Accounting Irregularities – Clerk of Court Scott County, IA – Is this like the \$53million Embezzlement by Rita Crundwell, Dixon IL?

The Scott County, IA Clerk of Court recently changed their accounting of my alimony payment record. The record now shows that over \$11,000 was paid in June 2015. I never received those funds. When I challenged the Clerk's office about those funds they told it was a clerical error and it was intended to fix a previous mistake. How could this office make such drastic "accounting errors"? How could they arbitrarily show payment for funds that did not appear before and then fix it just by changing a "financial code"? This is not the first time the Clerk of Court's office has produced accounting irregularities. Previous, my alimony check was endorsed by the Clerk of Court herself. A copy of which is attached. When I challenged them on this matter they declined to meet with me. This happened three times. This started out with missing alimony checks and now it has grown to over \$11,000 each time funds are missing. How much further will they go? With no accounting principles and no accountability it can happen again and again. Apparently, they are not bound by accounting rules and reach into the system at will. Does that mean they reach into the cook jar at anytime? They are unbridled and it can happen repeatedly and to everyone else who depends on their office.

If they are honest, then they are making several errors in accounting and have not made the required changes to prevent such errors. I call this incompetence. If they are not honest, then their office needs to be investigated. Either way, an investigation is required. This office handles the alimony and child support for every divorced couple in Scott County. Large amounts of money move through this organization yearly. Even a small amount missing from many people is a large amount. Think about it, if there are 1000 divorces cases in Scott County and they embezzle similar size funds from other cases, then that is well over \$3,000,000. If such embezzlement is happening, then many families with small children are suffering on a daily basis since they are the bottom of the economic ladder and are struggling to make ends meet. Also, like myself, these people are the little people and are minorities. We have no power. This system

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lacks transparency and controls. Many times where the system is opaque, funding is flowing to the power politics in the area and that is why I am writing to you. I cannot even get a meeting with Julie Carlin, the Clerk of Court to ask about this. I have made three requests and each time my request is turned down. This is hardly a responsive public servant. If I tried to take further action, I know that the local judges and powers would not let it proceed. A request for investigator would go nowhere. Therefore, an outside investigation is required, like the FBI.

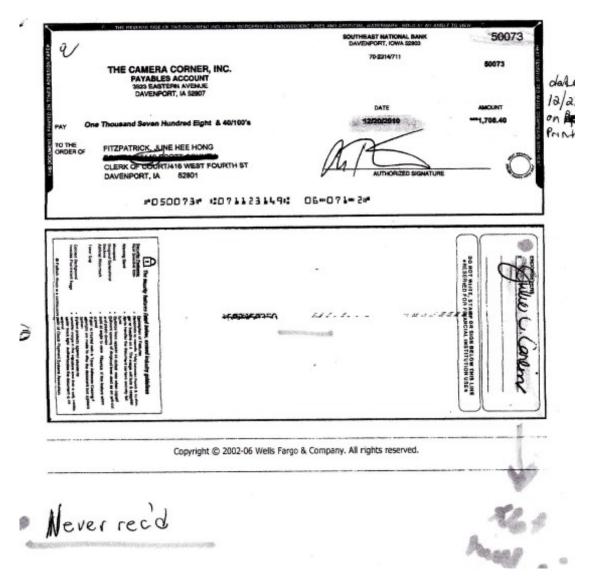
These people are not above using common people as cannon fodder for their political ambition. 35 years ago, they made a scapegoat of my when they wanted to prove a point. They trumped up a false accusation against me and publicized it in the papers. They released me when I served their purposes and the story was in the papers. Similarly, there is a sealed envelope in my divorce file. This sealed envelope has appeared and disappeared from the file depending what is happening in the case. The Clerk of Court's Office tells me that the contents are for the judge only. They even claimed the Freedom of Information Act could not get the contents released. Do they have authority over the US Government and US Supreme Court?

A few years ago, Rita **Crundwell from Dixon IL was caught embezzling** for over 30 years the city funds. Rita Crundwell started out with modest amounts. No one asked questions or thought anything was about it until after the city services stopped working. As you may remember, the FBI investigated Rita Crundwell. It is doubtful that Rita Crundwell was able to pull this off with no-one knowing for over 30 years. Others knew, but they were benefiting in some way and did not want to blow the whistle. Therefore, when the financial crisis hit and things got bad enough in Dixon, the FBI needed to come to do the investigation.

Let's not wait until the next financial crisis to investigate this situation, especially if it is to support a political power structure at the expense of feeding and housing single parent families with small children. We need someone outside support to get this investigated and that is why I am writing to you. The local politicians do not want to be held accountable. Please ask the FBI to look into the operation at the Clerk of Court in Scott County IA. It is only because of your

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initiative and sense of justice that these families will be able to survive in such a corrupt or incompetent system. With the 2016 election kicking off, time for such an investigation is appropriate and critical. An investigation like this could help to show their corruption and/or incompetence so that good government can be brought into the office.



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