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Dear Erie Times News,

I am sitting here scratching my head in wonder, who has it in for Ebert Beeman? Since he ran for County Council, a public servant position and won there has been no peace for this man and his family. He drove without his driver's license because he does not want his social security number placed upon it. How much money has it cost us the tax payers of this county to "catch" and prosecute this horrible person?

Here we have a judge who stated that she did not care if Mr. Beeman's Constitutional Rights were violated and she sent him to prison for Christmas because she could. Mr. Beeman is under house arrest with a bond set higher than if he had killed another human being. But wait, he has no house to be confined to because the IRS confiscated his home claiming he owes 2.1 million dollars....Where did that figure come from? Ebert Beeman was behind in taxes by approximately \$50,000.00, adding on late fees and penalties it was up to \$110,000.00. But the IRS wants him to pay a total of \$2,100,000.00. While Mr. Beeman was locked out of his residence, the IRS went into his home and threw away all his personal possessions (children's pictures, jewelry, tools, furniture, clothing, etc.). Why did they just dispose of all Mr. Beeman's belongs when they could have auctioned them off to pay off his debt? Was it because the IRS could? They are a Federal Agency and can do as they see fit. Heed this as a warning, for it could happen to you as well. Love your government but also fear them. They can go to Mr. Beeman's Trailer Park with guns drawn and order all the residents to move their trailers, even though they have lived there since the 1970's on fixed incomes and have no where else to go.

Again I wonder who could Mr. Beeman have angered so severely that they are ruining his entire life. So far all I have observed is a Government Agency overstepping their bounds to single out one individual. Government Officials should not be using "our" tax money to go after one man, who may not be totally innocent but certainly does not deserve to have his constitutional rights trampled upon. The IRS should not be allowed to exaggerate, confiscate, and augment Mr. Beeman's tax bill as they see suitable.

Thank goodness there is finally an impartial Federal Judge involved, a judge who will listen to the facts and not prosecute prematurely. I am sure Mr. Beeman was comforted to find one lawyer in Erie to stand by him, when other feared standing up for his Constitutional Rights. Now, if an atrocious wrong has been done against this man, as I believe it has, does he have grounds to file suite? If he sues the IRS (and I would not blame him if he did), who would end up paying the compensation? We the taxpayers paid to wrong him via the IRS and we the taxpayers would end up paying AGAIN if it is proven the IRS overstepped their bounds.

Concerned and bewildered readers,
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