

Chief Jones

I learned yesterday Mayor John Marks and his City Attorney have hired a private investigator to spy on me, my business, to intimidate my workers, and frighten my residents. I have spent two years investigating and sharing information that clearly documents that John Marks has used his office to reward himself handsomely at the expense of the public. Quite honestly, I believe that you should have investigated these illegal actions or referred them to State Attorney Meggs. I clearly understand that such action would have most certainly resulted in your being removed from office. I recognize that looking for a job in this economy would be difficult, however, it would have been the correct thing to do.

Unfortunately, it is becoming very clear that if change is to be made, if justice is to be found, I will have to endure the wrath of Mayor Marks and his legal intimidator City Attorney English. Remember, Jim English is the guy who told Marks that taking the deferred comp was legal as long as he and other executive staff received deferred comp for themselves. Jim English said that Marks taking \$750,000 from Honeywell's attorneys and then sending a \$50,000,000 city contract to Honeywell was certainly NOT a conflict of interest. And it was Jim English who approved hiring a private investigator to spy on Erwin Jackson, a citizen who has raised several embarrassing and legal issues for Marks, in order to investigate, intimidate, and silence the Mayor's prime critic! Standing up for what is right and pointing out corruption in City government is difficult in the face of those with power, unlimited resources, and the ability to imprison their perceived enemies.

My concerns are well founded. Jacob Eaton, a young man with limited resources, a wife and small child was attacked at a DEC meeting by an ex county commissioner, Bob Henderson. Mr. Eaton was asking why the DEC was illegally paying money to Mayor Marks campaign? Also, who authorized Bob Henderson, DEC treasurer, to write illegal checks to pay expenses of the Marks reelection campaign. The end result of Eaton asking these questions about Mayor Marks was that he was attacked by the good ole boy, John Marks' supporter, and ex commissioner Henderson. Henderson was found guilty along with the DEC for accepting illegal contributions and paying bills for the Marks' reelection campaign. Chief, your office arrested the victim and Henderson took a vacation to South America! This is wrong and cannot stand!

Thankfully, we can watch the video tape which clearly shows that Henderson is the aggressor by moving into Eaton's space, hitting him with a book and grabbing Eaton's right shoulder. Of the 50 or so people in city hall that night only one person felt it so important to grab Eaton and silence him. Who was this person? Bob Henderson, the good ole boy, well connected supporter of John Marks, who agreed to violate election laws to win favor from our corrupt Mayor!

I will be delivering to you legal information that shows that Bob Henderson should face potential civil penalties of up to \$292,390.92 and potential criminal penalties of up to \$38,000 in fines and up to 38 years imprisonment for a total of 5 felonies and 13 misdemeanors. All of these violations resulting from a conspiracy among Marks and his supporters to launder money before it was used to pay the Mayor's campaign bills.

I will also be sharing this information with State Attorney Willie Meggs, the Florida Elections Commission, the FBI, Florida Attorney General Bondi, and Governor Scott for my own personal safety. I feel this is not an over reaction given the fact that I have been marked by John Marks and approved by Jim English, to be investigated, harassed, and intimidated. I do not want to be arrested on trumped up charges that I feel has occurred with Jacob Eaton because he questioned the Mayor's actions. I have been assured by several friends of mine within the City Police Department that they will protect my back as I go forward and seek justice for our citizens.

John Marks is wounded and fears the loss of power and income. I am concerned that someone may see an advancement opportunity in city government or elsewhere, if they successfully attack me or my business. I would like to arrange an appointment with you at your earliest opportunity.  
Cell phone 566-0036.

Sincerely,  
Erwin Jackson, PhD