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DELIVERY VIA e-mail

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RE: Wilson v. Wilson-complaint about fire set by Mr. Steven Wilson

Dear David:

While this letter only brings a headache, I hope that the days prior to this were enjoyable with your family.

I have accompanied this letter with pictures e-mailed to me taken by cell phone of a fire at the Home Farm taken from about ¼ mile away.

A fire call was made around 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 26, 2021 to the Home Farm.

Fire Chief Steve Pearce of the Maryland Line Volunteer Fire Company called Mr. Scott Wilson after the fire was put out. Mr. Scott Wilson did not enter on the property. Mr. Pearce told Mr. Scott Wilson that when he drove the fire truck on to the property, Steven Wilson blocked his access to the fire. Steven told him it was a trash fire and his services weren't needed. Mr. Pearce said "the flames are 30 feet in the air and I need to get to that fire, I am calling the police. Where is your burn permit?"

As I understand the events, once Steven knew the police were coming, he moved the skid loader that he was sitting on and with which he was blocking the road so the firefighters could get their truck to the fire and put the fire out.

Mr. Pearce told Mr. Scott Wilson he went looking for Steven Wilson after putting out the fire and couldn't find him. It so happens Haley, Mr. Steven Wilson's daughter, was available and Mr. Pearce told her to tell her father that there had better not be any fires on this property in the next week and the fire department had better not be called to this property for a fire in the next week. Mr. Pearce observed to Haley to tell her father it looks really bad when he is not

around to talk with after the fire and told her that Mr. Steven Wilson had blocked the department's access to the fire

I would be grateful if you would explain to Mr. Wilson the potential consequences of unpermitted fires, arson liability, destruction of property leading to insurance claims, etc. It has been my observation that if an insurance claim is made as a result of a fire or misconduct, the insurance companies don't hesitate to pressure the local authorities to prosecute for arson or whatever else can be determined to be criminal. The insurance companies are pretty ruthless in seeking reimbursement of damages for any insurance company payout. And of course, the local authorities have their own mind and inclinations, and if a firefighter was to be harmed in any way by a fire set by Mr. Wilson after their warning, Mr. Wilson could expect some legal action by the County.

Please remind Mr. Wilson that December 31 must be his last day at the Home Farm and he must remove what he plans to remove by that day and remove it without damaging the property.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Brooke Schumm III

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