**The Day After Easter**

 I hope your Easter was a happy one, as ours was not. A disturbing situation has happened within the Edgren family. On Saturday March 31, my brother Dave and sister-in-law Dawn brought over a delicious Easter dinner to our parent’s house in Capitola. It was all cheers and smiles as we also celebrated dad’s full recovery from a January stroke. Dad will be 100 in less than a year and a half and is in great shape.

And if you are religious, you know also, this was the day, Saturday, Christ actually rose from the dead.

Monday morning came the shocker

The day after Easter on April 2, I found two UPS parcels on the front door, one addressed to me, and one addressed to mom. Inside was an ex parte/restraining order lawsuit of sorts from brother Dave. Yes, you read that right. This is a legal action usually to prevent harm to someone under threat. It is served denying recipients normal due process. Such a legal tool should only be used in extreme cases of impending danger or harm. As one expert in the law states, “there better be blood on the walls.” To make the morning worse, 96-year-old mom Lucille, was also served the same order by Dave.

**Ex Parte from Attorney Peter Christopher Lomtevas, Brooklyn,NY**

I*n the years after 9/11, the U.S. is afraid of its own shadow. So ex parte orders that have permanent effect are in vogue. These days, temporary is a euphemism for "permanent", but the nomenclature makes all the difference.*

*This means one can get arrested on a bogus allegation and handed a "temporary" order of protection and excluded from one's home for years. This is a presumption of guilt until proof of innocence is established: the exact opposite of what our quaint Constitution provides for. Over-breadth no longer matters. One can summon cops to effect an arrest and then swipe money, property or kids. This is done every day and with rapidly increasing frequency. Child support is calculable out of thin air ('imputation') and can be enforced when the obligor is unemployed or illegally here in the U.S.; conversely, the wealthy can hide assets and avoid paying support.*

*In the old days, ex parte orders were essential to react to emergencies. These days, there is no such distinction in their use. In the old days, getting to the court house first made no difference. Today, it makes all the difference. Once the people decide they have had enough, perhaps they will enact changes to this apparatus before more families and children are damaged and the fabric of this society is utterly devastated and becomes like "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo".*

Good Friday sneak attack

Just when I think things could not be worse, I discover that two slimy lawyers, Kendal Fletcher of Hopkins and Carley Palo Alto, and James Farrar of Grunsky Law Watsonville, slithered into our home mid-afternoon on Friday and confronted a groggy Lucille and asked her questions. Dad was still sleeping. I am not making this up. Where was I? Dave had sent me a text and an email that morning asking to have some “private time” with mom and dad, that he needed to talk to them alone, and if I could be out of the house for a period. I had no reason not to comply. Instead of Dave coming to our home entered. This cowardly act borders sociopathic action, and certainly is gross misconduct on the part of the lawyers who knew, mom and dad had their own legal representative.

My brother Dave Scares me

Dave hired lawyers of a very pricy Silicon Valley firm who apparently advised him to use the controversial ex parte motion. They are Stephen Braccini and Kendal Fletcher of Hopkins Carley Law, Palo Alto. The petition was not just full of lies, but extraordinary lies that would fool any judge into signing it. Judge John Gallagher of Santa Cruz County Superior Court was the one hoodwinked and duped by Braccini and Fletcher and the cleverly crafted charges against me and mom. The lies were vicious and hurtful to me, mom and dad. They attacked me as some kind of monster, and mom as some old frail senile lady, and dad, on death’s doorstep. For example,

*“Emil…is in extremely poor health…he can walk only short distances with the aid of a walker…he can carry only a limited conversation because his memory recall is impaired…Emil has been in a severe state of depression since the stroke.”*

You will be able to read the charges on the coming website. They are appalling, twisted, diabolic and obviously changed the Edgren family relationships forever, For me? Instead of getting a "thanks" for caring for mom and dad, for several years, I get a lawsuit! It has been a living nightmare. And now, as mentioned I am concerned with the parent's and my own welfare. Dave and even Dawn scare me.

