

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Francis Schaeffer Cox

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No. 1:18-cv-2328-CMA-NYW

Terry Dodd et al,

Defendants

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE PLAINTIFF

I am writing on behalf of the plaintiff, political prisoner Francis Schaeffer Cox, federal inmate #16179-006. My name is Elizabeth A. Sarver and I have been working closely with the plaintiff for four and half years. Over this time, I have become familiar with his criminal case as well as the civil suits that the plaintiff has filed. I have personal knowledge of the plaintiff's effort to raise funds for his legal defense with the Alaskans for Liberty (AFL) board. The plaintiff has received FOIA documents that indicate that the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) sent in Defendant Terry Dodd to the board of the AFL to be an informant. Evidence leads us to believe that overt actions were taken to sabotage the plaintiff's appeal. Dodd's FBI handler in Anchorage, Alaska has been in contact with the Counter Terrorism Unit (CTU) in Virginia that provides monitoring for all of the communication of the plaintiff while he has been incarcerated in the Communication Management Unit (CMU) in both Marion, Illinois and now Terre Haute, Indiana. The CTU expressed concerns to the FBI in Anchorage about the direct appeal of the plaintiff's criminal conviction. It is our belief that the FBI coordinated with the CTU to have the money raised for the plaintiff's legal defense diverted elsewhere. This has made it difficult for the plaintiff to be able to hire private attorneys and investigators for his legal defense.

The plaintiff has mailed in a motion to this court with the attachments that provide evidence from his FOIA returns. USPS tracking no, 9114 9014 9645 1762 0789 63, indicates that the Terre Haute, Indiana CMU has blocked this legal mail from leaving the prison (see Exhibit A). It was mailed on the same day as the five other documents that posted on May 6, 2019 to this case docket. There is another prisoner in the Terre Haute CMU, Martin S. Gottesfeld inmate # 12982-104, who filed as an exhibit in case number 1:18-cv-10836-PGG Document 50 in the Southern District of New York on May 13, 2019. It is the “Emergency Ex-Parte Motion for Temporary Restraining Order” that plaintiff Cox has attempted to submit to this court. It is enclosed in with this statement as (Exhibit B). Prisoner Gottesfeld has also filed a statement of his involvement to help plaintiff Cox in Document 49 of the same case. This is enclosed as (Exhibit C). For these reasons, the plaintiff has filed a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) on the prison in order that his legal mail may be submitted to this court. It is an outrage and a miscarriage of justice that a prisoner does not have access to the courts. I am petitioning that this court will compel the Federal Bureau of Prisons to allow the plaintiff’s motion and attachments to be submitted to this case.

This statement was mailed on May 16, 2019.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Sarver