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Dear James:

Terribly sorry you didn't catch me back in May 12. Our number was changed by the phone company to 646-3757 (615), and we are listed under Williamson County Land Surveying Services, both in Yellow pages in Nashville and in Franklin, but not by last name. Phone company failed to include our name although we had instructed them in writing to do so.

Re: Jack Kershaw: Yes! I can tell you quite a bit about him. He is a crook. He stole our last \$500.00 five years ago, and then he tried to steal a corporation wholly owned by me and incorporated by me to set up a publishing company with world renowned Bill Williams of Billboard and WSM-TV (now deceased) All this can be verified by attorney Larry Roberts and former newsman Warren Causey of the Banner newspaper (now Administrative Assistant to Commissioner of Human Services under State Governor).

Kershaw then had audacity to ask \$6,000 for sale of corporation still owned by me — and he completely ruined my work of three months — as well as Williams'.

Meanwhile Warren Causey wrote book with Lieutenant Tommy Jacobs of Nashville police called "The Stringbean Murders." Unknown to Causey, his editor had him sign papers with Jack Kershaw as backer, although Warren had made it known that Kershaw was well known Nashville crook and he wanted nothing to do with him.

Against my yammering and hollaring, Warren went ahead with the deal, anyway (such is greed in profit and vanity in the name in print). Well — just last week in dawned on both Causey and his editor that they were being ripped off by Kershaw. Kershaw not only has not come through with the royalties owed, but has just recently cashed ~~\$25000~~ \$2500.00 worth of checks (as nominal secretary-treasurer) and mingled them with his own funds (he's attorney of record for the corporation, too.) Since he has never been authorized to sign checks when paying bills, or for any other reason, it's obvious he's ripping off the company just before the company closes. The editor is now smart enough — and has sent an apology to me through Warren — and Warren and Jacobs are set on getting Kershaw's license. It seems that most attorney's can lie, cheat, and steal, but mingling of funds is verboten.

Scuttlebutt confirms my own knowledge of Kershaw. He has the smelliest reputation with the Bar association and the Supreme Court Justices of Tennessee. One little push just might topple him permanently. Causey also has newsman scuttlebutt which confirms and reinforces my statements. Poison! Stay away!

As an attorney, he reads the law to suit his purpose; he's had no decent tutorship under older heads; he's a racist of the old school; and he'll pick your eyeteeth if you let him. He's also morally weak, but that's another story.

Re: Haile: My civil rights suit in federal court is now being taken over by James Petersen, attorney of Franklin, Tenn. He says the violation of rights is obvious, and will ask for summary judgment. In getting that far, I fought alone. Federal judge pin-pointed some of Haile's activities in that suit as being cause of action that sustained the suit.

The Circuit court hearing on Haile for disbarment was a sham and a farce of the first water. I've filed appeal in State Supreme Court, answer to ^{my filing} come Dec. 6, 1976.

Circuit court judge chosen was very biased against pro se, and showed his bias in every way. Probably deliberately chosen by supreme court justices. Lower court judge made many serious errors, including the written statement that he could not justify assigning a master to investigate my claims "under the protection of the pauper's oath," which of course is violation of fourteenth amendment rights.

He also wished to disallow your testimony, although Tennessee law permits it.

My suit has given everyone fits, and will probably be hard for the Supreme Court Justices to swallow since I quote their very words back at them from my prior suit challenging the constitutionality of the land surveyors law which is now on appeal before the U S Supreme Court (at least it is docketed) and parts of which reside under jurisdiction of three judge federal panel.

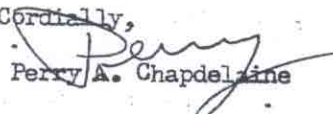
Sounds complex, but if you want more detail, let me know.

James Earl Ray wrote to me some time ago asking for material on Haile. I was on my way to St. Paul, Minn. and could not take time to duplicate and send material. Had he asked just several days earlier I could have done it — and then his deadline was terribly close. At any rate I sent him references to the cases which I presumed he'd be able to get, and which contain most everything about Haile — except my recent filings on appeal, ~~and my~~ ^{write} to State SC, and my revised complaint in Civil Rights before Clure-Morton.

Seems to me that now is the time for Ray to get his day before the public, what with congressional investigation and all. I've been tempted to ^{write} ~~write~~ to the head of the committee to try to explain how the Tennessee Attorney General office behaves generally, and how that behavior, even in civil suits, can distort and frustrate the law, not to speak of Ray's case.

—but would that do any good?

Cordially,


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