Under the terms of an ex parte, as a defendant, one must appear in court the next day to defend themselves. Dave probably assumed I would not make it given such a short notice. But he got a surprise in court, as my lawyer, and the parent’s lawyer in short notice, raced to defense, and were able to diffuse the situation, strip off an appointed guardian Braccini and Fletcher appointed, and direct the whole case to mediation, (something I have asked and wanted brother Dave to do for five years.) The parent’s lawyer Kathleen Brewington offered the greatest defense when she told the judge she had just spoken to the parents who said they did not trust Dave with finances, and that I (Bob) had been trying to get Dave into mediation for several years.

For the past four years I have invited and asked Dave to participate in family mediation, as there existed a significant lack of communication between us. A local noted family mediator attempted to contact him and offer mediation to him on several occasions. Dave ignored the requests, as did Dawn. He never even acknowledged my request or the mediators. And why wouldn't he want to get involved in counseling and mediation? Why wouldn't he accept the chance to get all differences out on the table instead of spending tens of thousands of dollars slamming me with a lawsuit?  It makes one wonder.

I fear Dave wants me neutralized. I am sending this out to as many people I know as possible should something happen to me. For those who know the real Dave, we know he can fly off into rages, and has had a long history of problems with alcohol.

I cannot afford a legal team like Dave who per my understanding bills some $1200/hour.

So what’s the smoking gun? For about the past three years I had uncovered a number of critical errors Dave made with the parent’s health care. These include medications, blood pressure instructions and incorrect medical condition diagnosis. They can be read on the website link below I am building. But most disturbing, I brought them to Dave’s attention, which may have been a mistake for me. With dad’s stroke in January, and his subsequent three-week rehab, I asked, then later instructed Dave not to get involved in his recovery. I threatened him with a restraining order. I did not trust him and I told him why. There was just too much at risk. Nevertheless, he and his wife Dawn tried to “butt in” on their care behind my back.

If Dave was not a pharmaceutical chemist, I would say, “Ah, they are just mistakes, and maybe just human error. But he is an accomplished pharmaceutical chemist, who worked closely with doctors. The fact that he understands or can research medications and conditions makes it even more compelling to raise concerns.

My only hope is that the Internet along with social media will protect me and the parents. Again, I do not have a mega war chest to fend off Dave’s army of lawyers. I don’t know where he is getting his money. Per my understanding he has worked the past couple years for a company without pay. Dawn retired and receives a pension.

Other motives have been suggested to me. It is believed that Dave and Dawn spent a small fortune sending their daughters to private schools, Redlands for Kristen, and USC for Renee. Together the cost along with daughter trips to Europe, cars, spending money, vacations, etc., may have cost near a half million. If student loans were taken out, they would be desirable to pay off at the family trusts expense, which may be okay. As the onion is further peeled off we will know more.

For those of you who have sent supportive letters, I cannot thank you enough. It is often when I read those letters, I draw much needed strength. Thank you so much, they have been invaluable.

This is a very sad thing to happen to our family. Please pray for us all, including Dave.

Again, In Dave's ex parte petition, he described dad as *"in extremely poor health...he can walk only short distances and is prone to falling due to compromised balance. ...he is unable to dress, bathe or toilet himself...he can carry on only a limited conversation as his memory recall is impaired.*"  Dave's pit bull attorney's are Kendal Fletcher and Stephen Braccini, of Hopkins and Carley Palo Alto, and James Farrar of Grunsky Law in Watsonville conspired on this action. Gross abuse of the legal tool used, the ex parte petition should not go unpunished. I am again collecting letters of support. If you care to send me a letter requesting penalty for these attorneys by the court for recklessly using an ex parte order, I will forward it to my lawyer. Presiding Judge John Gallagher needs to let these scoundrel attorneys know they cannot get away with abusing such an important legal device, and to reprimand these "lawyers" for their unethical actions. This should not happen to anyone unless there is immediate clear and present danger.

Here are some photos of dad in the hospital, at home with therapists, and dancing the salsa with our caregiver Amber. You decide who the sick ones are.

The website I am building is; [www.TheDayAfterEaster.com](http://www.TheDayAfterEaster.com)