a police radio scanner – and there are a lot of people who own and use one – must have heard the false accusations made about me, and the police discussion about how to handle me, now that I supposedly – falsely – had a gun at the E/R. Besides being insulting – who would take a gun into a hospital – that fact that all the falsehoods were broadcast must be a kind of slander or defamation of me and my reputation.

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